

# Ladysmith Federation

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### FEDERATION NEWS

#### Open Air Cinema - Screening of 'SING'

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Gates open @ 6.30pm

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE at £5.00 each**

in the Infant School Office

#### Orthoptic Vision Screening for 4-5 year olds (Reception)



All Reception children (*unless an 'opt out' slip was sent in*) had their vision tested by a trained and experienced eye professional. The Examiner emphasised that it is very important that any vision problems are detected early so treatment can be undertaken and not interfere with their education. The Examiner recommended that any parent of Year 1 or Year 2 children who has concerns about their child should make an appointment at any high street opticians (*free of charge*) to have their eyes checked.

#### Survey Results

A huge thank you to all parents who completed The Community Partnership Project travel to school survey. There were over 173 respondents who regularly drop off/pick up children (over 292 children) from either Ladysmith Schools. 78% agreed/strongly agreed Heavitree has too much car traffic congestion. 63% were concerned about pollution levels and are quality within Heavitree. Transport organisation Sustrans will consider ways of reducing congestion and improving air quality outside the school. The full survey results have been sent out soon via ParentMail. The results can also be obtained by emailing [l.j.anderson@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:l.j.anderson@exeter.ac.uk)

#### Opal Donations



Following the success of the Sandpit, our next project is to make a stage for children to perform on at lunchtimes. If you have any spare deckchairs, blankets or beanbags to donate we would be very grateful. Our audience will need something to sit on! We would also like some Small World Toys so if you have any that are no longer needed please bring them into school next week. The donation buckets will be outside the school office.



#### Can you help us? URGENT REQUEST TO ALL PARENTS & CARERS

Do you work in an organisation that offers Match Funding?  
Match Funding is when your employer will consider matching the profits made from events that their employees have volunteered to help with. If you believe you may have access to match funding could you make yourself known to us?

Many of the banks, finance companies, car manufacturers, utilities and telecoms companies offer support with employee fund raising efforts. It doesn't mean you will have to give up your time to organise events single handed but approaching your employer about the fund raising we are doing may enable us to double our rewards.  
*Thank you!*



#### Developing Ambitions

Thank you to the parents who have already given up their time to talk to the children about their career path. If you think the children would enjoy finding out more about your profession, we would love to hear from you.

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## Reminders:

### Time Off during Term Time - ABSENCE REQUESTS

We hope you will consider that your child's education is too important to allow them to miss school for avoidable reasons. The law requires parents to ensure their children receive an efficient full time education. Please help them not to miss any of this valuable time. Holidays are, generally, not authorised during term time. It is essential, however, that ABSENCE REQUEST FORMS (L5) are completed if a child is having time off during the term even for just one afternoon! The forms are available from the school office. Only in exceptional circumstances will it be authorised by the Headteacher during term time.

### School Times Reminder

A gentle reminder that the day starts at 8.50am for the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and finishes at 3.20pm. (Nursery 9am start). There are always those "one-off" occasions that can occur, but we'd really appreciate it if you can ensure your child is in school on time and picked-up promptly. Thank you.

### Food Technology

Please remember to send in your termly donation to contribute towards the cost of cooking ingredients.

**Reception:** £5 per term please, to cover the cost of their Friday snack (toast and preserves) and their cooking ingredients: **Year 1 and Year 2:** £3 per term please, to cover the cost of their cooking ingredients.



### Nut Free School

We would like to remind everyone that -

**We do not allow nuts of any kind in school**

*(this includes cashew nuts, walnuts, peanuts or peanut butter).*

At Ladysmith we also try to avoid too much sugar, for example sweets and fizzy drinks. We also say no to glass bottles, thermos flasks or fizzy drink cans as they can be dangerous. If your child does not like school dinners please remember to pack a **Healthy Lunchbox and NO nuts!**



### Healthy Eating

You will be aware that the sugar content of food is an increasing issue for us as a society. We have decided to run a trial "Fruity Friday" scheme where the canteen serves fresh fruit or yogurt as a dessert every Friday for three weeks after half term (8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> June). We would really appreciate your comments and feedback from your children.



To celebrate the Royal Wedding – there will be a special 'Royal ice cream tub' for dessert on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## REMINDER

NO SCHOOL ON **MONDAY** - IT'S **MAY BANK HOLIDAY!**  
SEE YOU ALL AT **8.50am** ON **TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018.**



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## LAST CHANCE – TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO BUY TICKETS

Want to have fun, challenge yourself or try something new?

Ladysmith Grow Project are organising an evening of **Clip 'n' Climb** at Exeter Quay Climbing Centre

Friday 18th May 2018

Ticket price: £10 (Normally £12.50)

Parents, friends and siblings welcome. Three different times to choose from 1630h, 1730h and 1830h sessions last roughly 90 minutes.

This is a fundraising event for the GROW project which aims to improve the outdoor spaces for Ladysmith children (<https://www.facebook.com/LadysmithJuniorSchool/>) See website for terms and conditions

[www.quayclimbingcentre.co.uk](http://www.quayclimbingcentre.co.uk)

- Climbers must be 4 years old or over - Parents/Carers remain responsible for their child's welfare at all times. - Climber maximum weight is 150 kgs

Tickets are on sale from both the Infant and Junior School

Contact Sam Cooper ([hammeldown@gmail.com](mailto:hammeldown@gmail.com)) with any queries.

## Open Air Cinema

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Junior School Field  
(Gates open @ 6.30pm)

Come and join us for live music, a bouncy castle and a range of food and drink stalls, including a bar, hog roast, pizza, popcorn and more!

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

(Infant School Office)

£5 each



**Big Wild Sleep Out at RSPB Aylesbeare**



**Ladysmith Federation Big Wild Sleep Out**

**Friday 29 June 2018 5pm – Saturday 30 June 2018 10am**

RSPB invites Ladysmith Federation to join us for a Big Wild Sleep Out!

**See ParentMail for further information.**

**Places are limited to 50 and will be allotted on a first-come first-serve basis.**

**Bookings close on Friday 25 May 2018 (or before if event sells out)**

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