

Junior School News

Friday 9th February 2018

FEDERATION NEWS

CPTT News:

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Charlie Nixon who has recently stepped down from her position as Co-Chair of the CPTT. Charlie has been a dedicated volunteer to the CPTT for over 7 years and has been an inspiration to all those who have been fortunate enough to work alongside her. She has worked tirelessly, not only to generate money for the great causes the CPTT supports across the Federation but in her commitment to creating events that have focused on bringing the children, parents, carers & teachers together as a community.

Charlie's enthusiasm, drive and ambition should be commended by all; she was the brains behind the phenomenal success which is the Ladysmith Firework Night. She worked incredibly hard in the run up to this event dedicating many hours and sleepless nights to create an event bigger and better than had ever been achieved previously. We have estimated that through her passion for enriching the experiences our children receive at school, she has personally raised in excess of £20,000 for the CPTT.

Therefore on behalf of the CPTT, all the Teacher and Parent Reps we would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to Charlie – you will be missed by each and every one of us ☺

We would also like to say a big thank you and farewell to Andy Barton who has been our treasurer for many years – we really appreciate the time and expertise you have given to the schools.

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Ambition

Good luck to all of our 'self-motivated, ambitious' children who are preparing to take part in the Gang Show this year on 11th – 14th April at the Barnfield Theatre.

Adventure

5GM ventured to the flooded plains of the school grounds this week to test their boats!

Achievement

Well done to 3KW who performed a brilliant class assembly today. They taught us all about the beginnings of Rome and the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii. It took quite some time to clear up all of the 'volcanic ash'!

Congratulations to Faith in year 4 who has received a green Blue Peter Badge for her 'Save our Planet' poster and to Amy in year 3 who has been awarded her stage 1 and 2 Rookie Lifeguard certificate. Well done to Millie for her 100% attendance trophy and to Millie and Jacob who showed us a go cart and table they had made at home!

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Safer Internet Day 2018

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This term, the children have been thinking about how to stay safe online. Mrs Wills has spent time with each class discussing the benefits and potential dangers of using the internet.

Tuesday
6 February

Discussions have highlighted some great attitudes and awareness of the things we can do to stay safe online whilst enjoying the benefits of

the internet. It has also highlighted some concerning online habits in all year groups.

Earlier this term, we sent home information on how to ensure that children are safe while playing ROBLOX after it emerged that several children admit to communicating with strangers on the gaming platform.

We are now aware that several children are currently using 'Animal Jam' as a source of online communication. We have taken a look and the children play and communicate with people they may not know. There are reports online in the media of inappropriate language being used.

It also appears that many children have unsupervised access to YouTube which also hosts some media which is inappropriate for children of Primary School age.

Whilst we have spoken to the children about online safety, nothing can replace parental supervision and guidance. Please do get in touch if you are concerned about your child's online activity and would like support.



GROW Project Working Party

There is another chance to help out with our GROW project tomorrow from 9:00 – 11:30 am. If you are able to help out, we'd love to see you there – just turn up and get stuck in!

New Event – Open Air Cinema!



We are excited to announce a new event planned for this summer! On **Saturday 12th May**, we will be hosting an outdoor cinema evening on the Junior School field. The cinema evening is being organised by the CPTT, with Sarah Dart coordinating the event. Thanks as ever to our amazing volunteers who make these events possible.

We will be showing 'Sing' and ticket holders will experience the film under the stars! Tickets are £5 per person; under 3s go free. The event will start from 6.30pm with the film starting at dusk. There will be a bar, a bouncy castle, food and popcorn available before the film starts.

Tickets will be sold from 16th April on a first come first served basis and they will be available from the Infant School office or direct from Mr Broad or Mr Wilkinson.

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Volunteers can sign up by 2nd March by contacting your CPTT rep and you will be placed on a priority list for purchasing a ticket.

Open Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents at Wednesday's half-termly open evening. It was a great chance to have a look at what the children have been learning about since Christmas. If you weren't able to make it, feel free to pop in any day after school to have a look at your child's work.



Dates for the diary:

- 10th February – GROW project working party 9-11.30am
- 23rd February – 5AS family assembly – 9.05am
- 1st March – World Book Day – Dress as your favourite book character
- 2nd March – 4RM family assembly – 9.05am
- 9th March – Year 6 trip to the Barnfield Theatre – Sister Act - Free
- 12th - 16th March – Year 6 Beam House Residential / Activity week
- 16th March – Annual Pupil Reports sent home.
- 16th March – 3NW family assembly – 9.05am
- 19th and 21st March – Parent's Eveing – details to follow
- 23rd March – 5GM family assembly – 9.05am
- 28th March – Half-termly open evening – 3.30pm – 5pm
- 16th April – Tickets to outdoor cinema event go on sale
- 12th May – Outdoor cinema event – 6.30pm - late

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