

Welcome to the CPTT newsletter!

It definitely feels like Christmas is around the corner with the drop in temperature this last week or so. The new school year is in full swing and we already have lots to report on, including details on exciting events coming soon, including our new Artisan Market at the end of November; the launch of a regular slot for the second hand uniform stall; and the all important information on where all the money raised by CPTT will be spent this year...

Save with our second hand uniform stall

September saw the launch of our second hand uniform stall in the Infants lower playground, taking over £100 on its first outing! This will take place on the first Friday after each holiday, providing a regular opportunity to buy quality second hand uniform at bargain prices.

Buying second hand is better for your purse, better for the environment - and better for our schools, as all the money raised goes towards the Federation's fundraising efforts. Everyone's a winner!

The stall will be open on the following Fridays, from 3pm: 11th January, 1st March, 26th April, 7th June. *(If wet, we will unfortunately need to postpone.)*



CPTT spending plans for the year

We have a lot of amazing fundraising plans for this year - and lots of important projects and activities that will be supported as a result.

Spending plans were discussed at the CPTT meeting in October and, with agreement from both schools, £600 will be provided for each year group. The Junior year groups will decide how they want to use this, while the Infants' budget will be used to support the enrichment programme across the school, with the remaining balance going to year groups.

At the Infants, the emphasis will continue to be on supporting outdoor play opportunities, while the Junior School will also be looking

at developing the use of the bus and adding a slide.

In addition, £200 has been allocated for an emergency family support fund, to be administered by Lindsey Blackwell. Funding will also be offered to Andy Hawkins, Junior School Caretaker, to support his work at the school and in recognition of his enormous efforts to help make the CPTT events possible.

Any further fundraising goals for the year will be published as and when they are confirmed. You can also see how all the money raised in 2017/8 was spent in our Annual Review, which is available on the website and our Facebook page.



Fireworks fun for all the family!

It's the big event of the school year... With less than a week to go, we are getting excited about our fantastic fireworks night! If you've been before, you'll know what a brilliant evening this is. If you haven't - you are in for a treat! Either way, make sure you get your tickets now for this hugely popular event before they sell out.

Gates open at 5.30pm, with fireworks starting at 7pm. While you wait for the spectacular fireworks display, warm up with a hot chocolate or mulled wine; enjoy food from stalls including hog roast, hot dogs and pizza; and dance along to the live music in our lovely bar marquee. The children will love our indoor 'disco style' bouncy castle and challenging their friends (and parents!) to the floodlit Last Man Standing.

Don't miss out: a limited number of tickets are available from the school offices or buy online at www.tinyurl.com/lsfireworks.

Lego walk proves popular at Parklife event

Our first fundraising activity of the year was at the Parklife Fun Day in September. We had lots of children and parents braving our Lego fire walk challenge, raising over £100 in total!





Theatre Alibi serve up a new show

Starter, Main and Pudding - three cooks, three very different lives. Feast on Theatre Alibi's new play, Table Mates, with a special performance at Ladysmith Juniors on Wednesday 21st November.

Vivid storytelling, live music and a good old boogie are the perfect ingredients to bring this funny and creative household to life. Suitable for 5-11 year olds. Tickets are £4 for children, £5 for adults and will be on sale from 12th November.

We need you... We need volunteers to help make our fireworks evening go with a bang! If you are able to do some set up during the day, clearing up after the event or take a stint on a CPTT stall, please do let us know: cptt@ladysmithfederation.net.

What is CPTT?

Children Parents Teachers Together

CPTT is the fundraising and events group for the Ladysmith Federation, bringing together the children, parents and teachers from across the whole school.

CPTT is for everybody in our school community, providing opportunities to connect, share ideas, socialise - and, of course, fundraise, giving a much appreciated extra boost for specific projects and programmes.

Co-Chairs:

Sarah Dart & Emma Whittingham

Treasurer: Vanessa Johnson

Publicity: Marie Fieldhouse

Pop Up Café Leads:

Helen Shipway & Jane Richardson

Fireworks Event Lead: James Hewlett

Second Hand Uniform Leads:

Jen Harris & Lucy Waite

Colour Run Lead: Vic Matthews

The CPTT also includes class reps for each of the classes through the school; full list on the Ladysmith website.

Projects update



The Thrive Room at the Juniors is almost ready for its grand opening... Thanks to a lot of hard work by Andy Hawkins, this old garage building, which also houses his workshop and a new music room, has been transformed. A £7500 donation from CPTT enabled the concreting and waterproofing of the whole building, making it fit for use, plus the installation of some lovely big windows and doors. This small budget was stretched further by donations of timber and insulation from contractors BAM, who built the new school, and building sites in the area, such as Redrow; a generous discount on materials from Jewsons; and some clever reuse of items from the old junior building (including making windowsills out of the stage!). This new Thrive Room will offer a welcoming and safe space for those that need it.



The GROW project at the Juniors continues to transform the school's outside spaces, with £2000 from CPTT plus funding from other sources. This is the new labyrinth in progress, which is going to look fantastic when it's finished!



Exciting new event! The Ladysmith Artisan Market

Calling all crafters! We are holding a new event for Christmas, an Artisan Market, in the Junior Hall after school on Friday 30th November. Table bookings are open to all parents, pupils and friends of Ladysmith (no commercial sellers) at £10 per table. If you are interested, please contact Ana Salter for more information by emailing: aellis@ladysmithfederation.net

Dates for your diary

Friday 9th November:

Fireworks Night Juniors Field

Wednesday 21st November:

Theatre Alibi 'Table Mates' Juniors

Friday 30th November:

Ladysmith Artisan Market Juniors

Friday 7th December:

Christmas Pop Up Café Infants

Saturday 18th May:

Open Air Cinema Juniors Field

Saturday 6th July:

RSPB Big Wild Sleep Out

Friday 12th July:

Colour Run & Summer Fair Juniors

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for event updates, including dates for the 2019 Pop Up Cafés.

Contact CPTT

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