

## Hello and welcome to our first CPTT Annual Review.

**This is your chance to learn a bit more about CPTT and what we've been doing this year. It's certainly been a busy one, with events old and new giving our school community the opportunity to connect, enjoy some family fun – and raise money in the process!**

*We wouldn't be the school we are today without the amazing fundraising efforts offered by the CPTT and all the volunteers, staff and parents who make it happen.*

*Emma Brown, Head, Ladysmith Infant & Nursery School*



## The year in numbers...

### 9000

over £9,000 raised by CPTT activities this year!

### 600

people took part in our new Colour Run event

### 500

cakes bought at our pop up cafés... Yum!

### 266

£266 raised by our Second Hand Uniform shop

### 70

entries into the pumpkin carving competition at our fireworks event

### 397

people enjoyed our outdoor cinema event

### 9

events this year, including fireworks, pop up cafés, open air cinema, Colour Run, Theatre Alibi and magic show

### 650

over 650 children at our schools who have benefitted from the fantastic efforts of everyone

## What is CPTT?

Children Parents Teachers Together

CPTT is the fundraising and events group for the Ladysmith Federation.

We launched a new name and logo for the group in 2016 to better emphasise our purpose: 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 fundraise.

This is mainly done through our events programme and we have loved seeing so many of you enjoying yourselves at our various events this year! Of course, these are also important fundraisers for the school, giving a much appreciated extra boost for specific projects and programmes.

Keep reading for more information on who's who in CPTT and details on how the money you've helped to raise previously has been spent this year. You can also find the full spending review on the Ladysmith website.

*There is huge value in the feeling of community created by events such as the fireworks night, the open air cinema and the pop-up cafés. It's always great to see people enjoying themselves and getting to know one another. It is another way in which we are growing closer together as a federation and everything the CPTT does shows real Ambition, Adventure and Achievement!*

*Dave Broad, Deputy Head, Ladysmith Junior School*





# Events Review

So much more than a few rockets and Catherine Wheels on the Junior field!

Over 1000 of us were wowed by an absolutely awesome fireworks display back in November. There was plenty to keep everyone happy before the fireworks, with live music, glow in the dark face painting and toys, food and drink stalls, and our pumpkin carving competition. A big thank you to all those who volunteered to set up, clear away or man a stall, and also to everyone who came along to enjoy the event. You helped raise a magnificent £2835.24. Special thanks also to Charlie Nixon, who has done an amazing job organising our fireworks evening over the years. This was her last event - but don't worry, it will still be happening in 2018, so don't forget to put the date in your diary!

## A magical evening

We played host to the Exonian Magical Society in the summer, with four of their magicians performing at a Magic Show at the Infants. It was lovely to see all the children laughing and enjoying themselves as they got caught up in all the tricks and jokes! Thank you to everyone who came along and helped us to raise over £300.



## Cinema under the stars

The summer term began with a brand new event for Ladysmith in May, an outdoor screening of the film Sing!

Gates opened early so that guests could enjoy the pre-show entertainment, which included music from The Southern Troubadors, an inflatable assault course and 'Last Man Standing' challenge, and various food and drink stalls (including popcorn, of course!).

After the sun had set, everyone settled down on their picnic rugs and camping chairs to enjoy the film - having raised over £1000 in the process. Thank you to all those who came along and to Sarah Dart for organising such a lovely evening.



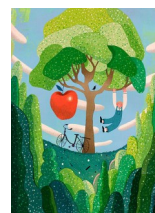
## Camping in the wild

A group of intrepid parents and children from Ladysmith joined the RSPB Big Wild Sleep Out in June, camping at the Ayslebeare Common nature reserve. Lucy from Year 4 said: "It was amazing... like a real adventure!" and William from Reception loved finding nocturnal creatures including a glow worm and nightjar. A wonderful evening - with £100 raised!



