

# Ladysmith Federation

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### FEDERATION NEWS



#### Sport Relief-Reminder

During Sports Relief Week we are holding a joint family run before school on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 8am – 8:30am** on the Junior School field (weather permitting). Children must be accompanied by an adult and remain their responsibility until the start of school at **8.50am**. To take part in this fund raiser a donation to enter would be much appreciated.

The following day, both the Junior and Infant Schools, are holding a Sports themed non-uniform day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> when children can dress up as their favourite sports star, or in their favourite sports kit etc.

To help us raise money towards this good cause we are asking for £1 donation.



### STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week dressed up in their book character costumes!

### DOWN ON THE FARM.....



Year One visited West Town Farm this week. Despite the wet weather they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the Volunteers who made this trip possible by giving up their time to accompany them.

If you would like to become a volunteer at Ladysmith please pop into the office and pick up an application form.

### Opal Project Update



The children have been having a wonderful time at lunchtime playing with the buggies and keyboards that you donated. The children would love to have some **dolls, dressing up clothes and role play toys**. If you have any to donate the trolleys will be outside the office next week.

We are always looking for new ways to develop the Opal project alongside the CPTT funding. If you have any connections with local businesses that could help to develop our outdoor play project further we would love to hear from you.

A huge thank you to the CPTT who have already helped to give children in each year group some amazing experiences this term which we would never have afforded without them!



### School Times Reminder (*not Nursery children*)

School starts at **8.50am** and closes at **3.20pm**. If your child is late you must report to the office before going to class so that we have an accurate record of how many children are in school at any particular time.

### Parents' Evenings - Reminder

Reception parent consultations will take place after school on **19<sup>th</sup>** and **21<sup>st</sup> March 2018**. (Make sure you have signed the board to book an appointment). **THE BOOK FAIR WILL BE OPEN IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A PURCHASE.**



**BOOK FAIR**  
**(MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> - THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH)**  
**(AFTER SCHOOL)**

**(SCHOOL LIBRARY)**

Lots of lovely books available to purchase.



### REMINDER

#### Keeping the office updated:

It is very important that the school office is informed of any change in a child's contact details (home address, telephone and mobile).

It can be very distressing for the child if their parents/carers cannot be contacted due to incorrect information held in the office.



### Working Together' Drop-in-Session (Open to all parents and carers )



**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**8.50am start**  
**in the Link Room in the Infant's School**

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

### Year 2 SATs Meeting

We are offering Year 2 parents another opportunity to attend a meeting about Year 2 SATs on **Tuesday 27th March 2018** at **9.05am** in the School Hall. The meeting will outline the end of KS1 assessments that will take place during May 2018 and how parents can best support their child.

### 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!**



### Outstanding Accounts

The end of term is fast approaching (March 29<sup>th</sup>) and we need to balance our books. Could we please ask everyone to clear all debts 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).**



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## Bedtime Story Book Quiz

Seahorse Class had a wonderful time last Friday when they wore their pyjamas and read bedtime stories in the newly furnished School Library. Dolphin Class will be enjoying their Bedtime Stories next week.



## Year 2 Trip to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Northernhay Gardens

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (*weather permitting*), Year 2 classes will be walking to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM) in Exeter and visit an exhibition on Dartmoor landscape paintings followed by a science based activity in Northernhay Gardens which will include a treasure hunt as well as a close investigation of plants and their different components. Unfortunately, the trip cannot go ahead without the help of 6 volunteers per class. If you hold a valid Disclosure and Baring Service Certificate (DBS) and would like to come along please let the Class 2 teacher know or pop into the office.



## Carnival Week

Next week the children will be learning about Carnivals through a range of activities, including, **samba** workshops, **circus skills** and **mask making!** We can't wait to get into the carnival spirit and will be sharing our learning with parents. Keep an eye out for photos on twitter on our school website!

## Orthoptic Vision Screening for 4-5 year olds (Reception and Year 1 children)



At the age of 4 to 5 vision can be accurately tested using a subjective assessment, in an enjoyable format for children.

It is important that any vision problems are detected early so treatment can be undertaken and not interfere with their education. Treatment of most vision problems caused by a need for glasses (long sight, short sight or astigmatism), detected at this age will achieve a good result.

Your child will be seen by an eye professional who is trained and experienced at testing a child's vision.

**What will the Examiner test for?** They will check the visual acuity (eyesight) of either eye, with the main aim is to pick up reduced vision caused by a need for glasses. This may be in one eye, or both.

The test will be done during the school day on **April 27<sup>th</sup>** or **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Your child will be taken out of class at a convenient time and returned after the test. The test will take 5-10 minutes and we aim to make it fun. Your child will be asked to match or name letters or pictures, so it is not a problem if they do not know the alphabet.

Letters have been sent home. If you do not want this screening to be given to your child please remember to return the 'opt out' slip on your letter duly completed and signed.



## Easter Holiday



The school closes for Easter at 3.20pm Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March and re-opens Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 8.50am

