

Friday 7th December 2018

### FEDERATION NEWS

As we approach Christmas, the mornings and evenings are getting even darker. Please remind children to wear bright, reflective clothing when travelling in poor light. It is great to see so many children scooting and riding their bikes to school; please remind children to wear helmets and check that any lights and reflectors are working.

#### Ambition

The School Council spoke to Head teachers across RELP about the Opal play project. They talked about the benefits of freedom in the playground and how exploring Forest School more frequently helps their physical and mental wellbeing.



#### Adventure

Year 2 visited the Festival of the Nativities enjoying more than 100 nativities from around the world. The children loved finding out more about the Christmas Story.

#### Achievement

Well Done to the Stars of the Week and Team Player Penguins who received a certificate and some toast as a treat!



#### ChristmasTree

A big thankyou to Coombe Garden Centre in Honiton for donating our beautiful Christmas Tree this year outside our front entrance. This is a newly opened Garden Centre and well worth a visit.



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## Calling all Reading Volunteers!

Do you have half an hour to spare one morning a week? We are inviting parents to read with children in all Year Groups from 9-9.30. We appreciate that this is a very busy time at drop off and would be able to offer a free car parking space in return. If you are interested please contact Mrs Collinge or Mrs Brown. You will need a full DBS check but this can be arranged through the school if you don't currently have one.

## Year 2 Maths Parent Workshops

Thank you to all the parents that attended the workshops this week. Year 2 have sent out a handout for all parents with clear guidance on the methods we use in school to teach calculations. Don't forget to check out our school website to see our school calculation policy and links to useful maths websites!

[www.ladysmithfederation.net/web/stem/375940](http://www.ladysmithfederation.net/web/stem/375940)

## Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be taking place across the school over the next two weeks. **Reception** will be having their party on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**, **Nursery on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** and **Year 1 and 2 on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**. A sign up sheet for food will be going up outside the classrooms from next Monday onwards. Children will be able to wear their party clothes to school on the day of their party ( Year 1 will be dressed in medieval clothes for their banquet). Please wear clothes and footwear that are suitable for playtime and lunchtime.

## Christmas Lunch

There will be a free Christmas Lunch available on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** for the whole school. All bookings should now have been made for either a Roast Turkey or Vegetarian Roast.

## Oral Health

A self-explanatory letter, together with a Consent Form, have gone out to a selected number of children this week attending Ladysmith Infant and Nursery School in Reception and Year 1. If you have received a letter please complete the Consent Form and return it to the school office.

## Outstanding Accounts

The end of term is fast approaching. Could we please ask everyone to settle their accounts and drop payment into the office:

**Nursery Fees and Nursery Meals;  
Cooking and Snack money (£5 per child per term Reception);  
Cooking Money (£3 per child per term YR1 and YR2)**



## Application for Infant/ Primary School – September 2019



If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 (inclusive) you need to be thinking about applying for school. The application process for primary places opened on 15 November 2018 and will close on 15 January 2019.

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/admissiononline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline). Applications made after 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 will be classed as late and may lead to disappointment due to all the places being filled.

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

## Year 2 Transition Meeting

There is an opportunity for Year 2 to visit the Junior School on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. There will be a tour of the school and a chance to meet with the Headteacher, Deputy, SENDCo and current Year 3 teachers. To apply for a place at Ladysmith Junior School please follow the link <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

### Dates for your diary

<https://ladysmith-federation.eschools.co.uk/web/calendar/215286>

- 07.12.18 – Year 2 Visiting Exeter Nativity Festival
- 07.12.18 - CPTT Pop up Café -Venue Junior School
- 10.12.18 - Carols for Age UK - Seahorse Class
- 10.12.18 – Year 1 Bumblebee Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 11.12.18 - Year 1 Dragonfly Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 12.12.18 – Nursery Performance (2.15pm for Mince Pies and 2.45pm start)
- 14.12.18 - Year 1 Book Look 8.50-9.20am
- 14.12.18 – Year 1 Butterfly Christmas Performances (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 17.12.18- Year R Squirrels Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 18.12.18- Year R Rabbits Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 19.12.18 – Children’s Christmas Lunch (Remember to Book)
- 20.12.18 –Year R Hedgehogs Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 20.12.18 – Year 2 Carol Concert (from 4.45pm onwards)
- 21.12.18 – Children break up for Christmas (3.20pm)



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## Raffle Tickets

A reminder that raffle tickets will be on sale after each Christmas Performance over the next two weeks. There are some fantastic prizes and all the money raised is going to the cancer charity **Force**. The draw will be made on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December!**

**Winter Raffle**

Draw  
20th  
December

£1  
Per raffle  
strip

**Prizes  
include ....**

- Cut and Blow dry worth £42
- Lunch for two
- Eden Project Family ticket
- £50 Fat Face voucher
- Signed Exeter Chiefs Rugby Shirt
- £30 Amazon voucher
- Powderham Castle tickets
- £150 football gear voucher
- £20 At the Waterside voucher
- Tickets to Paignton Zoo
- And many more...

Tickets on sale from  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
Available from the school office, and after each  
Christmas performance.

Proceeds in aid of  
**charity force**  
Registered Charity No. 1040481

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