

# Ladysmith Federation

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

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

### FEDERATION NEWS



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.

### Ambition Adventure Achievement

We had three visitors who joined us in assembly to tell us about the jobs they do.



**Lucy is a Writer**

**Emma is a County Councillor**

**Alex is a Marine Biologist**

The children have lots of ideas about jobs they'd like to do – including firefighters, writers, footballers, councillors and many more. Our visitors gave us ideas about the kinds of skills and qualities we need so that we can **ACHIEVE** our **AMBITIONS**. These included being good at listening to others, being honest, working hard, thinking creatively and not giving up when things are hard or tricky!



### **ACHIEVEMENT!**

Stars of last Week with their certificates and enjoying a cup of hot chocolate.

Firework Grand Total: **Over £6000 was raised!**

This was with support from many people; parents, staff, children but lead and run by **Charlie Nixon** who really deserves our gratitude and appreciation. Over the years both schools have benefitted from her enthusiasm, talent and resilience resulting in totals such as these. Thank you Charlie!



### Ambition Adventure Achievement

## A Sad Goodbye

Mrs Alison Peart, School Business Manager whom many of you may have seen on the TV programme 'A Place in the Sun – Home and Away' recently, has decided to take early retirement and leave Ladysmith to start a new life with her husband, John, in Tenerife. Mrs Peart, who has been a loyal and valued member of our staff for 14 years will leave at the end of this term. We shall all miss her greatly but I am sure you will all join us in wishing her every happiness and enjoyment for the future – living in the sun!

## And Thank You.....

We would like to thank Mrs John who has stepped into the breach as Nursery Teacher whilst Mrs Martin is away.



The next **Pop Up Café** has been planned for **Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>** in the **Infant School Canteen 3pm-4.30pm.**

This time it will be the turn of Year 1 to bake. Year 2 CPTT reps are also hoping to run some seasonal activities, plus Sarah Dart has offered to supply us all with mulled wine. Jen Harris will be selling second hand uniform



## Outstanding Accounts

The end of term is fast approaching and we obviously 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.); Year 2 Puppetry (£7)**

## Open Evening

**For Year 2 Parents/Carers** at Ladysmith Junior School on **Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 6.30pm**

There will be a short presentation and the opportunity to find out more about our new building. However, the aim of the invitation is to provide parents with a chance to chat informally to the current staff at the Junior School about any questions they may have. Make a note of the date in your diary. If you prefer to speak to the Headteacher at another time, please ring 01392 255554 to arrange a different time.

## Ladysmith Junior School 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 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.



## Application for Infant/ Primary School – September 2018

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 (inclusive) you need to be thinking about applying for school. The application process for primary places opened on 15 November 2017 and 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/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). Applications made after 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 will be classed as late and may lead to disappointment due to all the places being filled. If you cannot apply online, you will be able to apply using a hard copy of the common application form. If you require a hard copy of the application form please contact the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019. Please note that it will not be possible to make an application by email. Your child must be in full-time education at the beginning of the term following his or her fifth birthday. This would be at a school unless you decide to educate at home, in which case you should contact Admissions for further advice. Any queries should be directed to Devon County Council Admissions on 0345 155 1019.



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## Keeping Our Children Safe.....

### Online.....

Ladysmith uses the Thinkuknow education programme to help your child learn about staying safe online. We would be grateful if you felt able to complete this survey to have your say about what you would like to see in their next resource for 4 to 7 year olds. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parents-carers-4-7s>

### At home.....

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 incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS – REMINDER

### Christmas Performances

#### Nursery Sing Song

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - 2.45pm – 3.00pm

*(If not one of your child's days he/she can come along just for the performance and then go home)*

#### Reception performances start promptly at 9.45 am

Hedgehog - RH (Miss Symons) - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Rabbit - RR (Miss Ronchetti) - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Squirrel - RS (Mrs Jarrell/Mrs Youde) - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

#### Year 1 performances start promptly at 9.45 am

Bumble Bee - 1BB (Mrs Pounds) - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dragonfly – 1D (Mrs Jones/Mrs John) - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Butterfly – 1B (Mrs Smith) - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

#### Year 2 performances start promptly at 2.30pm

Seahorse – 2S (Mrs Heuer-Evans) – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Turtle – 2T (Miss Potter) - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dolphin – 2D (Mrs Slack/Mrs Collinge) - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Children's Christmas Lunch** – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**School Christmas Parties** – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017

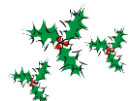


**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term - 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3:20pm.**  
**Children return to school Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (except NURSERY)**

**FISH** holiday clubs are offering Drop and Shop childcare sessions for children aged 4-11 years in the lead up to Christmas so parents can get some weekend Christmas shopping sessions without little people in tow!

These sessions are being run from Ladysmith Infant School on two Saturdays in December, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, sessions will run from 9am-3.30pm and children can enjoy a range of Christmas activities including Christmas arts and crafts, baking, bouncy castle and lots more fun activities finishing the day off with a Christmas movie and hot chocolate!

**Session fees are £15 per child** and are being run to help raise funds for the Women Vs Cancer charity with 100% of the session fees going towards this cause. Two of FISH's staff members are taking part in a 450k cycle across India next year for the charity and these sessions will go towards their fund-raising efforts. **To book please call FISH directly on 08445 618847.**



## School Photographs

Orders have now been sent off and photographs will be given out to the children once they have been processed.



We understand that there are many pressures on families and financial pressure is one of them. We would like to encourage parents to take-up the opportunity to register for “Free School Meals” if you meet the criteria below. Although you will know that all children in the Infant School have a free lunch, this registration brings additional benefits. You may carry memories from your own childhood of “free school meal” children being distinguishable from other by having to carry a different coloured ticket to lunch or stand apart from others. At Ladysmith Infant and Nursery there is nothing that distinguishes a child who has a free school meal from others. Once registered and in receipt of the “Pupil Premium” parents can claim back the cost of a jumper, trip, and club.

The school will also benefit from an additional amount which is used to improve what we do for our children. With huge pressure on budgets, registration for Free School Meals entitles your child to the Pupil Premium Grant and gives the school £1320 extra per year.

If you meet the criteria:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided the parents are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax credit
- Universal Credit

Please follow this link if you think you may be entitled: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

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