

Ladysmith Federation

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 29th September 2017

FEDERATION NEWS

Governor News

Ian Gibson was re-appointed as Chair of Governors, and all governors were allocated a specific role. The full list of responsibilities will be posted on the governor section of the Federation website.

The meeting discussed policies and received an update on the schools' budget positions. Governors reviewed the improvement plans for the two schools and the overall Federation Improvement Plan, which set out the Leadership teams' plans for the coming year and how they will meet the Governors' 3-5 year strategy. The meeting heard that all teaching staff are working on a range of initiatives, often across both schools, including how they can make best use of school grounds to make sure children have inspiring and creative play opportunities that support their learning.

We are fortunate to welcome Amy Grashoff, Simon Stennett and Robert Boyd to the Ladysmith Federation Governing Body, replacing three of the four governors who left at the end of last year. Amy and Simon were able to attend the first meeting of the year on Monday (25 September). All three have children at the schools and additionally bring a wealth of experience and knowledge. Above all, they bring their enthusiasm and willingness to give up their time to help the school leaders make the federation the best it can be for our children.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, please leave your name and contact details at one of the school offices.

Ambition Adventure Achievement

Year 1 Hook Day – Monday 25th September 2017

All kinds of farm animals gathered at Ladysmith on Monday. This was the start to a learning adventure that will take us a year to complete! The "Hook Day" was just the beginning and next week the children set off on the first of three visits to West Town Farm that will take place throughout the year. The children will learn first-hand about the seasons and how food is grown, life on a farm and how important farms are in environmental terms. Watch this space for more about the trips next week!



Parent Consultations

You are reminded that Parent Consultations will be taking place next month (October).

Nursery - Monkey Group 17th; Giraffe Group 18th and Elephant Group 19th October 2017.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th October 2017.

Please look out for the booking sheets.

Digital Skipping Ropes

Fantastic news – we have taken delivery of 6 digital skipping ropes. These were given out in our assembly today to the children who collected over £50 for the British Heart Foundation.



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Keeping Our Children Safe

Parking

We need you! Unfortunately not all parents recognise how important it is **NOT** to park in restricted areas. You can help by reporting an issue on the map provided by Devon County Council. Managers use this to plan future patrols. The more reports, the more likely we will have a visit by a parking patrol. https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/map/map_src/parking/



OPAL Project (sponsored by CPTT)

If you have been through the reception doors, you will hopefully have noticed the large containers with requests for

- Hats, dressing-up clothes, hand bags
- Large pieces of fabric
- Old mobile phones, cameras, keyboards



The sooner we have enough loose parts for all the children, the sooner we can move to the next stage with the project. If everyone provided one item each, we'd soon be underway. The current containers will be out for another week and then we will be asking for donations of unwanted:

- Waterproof cot mattresses, buggies, push chairs
- Metal pots, pans, trays – the bigger the better!
- Brief cases, suitcases

If any parent has access (through work or any other source!) to items such as pallets, dumpy bags, planks, tarps, tyres, foam pipe covers, nets (fishing, football, cargo), crates, cable drums, carpet samples, astro turf off-cuts or guttering then we'd be VERY happy to hear from you!

Parentmail

Many parents have signed the form for Parentmail and we are in the process of sorting this. Obviously we have to get all the new children on the system before we can promote the school list. In the meantime, Reception children will be given a paper copy of the newsletters until the process is completed. Thank you for your understanding.

CPTT (Children, Parents, Teachers Together) Update



Fireworks!

It's that time of year again when we start to prepare for our Fireworks Night!! Save the date for this fun-filled, super exciting evening of delicious food and drink, great music, fun games and a fabulous fireworks display to top it all off!



When & Where? Friday 3rd November 2017, 5.30-7.30pm, Juniors Field.

We need to work together to make this happen, so please have a think about how you would like to get involved. Look out for volunteer forms coming home next Friday. Tickets go on sale to volunteers first, week commencing 9th October.

Contact: All classes in the school have a parent and child CPTT Rep for you to contact should you need, or feel free to get in touch with co-chairs Charlie & Emma, or Sarah at CPTT@ladysmithfederation.net

CPTT Meeting

All parent and teacher CPTT reps to meet next **Wednesday 4th October** at **6pm** in the **Infant School Hall**. This is an important meeting to attend in order to organise the Fireworks event. Please send someone in your place if you cannot make it, many thanks.

New Reception parents watch this space - looking to recruit Reception Reps in the New Year!

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