

# Ladysmith Federation

## Junior School News

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

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



OF THE WEEK

**3NW**—Bentley for 3NW for being engaged with his learning at school and contributing to discussions effectively

**3CH**—Oscar for writing an amazing set of instructions and always keeping positive!

**3CP**—Edward for some amazing descriptive writing and using loads of technical features we have been practicing. Edward has really focussed on his handwriting and spelling as well, top work Edward!

Also – an honorary SOW award goes to Ellie in year 4 who has joined our year 3 'pod'. She comes in and really gets on with all the learning, gets stuck in and challenges herself to complete all the learning we give her. She takes part in discussions respectfully and engages in everything that Y3 does!

**4AN**—4AN star this week is Finley! He has shown fabulous self motivation at home for his maths, and is insisting on a field trip to Lyme Regis, the fossil hunting centre to improve his writing outcome! Well done to mum too, for managing this request.

**4RC**—Imogen- for producing a fantastic leaflet with her Dad, about her grandad's motor museum. She did the text herself and her dad helped her with the leaflet design.

**4GM**—Paddy for working with focus on his maths and writing.

**5MS**—Harry—he has really persevered with his learning over the last few weeks. His drawings are amazing.

**5SW**—Renzo for his wonderful poem inspired by Martin Luther King

**5LD**—Rosie - for continuing to write the most beautifully detailed stories. I will miss reading them so much next year!

**6MC**—Heidi—for sheer hard work and perseverance—she made an amazing willow weaving!

**6JE**—Loki for great effort with his writing over the past two weeks, especially his use of descriptive vocabulary in both his 500 word story and his poems

**6IE**—Bryn—he did some amazing weaving this week and he persevered to get all the work set completed-great effort.



We are also giving a special mention to Ellie in year 5 who has raised an **INCREDIBLE £1486.25** for Bramble ward at RD&E.

She achieved this through sponsorship for completing a 26 mile walk/bike ride over the course of May. You can still read her story below. Well done Ellie-May—we are incredibly proud of you!

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=Ellie-may&pageUrl=1>

## Key Updates

### September



As you may be aware, yesterday, the government set out its intent and plan for all children to return to school full time from the start of September.

We will be working through this guidance over the coming days and weeks to form our plans for how we can meet these guidelines, ensuring that all children and staff members are able to return to school in September.

If you would like to read the guidance yourselves, please [click here](#).

We know that many of you and your children will be feeling excited and looking forward to returning to school but we also know that some children and their families may be feeling anxious. We want all families to feel confident and we will do everything we can to ensure the safety and well-being of children and staff at Ladysmith; we are very much looking forward to welcoming all of the children back in September.

We will be in touch towards the end of the summer holidays to share our plans for a full opening but in the meantime, please be assured that, pending any further developments or updated guidance, we intend to welcome back all pupils on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**.

### Summer Holidays

School will not be open over the summer. We are making this clear so that parents can begin to make alternative arrangements if necessary. FISH have announced via their [Facebook page](#) that they will be open during summer but they are awaiting final details and have not yet opened up for bookings.



### Library

Children are invited to get a new library book out from school. Children can return books which will be cleaned and they can then choose up to 2 new books. We have set up a temporary library in reception with a selection of books from a range of levels. Due to the restricted availability, children do not have to choose books from within their Accelerated Reader range but they should ensure that they are able to access the text.

- Please place any returned books into the cardboard box.
- To get new books, choose up to 2 new titles, scan them using the computer and add your child's library number which can be found in the purple folder by the computer.
- We ask that you use the hand sanitiser before and after your visit.

### Mental Health and Wellbeing

Please have a look at the [school website for ideas and information](#) on how to support your child's mental health and well-being during this time.

**Online Safety**—[Click here for current guidance](#) to help parents and carers to keep children safe online during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.



Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Lady-smith Junior School - Heavitree with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ladysmithjrsch/?invite=7XS91F%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm\\_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm\\_content=srt](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ladysmithjrsch/?invite=7XS91F%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt)

**Babcock** Communication and Interaction Coronavirus page have added a new section 'Supporting Back to School Transition'. This section includes helpful advice, website links and free downloadable resources: <https://www.babcockldp.co.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-support-for-schools-parents-and-pupils/links-for-home-schooling-resources-and-activities/communication-and-interaction>

**Kidscape Parent Advice Line** is available for help and advice including:

- Emotional support for parents and carers
- Advice around how parents can look after themselves and support their children's emotional health and wellbeing at this time - with signposting to more specialist services as needed
- Practical tips for managing as a family
- Signposting to home-education resources

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/advice/parent-advice-line/>

**Nip in the Bud** – [Advice on dealing with anxiety when returning to school](#)



**YoungMinds** have launched a new web chat facility for parents and carers on their website. If you have any concerns about your child's mental health you can get in touch with a YoungMinds Helpline Advisor: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline/>

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

Children in England who are eligible for free school meals will receive a six-week food voucher to cover the summer holiday period, after a campaign by Manchester United and England footballer Marcus Rashford.

The decision will provide around 1.3 million children with meals throughout the summer holidays.

Families on a low income may be entitled to claim for free school meals. Parents can check the criteria for [free school meals is on the government's website.](#)

If eligible they can make a quick application online where eligibility can be assessed immediately, and they will know straight away.

Parents can apply for free school meals through the [Free School Meal Portal.](#)



### **Dates for the diary:**

17.7.20—Last day of summer term

7.9.20—First day of autumn term

