

Ladysmith Federation

Infant and Nursery Newsletter



Friday 23rd October 2020



Ambition

Over the holidays the children have the opportunity to take part in the Doodle Maths Half Term Challenge.

We are setting the target across the school of a 7 day streak and 50 stars. Once you complete the challenge bring the completed sheet back into school. Download the forms at: <https://www.doodlemaths.com/school-challenge-sheets/>

Adventure

We strongly believe in clean air at our school. We are giving the children the opportunity to design some signs over the holidays. The designs can be in any format, using a range of materials. The winning designs will be made into real signs outside the school, that one of our parents has kindly sponsored. The deadline is Friday 6th November for all entries. Please give the entries to your class teacher and we will announce the winners soon!

Achievement

Congratulations to the Hedgehog Class who are the top doodlers for the third week in a row!



Federation News

Thank you for your patience and understanding adjusting to the changes we have put in place across the federation to reduce the spread of coronavirus. The children have all been amazing and adapted to the changes really well. We wish you a safe and healthy half term holiday.



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Information and Advice for Parents



Opal Donations

We really value play here at Ladysmith because it helps children to learn and develop: cognitive skills, physical abilities, new vocabulary, social skills and literacy skills.

A lot of our resources have been played with so much by the children that they are starting to look a little worn. We are looking for parent donations if you have recently cleared out the attic, shed or garage. Rather than taking to the charity shop we would love the children to use the following items: **Suitcases, Keyboards and old phones.** For the Sandpit **buckets and spades, pots and pans and baking trays.**

We will leave some big tubs outside the from office for any donations that we will quarantine before giving the children to play with.



Do you think you might be entitled to a Pupil Premium grant? 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 in the junior school, a free school jumper, half price trips and they may be entitled to additional support at school. Just click on the link below and follow the instructions: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk>

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



Year 1 West Town Farm trip

Year 1 have been to West Town Farm this week and have had a wonderful time! We collected apples, made apple juice, harvested pumpkins to make soup around the campfire, fed the pigs and sheep and generally had a super time in the fresh air! The children were amazing! Thank you for all your support towards this trip and preparing the children for their day out!



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After School Clubs

All after school clubs will start week commencing 2nd November for 7 weeks on the following days:

Thursdays Year 1 Gymnastics/multi skills, 3:20-4:30pm

Cost £24.50

Friday: Year 2 Gymnastics/multi skills, 3:20-4:30pm

Cost £24.50

To book a place or for more information please email
radfordsoccerschool@outlook.com contact name Mr Radford.

Would you like to work as a supply TA or MTA?

Do you have any experience of working with children in some capacity, or would welcome the opportunity to work in an Infant School to gain some experience. If so we would love to hear from you. In the current situation we are looking for the supply teaching assistants and meal time assistants to add to our supply pool. If you think this might be something that you would be interested in you would need to have an up to date DBS check. Please email
infant.admin@ladysmithfederation.net

Photographs

We have received the proofs back from Fraser Portraits. We will be sending them home with the children today. If you would like to order any, please go to their website <https://www.orderphotos.couk/welcome>

Simply input your proof card ID and register for an account.



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Dates for the Diary

Last day of the half term Friday 23rd October 2020

First Day back: Monday 2nd November 2020

Flu Vaccinations: Friday 13th November 2020

Last day of Autumn term :Friday 18th December 2020

First day of Spring Term: Tuesday 5th January 2021

Nursery back Wednesday 6th January 2021

For all other dates please visit the school website.