## Cake, coffee, crafts and chat

Our pop up cafés are a great way to get together with friends after school. Children enjoyed festive crafts and hot chocolates at our Christmas café; Easter fun in the spring; and there were games and activities to try at our summer café, along with an ice cream stall from Year 5 which proved very popular in the heat! Thank you to Jane Richardson and Helen Shipway for taking over the cafés this year; to all our bakers, who have contributed some delicious cakes - and, of course, thank you to everyone who has come along to eat them(!), which has helped us to raise over £650.



## Bringing the stage to school

Theatre Alibi visited us in the autumn to perform Apple John, a tale about growing up and finding your roots. The story was told through live music and puppetry, and the audience were mesmerized, with Freya commenting that she "loved the projection and facial expressions", while another audience member praised "such amazing talent and sensitive observation of many aspects of life/people". We raised over £130 and Theatre Alibi will return in November.

## Running through a rainbow

Our Colour Run ended the school year on a truly vibrant note. 600 runners were sprayed with water and showered with paint powder by enthusiastic volunteers as they made their way around the course. By the time they had finished, they looked very colourful indeed - and everyone had big grins on their faces as they got caught up in the feelgood atmosphere!

The fun continued at the End of Term Party, with the more traditional elements of the school summer fair, including our raffle with a generous £100 first prize from Southgate.

*Colour Run, we loved you! Had the most fantastic time for a fabulous cause! Parent*



Many thanks to everyone who came along; to Vic Matthews, the lead organiser; and to helpers from St James and St Luke's schools, Heavitree Running Group and the fire brigade! We raised over £3,300 - absolutely amazing!





# Spending Review

## Learning through (better) play

You may have noticed calls for various 'loose parts' items over the year, including old mobile phones, pieces of fabric, dressing up clothes, pushchairs and more! This is all part of OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning), a programme that helps improve the quality of play at primary schools. Why? Better play means happier children and less behaviour problems, among other benefits.

A more engaging outdoor environment has been created at the Infant School, with a new sandpit, the mixing of the year groups at playtime, coloured indicators to guide tree climbing and the introduction of many of those 'loose parts' play items that the children love to incorporate into their playground activities. The latest addition is a new stage area, which is certain to inspire many productions from the children!

## A new space to Thrive in...

Our Thrive programme helps children who struggle emotionally and socially. Targeted support based on neuroscience gives them the tools to identify how they feel, teaching them how to manage situations they find difficult. Andy Hawkins, our wonderful Junior School Caretaker, has transformed the garage in front of the school to create a dedicated room for Thrive at the Juniors, allowing us to offer a safe, nurturing environment and welcoming space for those who need it.



*I can't express how very special this service is for children and families needing help getting through emotional and social issues. My son really gained so much from his sessions. He was also really happy that there was a lunch time drop in, in case he felt a bit wobbly.* *Parent*



*This has transformed outside play for our children, where they can explore, imagine, build, socialise, create, dance and make choices. Children return to class after break ready to learn.* *Emma Brown, Head, Ladysmith Infant & Nursery School*

## From small seeds...

The GROW (Gardening Recreation Outdoors Wellness) project at the Junior School developed with just one parent doing some planting. The idea took root, with the aim of providing an interesting and diverse outdoor environment for our children, with spaces that stimulate learning, promote creative play and exploration.



So far, projects have included an amazing giant sand pit (complete with a wooden jetty and rowing boat!) and smaller stone pit, which have both proved popular, filled with children during break times; the path from Pretoria Road to the cycle racks is looking lovely, lined with donated plants; and an inviting woodland area has been created, featuring log pile houses and a bird bath to encourage wildlife. This has all been achieved with a huge amount of hard work and dedication from volunteers, led by Catherine Davies.



