

Ladysmith Federation

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 5th January 2018

FEDERATION NEWS

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to all of the children and parents at Ladysmith. We hope you had a good break; it's great to see the children back and ready for the spring term.

We look forward to welcoming the Nursery children on Monday 8th.

Ambition Adventure Achievement

Who knew aliens could cook?



Our Year Two Hook day has seen the kitchen filled with aliens and astronauts busy making "space rock buns". The adventure continued through the day as we begin to answer the question – "Is there anybody out there?"



Congratulations

We are delighted to announce that Miss Featherstone gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on December 14th – his name has yet to be confirmed.



Severe Weather

We are not expecting snow but just in case...



During the severe weather conditions please follow the guidelines listed below.

How to check if the school is open:

- Check the school's website and twitter account
- Check the school closures page on the Devon County Council website www.devonschoolclosures.info
- Listen to announcements on BBC Radio Devon www.bbc.co.uk/devon and HeartFM at www.heart.co.uk
- Look out for signs at the school gate
- Check the email/text messaging service from the school
- Telephone the school (01392 271596) after 8.15am

Children will need a coat and gloves and also a change of shoes, in the event of snow on site.



Food Technology

A new term starts, therefore, we ask for a donation to contribute towards the cost of cooking ingredients as set out below. **Reception:** £5 per term please, to cover the cost of their Friday snack (toast and preserves) and cooking ingredients. **Year 1 and Year 2:** £3 per term please, to cover the cost of cooking ingredients.

NHS Infection Control

We have been informed by the **NHS Infection Control in Schools** that if a child is ill with vomiting or diarrhoea they should **not** return to school until **48 hours** after the last episode.



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**'Working Together'
Drop-in-Session**



**Wednesday 17th January 2018 - 8.50am start
Infant School Link Room**

Everyone is invited to drop-in to this informal session to have a cuppa and chat!

Sky Gazing - Year 2



Invitations have gone out to an evening of star gazing to celebrate Year 2's new topic. The event will take place on **Wednesday 10th January, 2018**, in the Forest School between **6 and 7pm**. Remember to wrap up warm, wearing sturdy footwear and bringing a torch if you have one available.

If we are unlucky enough to have a cloudy sky, the event will still go ahead. However, should we have heavy rain, it will unfortunately be cancelled.

Phonics Workshop - Year 2

A selected number of you may have received a letter inviting you to a Phonics Workshop for Year 2 in the Link Room on **Thursday 18th January**. There will be two sessions at **9.10am or 3.30pm**. The workshops will start promptly and last approximately 20 minutes. This is a great opportunity to find out more about how you can help your child at home. There will be a phonics pack to take away and a raffle for phonics resources! It will be fantastic to see as many of you there as possible.



GIANT SANDPIT BUILDING DAY!

Slips will go out early next week asking for volunteers so please complete and return them to the office if you can join us for our community powered sandpit building day on **Saturday 20th January from 10.30 am onwards**. We plan to install a **GIANT** sandpit. We'd love **LOTS** of enthusiastic volunteers (with wheelbarrows and spades) to move the sand!

Curriculum Letters

Spring Term Curriculum letters for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been sent home outlining the activities for the Spring Term. Ladysmith believe that working together at home is a vital ingredient in helping the children make the most of their skills, knowledge and understanding outside of the classroom.

REMINDER – TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Application for Infant/ Primary/Junior School – September 2018

If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 (inclusive) you need to be applying for infant/primary school. The application process for primary places and junior places 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/admissiononline. Applications made after 15th January 2018 will be classed as late and may lead to disappointment due to all the places being filled

Any queries should be directed to Devon County Council Admissions on 0345 155 1019.

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