

# Ladysmith Federation

## Junior School News

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

### Ambition

Last week, we celebrated our first 10-mile certificates. This week, there were so many that I can't name them all!! There were over 35 handed out to year 5 alone!

Children are logging their laps daily and will receive a certificate from Miss Hartland when they have completed 10, 25 and 50 miles.



### Adventure



*'I have a good understanding of our rapidly changing world.'*

In assemblies, Mr Broad has been discussing 'British Values' and this week, we learnt all about the British legal system! Talk to your child to see if they remember any interesting facts!

### Achievement

Well done to our stars of the week!

#### Year 3:

Zian, Josh and Maya

#### Year 4:

Ashton, Nate and Olive

#### Year 5:

Alisha, Adam, Thomas and Raphi

#### Year 6:

Alfie, Rafeef and Jack

## Federation News

### School Streets



You may have heard in the local media about a new initiative called "School Streets" which is when a road outside a school is temporarily closed to motor vehicles. This opens the street up to families on foot, bike or scooter and enables social distancing to take place. Our scheme will cover Pretoria Road and Claremont Road (The road off Ladysmith Road, leading to the Junior School entrance) and we are looking for volunteers to take on the role of 'School Street Operatives'. We know many of you have expressed how eager you are to support

improvements to the traffic situation around school and we are hoping that our school community will step up and join us in this venture. Those offering to volunteer will be trained and will receive a high visibility jacket to wear when the scheme is in operation: between 8.35 and 9.05 in the morning and 2.50 and 3.40 after school.

Please get in touch if you can help.

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### Google Classrooms

Thank you to everyone who has managed to login to their child's Google Classroom. Thank you also to those of you who have been unable to log in due to technical difficulties—your patience is appreciated! All children should have a sticker by now with their login details. If not, please send a note in with your child next week or get in touch with Mr Broad via email at [dbroad@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:dbroad@ladysmithfederation.net).

Next week, the children will use google classrooms to access a remote assembly and some classes will be having a go at taking part in a remote lesson where their teacher teaches the class from a different room! Of course, there will still be a member of staff with the children to help with any technical glitches.

We are aware that parents may be feeling a little overloaded with login details for various sites. We are working on a summary page which lists all of the websites we use, what they are and how often the children are expected to use them. Please do bear with us; much of the new technology is also new to the teachers and we are all having to adjust.

### Parents Evenings

During this first half term, we would normally be inviting parents in to meet with your child's teacher. The purpose of this first meeting is to discuss how well the children have settled in and an opportunity to ask any questions you might have.

We really value the importance of these meetings and we plan for them to go ahead but have not yet decided on a date or a format! We are working with other local schools to come up with a format which allows you the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher but also balances with that the need to keep staff and parents safe.

We will be in touch next week to confirm arrangements.

As ever. If you have any specific concerns or questions, don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office or by emailing Mr Broad.

## THE STRESS RELIEF GIRAFFE



### After School

With the introduction of face masks and now that the bottom gate is being used, we are simplifying after school arrangements.

You are now welcome to use whichever entrance and exit is most convenient—we are not asking parents to use a specific gate after school. The arrangements for the mornings remain in place.



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## Free School Meals Eligibility Checker

### Do you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals?

There is now a way of checking online and it's really straightforward. If your child is eligible, they will be able to have free hot lunches, free school uniform, half price clubs and trips and they may be entitled to additional support at school. Just click on the link below and follow the instructions:

<https://pps.lqfl.org.uk>

- Click on 'check eligibility'
  - Create new account – Proceed
  - Select a local authority – Devon
  - Scroll to Ladysmith Junior School
  - Accept privacy notice
- Enter Name, DOB and National Insurance number.

**Speech & Language Team** - Two Facebook pages – [one for pre-school aged children](#) and [one for school aged children](#) with hints & tips, fun & practical ideas on how to develop child's speech and language skills:

**Autism Assessment Team** - [For parents who have a child diagnosed with autism or who are on the autism pathway:](#)

**Children's Learning Disability Team** – [For people who are supporting a child or young person who has a learning disability:](#)

### Covid-19 Exeter Wellbeing Support Fund

#### **Wellbeing Support Fund**

Our Exeter Wellbeing Support Fund is there to give rapid short-term financial support. It is aimed at those in financial hardship as a direct result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The scheme is for anyone who is not already catered for through other means. Meeting an immediate need, by providing for items or support that there is no current help for.

#### **How to apply to the Exeter Wellbeing Support Fund**

Please complete our [Individuals requesting community support](#) form.

If you need help to complete the online application form please call **01392 265000**. Lines are open Mon -Fri 09.00-17.00.

#### **Parent event: What is Developmental Language Disorder?**

Wednesday, 14th October 2020, Online (virtual session) from 13:30 – 15:00

Does your child have language and literacy difficulties? Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) affects 7-10% of children, causing them to struggle in their learning of oral language as well as impacting on their

literacy development.

If you would like to learn more about DLD, and language needs in general, including how to support your child at home and how to access further information, please join the team for this free, annual training event taking place in recognition of National DLD Awareness Day. This year the session will be virtual.

An advisory teacher and a speech and language therapist from the Communication and Interaction Team will lead this informal session. There will also be an opportunity for questions.

To book your free place, contact: Sue Vanstone



#### Dates for the diary:

**15.10.20**—Individual school photographs—School uniform to be worn please.

**23.10.20**—Last day of the first half term

**26th—30th October—Half Term Break**

**2.11.20**—First day of second half term

**18.12.20**—Last day of autumn term



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