

## Junior School News

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### FEDERATION NEWS



#### Operation Encompass

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Devon and Cornwall Police.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic abuse incident.

#### Ladysmith GROW Project



Thank you to the parents who have already signed up to help with the GROW project – we really appreciate you giving up your time. The project now has a Facebook page - just search Ladysmith GROW. As you may have seen on the GROW

board, our fundraising target is £1000 and we have already raised over £100 towards this. There is a pot in the office for any donations.

Watch out on the Facebook page for requests of resources which you may be able to donate. This week, we are in need of hippo bags, weed suppressant fabric and compost. To donate resources, please contact Catherine via Facebook and she will get back to you (to avoid too much/many of any one item)

Any volunteers available next week, please come to the Junior School office between 2pm and 4.30pm on Monday and Wednesday.

#### Fireworks



We want say a HUGE thankyou to Charlie Nixon who worked tirelessly to organise the recent fireworks night. It was an amazing success and would never have happened without Charlie's brilliant organisation and the army of volunteers who helped. The event had a real community feel to it and whilst the aim was to raise funds for the CPTT to support both schools, it was equally important to celebrate the amazing Ladysmith community. In total, the CPTT made approximately £6000 profit which is phenomenal!!! Thankyou again to everyone who made the event possible – there are too many to name – and to everyone who bought tickets and turned up!

### Ambition Adventure Achievement

#### Ambition

In our federation assembly, Mr Wilkinson spoke about children's aspirations. We had 3 parents in to talk about their own aspirations and how they ended up in the careers they now have.

#### Adventure

Year 6 enjoyed their trip to Exeter School to watch Julius Caesar.

#### Achievement

Well done to Ella who received several medals for swimming. Congratulations to Nicholas, Izzy and Bethany who won the poster competition to encourage drivers to switch off their engines around school.

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# Ladysmith Federation

## Adam Stansfield Foundation

The Adam Stansfield Foundation has kindly donated over £200 worth of football equipment to the school! The foundation's aim is to help give young people the opportunity to develop life skills through football. They do this by providing small grants specifically to target the needs of young people in Devon. If you would like your child to become involved in a football related activity but are held back by the costs involved, the foundation may be able to help. If your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant, receives free school meals, and wants to play football, please get in touch via their website: [www.adamstansfieldfoundation.com](http://www.adamstansfieldfoundation.com)



## Federation Assembly

It was lovely to be joined this morning by year 2 in assembly while the year 3 children joined the Infant School. Thank you to Sarah Dart, Emma Sarton and Michael Walkden, all parents of children at school, who came in to speak to the children about their aspirations and how they ended up doing the jobs they now have.



## Christmas Dinner

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Next week, we will be asking for an indication of how many children will be ordering Christmas lunch. This will give us an idea of numbers so that the kitchen can order enough food.

## Reading Dog!



We are really excited to announce that Ladysmith Junior School will be hosting therapy dog visits in the near future!

This volunteer program gives some children the opportunity to read to a trained, registered therapy dog while at school. A handler and their dog will work with small groups and individual children during school hours for approximately 10-15 minutes at a time. This program is supported by Pets as Therapy (PAT) read2dogs. Our fully qualified, trained dog is called Archie and he belongs to

Mrs McIlroy.

*'Children can become nervous when reading to others in a group. However, when a PAT Dog enters the group, they often become less self-conscious and more confident as the dogs are non-judgemental. Before long the young people are starting to look forward to the reading experience as they are going to read to their new friend, the PAT Dog.'*

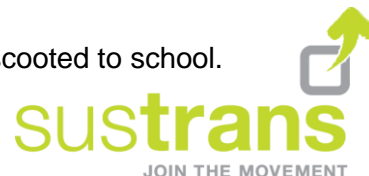
*PAT Dogs provide comfort, encourage positive reading behaviours, enhance self-esteem, motivate reading out loud and inspire young people to have fun.'*

You can find more information at <http://petsastherapy.org/what-we-do/read2dogs/>

**If your child has an allergy to dogs, please let your child's teacher know.** We hope that over the year, many of the children will have this opportunity— we are sure your child will let you know if they have read with Archie.

## Leg it to Lapland!

Children have been collecting their stamps all week if they have walked, ridden or scooted to school. We have one week to go. If your child hasn't yet been collecting stamps, it's not too late. Teachers have plenty of spares or passports are available from the office.



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### Exeter Children's Orchestra

We have emailed out a separate flyer advertising the ECO's Christmas concert. Ned in year 6 is a member of the orchestra and recommends going to the concert and would love to see some of you there. Ned has written the following:



*'I play the baritone horn and I play with ECO. It's an orchestra for children aged 8-18 and we have over 80 children in it at the moment. You can be at any level just so long as you can read music. There is a Junior Orchestra for younger children or those who are not feeling very confident. We meet every Saturday for rehearsal.*

*I really like it because it's fun and we play all sorts of music like Star Wars and The Incredibles, and classical music like Divertimento IV. Every term we give a concert which is open to the public. In the summer concert I played a solo.*

*On Sunday December 10th we will be performing our Christmas concert at Exeter School. There will be lots of Christmas music plus other pieces, and there will be drinks and mince pies!*

*It would be great if you can come along to hear us - and if you play an instrument, why not join in next term?'*

### Theatre Alibi

Children and adults alike enjoyed the Theatre Alibi production of Apple John on Wednesday evening.

### Stikins labels



## STIKINS®

We have set up a fundraising account with Stikins which means that any orders made will benefit the school. Letters have gone home today with details of how to order. The company was recommended by a parent who already uses them and says they are really good!



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## Fund Raising for completion of our new Thrive Room and Sensory Room equipment

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Ladysmith Junior School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ladysmithjuniorschool/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we would be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.



**Children, Parents, Teachers  
Together**

Please come along to a  
**POP UP CAFÉ**  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

3 pm – 4.30 pm in the Infant School  
Canteen

- \* Cake \* Drinks \*
- \* Free Craft activity \*
- \* Second-hand uniform sale \*

### Dates for the diary:

- 29<sup>th</sup> November – Y3 Underground Passages trip – separate letter sent out
- 29<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 open evening at the Junior School – 6.30pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – Year 5 'Big Draw day
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – Year 3 Stone Age Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – Year 6 WW2 Day – details to follow
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – Year 4 Dark Ages Day – details to follow
- 4<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Vaccinations for those signed up in year 3 and 4.
- 7<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 Evening Christmas Concert - 5.30pm start
- 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration - 2.15pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> December – Pop-Up Café – Ladysmith Infant School canteen – 3pm – 4.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Disco – details to follow
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

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