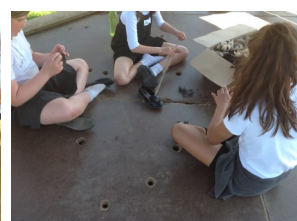
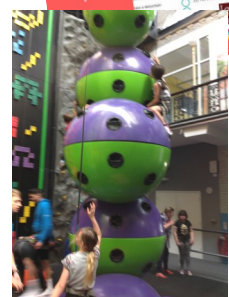
## Bringing the curriculum to life

In the Infant School, a number of CPTT funded enrichment activities have enhanced different aspects of the curriculum, with storytellers and artists visiting the children at school; a Stone Age workshop for Year 1; and a space lab dome for Years 1 and 2, among other things.

In the Junior School, highlights have included a school trip for Year 3 to see a castle in Wales and a Roman feast; a fabulous theatre trip for Year 4 to see The Little Mermaid; a house building workshop for Year 5; and a visit to Clip 'n Climb for Year 6.



*It's great that CPTT has supported everything we have done and helped us be creative in our lessons by spending lots on the clay, paint and glue. The children will enjoy acting out famous people of the past with their topic costumes!* *From all of year 3 - thank you!* *Oliver, Year 3*





## 10 ways you can help



**It's not always possible to commit to volunteering but here are five easy ways to help CPTT...**

### 1. Come to our events!

Have fun, meet friends and raise some money at the same time.

### 2. Buy from our Second Hand Uniform shop

Grab a bargain, with 100% of the money going to our schools.

### 3. Get your school labels from Stikins

Use the code 11464 and Ladysmith receives commission on every sale.

### 4. Bake/buy cakes for our Pop Up Cafés

Our Pop Up Cafés raised over £650 this year, so your cakes really do make a difference to the school.

### 5. Ask if your employer does match donations

Some organisations will match funds raised by employees; if yours does, please let us know!

**And if you do have a little more time...**

### 6. Volunteer at our events

The more, the merrier! We need volunteers to ensure our events go ahead; even taking on a half hour stint on a stall or setting up/clearing away helps enormously.

### 7. Become a Class Rep

Attend one CPTT meeting per term and help spread the word about our events and activities to other parents in your class...

### 8. Do a fundraiser

Your next challenge could help raise money for Ladysmith!

### 9. Run an event

Most of our events are organised by one or more parents, so if you've got something you'd love to see the school doing, talk to us and help make it happen!

**Most of all, CPTT is all about Children, Parents and Teachers working Together to make the most of our schools, so if you have a brilliant idea but no time, or have feedback on any of our events, then...**

### 10. Let us know your suggestions!

See the box on the right for our contact details.

We are very grateful for the time and energy put into the various events and activities organised and run by our wonderful CPTT. The funds these events raise allow the school to provide activities and enrichment opportunities, which would simply not happen without their support.

*Dave Broad, Deputy Head, Ladysmith Junior School*

The CPTT has made a huge difference to the ethos of the school through support for the OPAL project, which has transformed outside play for our children; support for outside learning; and support for enrichment - the curriculum is lively and full of wonder, thanks to the CPTT.

*Emma Brown, Head, Ladysmith Infant & Nursery School*

## Dates for your diary

5th September: Term Begins

9th November: Fireworks Night

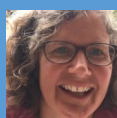
21st November: Theatre Alibi

Keep an eye out at the beginning of next term for information on a CPTT Welcome Event for parents and for our autumn Pop Up Café.

## CPTT - Who's Who?



Co-Chair:  
Sarah Dart



Co-Chair:  
Emma Whittingham

It's been amazing to work with a group of fantastic volunteers this year, who have put so much hard work into events that join everyone together and make lasting memories for the children at Ladysmith. Thank you Team CPTT!

Treasurer:

Vanessa Johnson

Pop Up Café Leads:

Helen Shipway & Jane Richardson

Second Hand Uniform Lead:

Jen Harris

Publicity:

Marie Fieldhouse

Fireworks Event Lead:

James Hewlett

Colour Run Lead:

Vic Matthews

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

## Contact CPTT

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