Ladysmith Federation

Junior School News

Friday 5th June 2020 *Federation News*

This week's 'virtual Home Learning Stars of the Week' are...

3NW—Eva B for spending her half-term developing her interests and passions and her 'North Star' <u>and</u> producing an excellent story themed around these interests.



3CH—Eliza for being super active doing 10km cycles every day and continuing to work incredibly hard, well done!

3CP—William for his continual effort in engaging and completing the remote learning. Also for his local history study of a river running through Exeter, and baking an excellent apple crumble! Well done William, keep it up!!

4AN—Jess W-R—for being generally positive and cheerful and for being so incredibly active during half term.

4RC—Aaron—he has been working really hard at home and has been sending his work regularly and making improvements too.

4GM—Adrian for continued effort with all of his work and great creativity throughout the weeks learning at home.

5MS—Amy C - for working extremely hard and finishing all the activities on study ladder.

5SW—Roni for his "Pokemon Paradise" diorama, made with cardboard, moss, sand and paint. It looks so real and life like. It must have taken a lot of patience and care.

5LD—Delilah for being consistently positive and smiley and working really hard.

GMC—Daisy S for GMC for the amazing verbal description of her re-vamped bedroom design over the telephone – down to the detail of her new cactus and fairy lights!

GJE—Toby for consistently displaying self-motivation, creativity and independence with his home learning and for challenging himself to do more - he is currently working hard on a WW2 project of his own initiative and has designed and printed his own T shirts this week.

GIE—Sophie for her very positive attitude and enthusiasm for all the different things that she has been doing while at home. She is always cheerful when I speak to her.

Financial Support

If you think that you might be entitled to benefits please follow this link to the <u>Government online</u> <u>calculator</u>.

<u>FREE SCHOOL MEALS</u>: All those in receipt of Free School Meals are now receiving weekly vouchers which can be redeemed at supermarkets.

If you fall into one of the following categories, you can apply for the Pupil Premium Grant, and will qualify for Free School Meals. Applications need to be made via

the Devon Citizens Portal - on the DCC website.

We would like to say thank you to the CPTT who have given us some much needed funding to support families who are in need during this time.

TALKWORKS is a free, confidential, NHS talking therapy service helping you to feel better and giving you the tools and techniques to improve your mental and physical wellbeing. TALKWORKS.dpt.nhs.uk

Foodbank

St Matt's C of E Church in Newtown, in consultation with the Exeter Foodbank, have set up an additional pop-up Foodbank service with a particular focus on helping families in need



across Exeter with the postcode EX1, 2, 3 or 4. Families can self-refer via our website:

https://www.stmattsexeter.org/lyn



New Kittens!

Congratulations to Charlie in year 4 whose kittens arrived last Friday! Their eyes should start to open any day now. Charlie is going to keep the one he has named TicketyBoo (what a great name!) and Stripe and Babe have already got a home to go to (together) when they're old enough.

Devon Family Advice Line

ECI will be launching a new phone advice line for parents and carers across Devon on Monday 1 June. The number for the new service is 01392 949059 and it will be manned from 10 – 2pm Monday to Friday. People will be able to leave a message outside of these hours, or when the operators are all busy. It will offer advice on a specific issue around their children and their family relationships, including any communication issues or conflict they are having with their partners or co-parents of their children. It is not meant to be a replacement for more targeted work, but just a way to offer people a place to be heard and a few tips on how to deal with a particular situation or to signpost them to an organisation which may be able to help them.

Dear Wild Learners...

CHALLENGE: This week the theme is all about Birds!

All ages (4 -12 years): Can choose either to create some bird art, create a fact sheet on their favourite bird or make their own binoculars from cardboard/ loo roll tubes!



The chosen winning pupil(s) will receive an FSC identification guide on garden birds! There will be one prize for each of the two age categories (4 -7 years and 8 -12 years)

To participate all you have to do is take a picture of your work, with the student's first name, age and school and send it to Emily from the education team on ebacon@devonwildlifetrust.org by the deadline of Sunday 7th June - we will be in touch with the winner afterwards.

Best Wishes, Paul and Emily

General Information

<u>Please click here to access a previous newsletter with</u> details of the following topics:

- Keeping in touch
- Remote learning links
- SEND and Family Support
- I am struggling financially. How can I register for Free Schools Meals?
- Advice from the Department of Education: Keeping children safe online
- Information for children from Public Health
- Handwashing advice

