

# Ladysmith Federation

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### FEDERATION NEWS

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing the children return to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 ready for the Spring Term!



*(except NURSERY who return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018)*

### Ambition Adventure Achievement

#### Christmas Concerts

What an achievement! 10 performances in total performed over the last few weeks with the turn of Reception and Year 2's to perform this week. They did an amazing job and we'd like to say a big thank you to staff for the hard work they put into getting the children ready, parents for helping them learn their songs and lines and then supporting them on the stage. We have raised over £500 for Makita music making at lunchtime. Thank you so much!



### GIANT SANDPIT BUILDING DAY!



Be ready to sign-up on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 when we return to school to join us for our community powered sandpit building day on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January**. We plan to install a **GIANT** sandpit that runs the length of the wall that separates the playground outside the reception classes. We'd love **LOTS** of enthusiastic volunteers (with wheelbarrows and spades) to move the sand! If you can help by lending us your muscles please email or pop into the office. There will be hearty fare to keep the workforce going and plenty of hot drinks – children and their spades/wheelbarrows also welcome!

We're also looking for an old stainless steel sink for a nursery mud kitchen..... If you have one you're looking to get rid of, please give us a shout!



#### A Sad Goodbye

We say goodbye to Mrs Peart today, our School Business Manager and Governor after 14 years of service. Everyone at Ladysmith would like to say a huge THANK YOU and we wish her a very happy future. We will certainly miss her when we return in January.



**Year 1** had an amazing Medieval Banquet. They performed a medieval dance and Father Christmas visited too!



#### Year 1 – Drumming Club

We have had an overwhelming response to the Year 1 Lunchtime Drumming Club. Therefore, we have had a rethink to avoid disappointment and each class will have an opportunity to attend a session over the next half term. All children can sample African drumming if they wish.

### Nursery Ipad!

**Get involved in our first crowd funding venture and help us reach our target!**

Find us on #ladysmithipadsfornursery@RocketFundUK.

See our pitch here: <https://rocket.fund/projects/>

Every little helps - please donate and / or share!

*Please do donate, but if you can't donate right now you can help us in other ways! Share this project with anyone you think would support us. Share the link at the top of the page on Twitter, Facebook, email, your website, blog, mention us in a phone call or even just a chat over the fence! Please support us and help make a difference to our students.*



### Application for Infant/ Primary/Junior School – September 2018

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 (inclusive) you need to be thinking about applying for infant/primary school. The application process for primary places opened on 15 November 2017 and will close on 15 January 2018. Please make sure you complete an Admission Form online.

**Admissions to schools are not automatic** – every place has to be applied for regardless of what school you would prefer. [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). Applications made after 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 will be classed as late and may lead to disappointment due to all the places being filled. If you cannot apply online, you will be able to apply using a hard copy of the common application form. If you require a hard copy of the application form please contact the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019. Please note that it will not be possible to make an application by email. Your child must be in full-time education at the beginning of the term following his or her fifth birthday. This would be at a school unless you decide to educate at home, in which case you should contact Admissions for further advice. Any queries should be directed to Devon County Council Admissions on 0345 155 1019.

**This also applies to our Year 2 children who will be joining Junior Schools in September.** Please make sure you complete an Admission Form online. **Admissions to schools are not automatic** – every place has to be applied for regardless of what school you would prefer. [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline).

#### Would you like to join the team?

We have vacancies for bank staff in the following areas: Teaching Assistants, Play Team (Meal Time Assistants) and in our office as administration assistants. If you have relevant experience and would like to find out more, please call in at reception or email the school on [admin.infant@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:admin.infant@ladysmithfederation.net). (Any position within school would require clearance via the Disclosure and Barring Service).

**Found:** An envelope with money in it was found in the school playground. If you think it might be yours, contact us by email or pop into the office.



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