

# Ladysmith Federation

## Infant and Nursery Newsletter



Friday 19th June 2020



### Ambition

#### Online Learning Trivia!

Since Seesaw went live on the 14th of April for KS1 children and there have been:

**11,388 posts added (by teachers and pupils)**  
**12,161 comments made on student work**  
**5,754 likes of student work**

It has been amazing to see how this online learning platform has evolved over the past few months. Our thanks to the support of our school community that has enabled this to happen!

### Adventure



## Devon Wildlife Trust

This week the theme of the CHALLENGE is all about **TREES**. **4-7 year olds create a picture of a Tree or Woodland habitat.** 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 by the deadline of **Sunday 21st June** [eba-con@devonwildlifetrust.org](mailto:eba-con@devonwildlifetrust.org)

### Achievement

We did it! With the help of our caretaker and business manager we now have a



playhouse that has been transformed. We can't wait to see the children using it when they are all back in school.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Forest School is in full bloom! The Rainbow Group have been busy over the past few months planting seeds and now it is looking really beautiful up there. We have just harvested the onions and carrots. The strawberries are also really delicious!



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# Children and Families

## 30 Days Wild

**Can you do something wild everyday in June?** This June, join thousands of people across Devon taking part in our annual nature challenge, 30 Days Wild! We want you to do one wild thing a day throughout the whole month: for your health, wellbeing and for the planet. That's 30 simple, fun, and exciting Random Acts of Wildness.

**Years one and two are going to be using 30 Days Wild in their learning drops each week throughout June.**

**If you would like to build upon this and have a go at more of the activities then download your free activity pack by using the link below. The activities on Seesaw will develop and extend the 30 Day Wild cards further so you don't need to worry if you have already done them.**

**Have fun and get wild!** <https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/57739/petition/1>



## Parenting Courses

For all parents-to-be, parents, grandparents or carers of any child from the antenatal period to age 18 years. You don't need to be struggling. This course is relevant to parents of all children, including those with special needs, autism, ADHD etc.

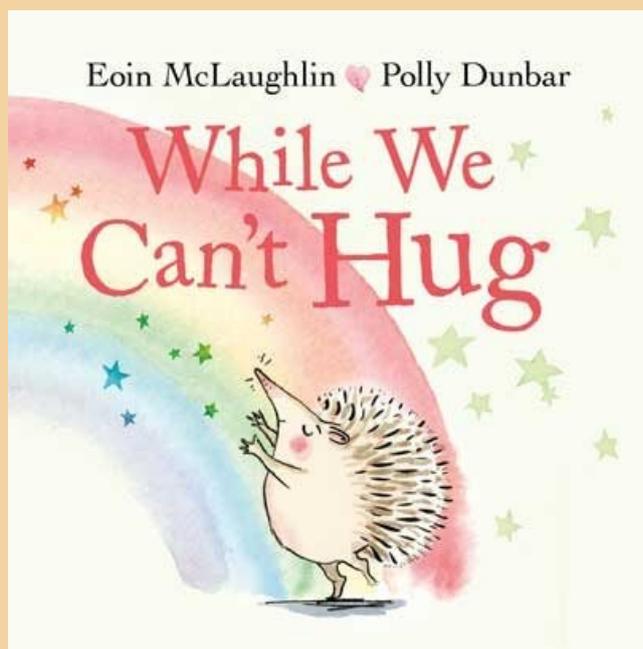
There are enjoyable and popular online learning courses for parents and carers, called: 'Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby'; 'Understanding your baby'; and 'Understanding your child'. The courses have been written by the Solihull Approach, which is a well recognised NHS provider of information and courses for parents.

Go to the website [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk), to register.

## For the Love of Reading

### Book Recommendation of the Week

While we Can't hug – online book  
<https://www.youtube.com/embed/2PnnFrPaRgY>



# Information and Advice for Parents

## Staying in Touch

- Our website—<http://www.ladysmithfederation.net/web> (Parent letters and remote learning)
- For admin and other enquiries: [infant.admin@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:infant.admin@ladysmithfederation.net)
- Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) and Seesaw (Year One and Two)
- Our Learning support email addresses: [receptionsupport@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:receptionsupport@ladysmithfederation.net) [year1support@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:year1support@ladysmithfederation.net) [year2support@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:year2support@ladysmithfederation.net)

Don't forget to check Parent Letters on the website to find the most up to date information: [http://www.ladysmithfederation.net/web/recent\\_school\\_letters/281945](http://www.ladysmithfederation.net/web/recent_school_letters/281945) and our Remote Learning section where there is further information on learning support.

## Staying Healthy and Happy



**TALKWORKS**  
IMPROVING YOUR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELLBEING

**0300 555 3344**

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](http://TALKWORKS.dpt.nhs.uk)

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## Food Bank

St Mathews Church in Newtown is delivering weekly parcels for those in need of food and toiletries. This is available to people living in the Exeter area.

<https://www.stmattsexeter.org/lyn>



## Financial Support

If you think that you might be entitled to benefits please follow the link below to the Government online calculator <https://www.betteroffcalculator.co.uk/#/calculator/new/step1>

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS:** All those in receipt of Free School Meals will receive a voucher. If you think you qualify you can apply for the Pupil Premium Grant, to receive Free School Meals. Applications need to be made via the Devon Citizens Portal - on the DCC website : <https://www.devon.gov.uk/supportforschools/services-and-contacts/free-school-meals>



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- Tuesday 9th June
- Tuesday 16th June
- Thursday 25th June
- Tuesday 30th June
- More details on our website

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### Parent Communication—WhatsApp Group

Many classes have WhatsApp groups set up to enable easy communication between parents in the same class. As a school we are communicating with the Class Representatives and letting them know when we send communications so they can share this via WhatsApp to help ensure important messages aren't missed. If you are not a member of your class WhatsApp group and you would like to be please email your name, mobile number and the class your child is in to [infant.admin@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:infant.admin@ladysmithfederation.net) and we will pass this on to the Class Rep.

### Black Lives Matter

Thank you for all the feedback we have received from both staff and parents helping us to make links within our local community. If you would like to be part of our working/listening party focusing on the development of our school curriculum and underlying ethos of our school please contact either Mrs Brown or Mrs Collinge via [infant.admin@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:infant.admin@ladysmithfederation.net)

### Water Safety

**This summer, our Lifeguards can't be on every beach, meaning a heightened water safety risk to beach goers. We are asking you to help us share some important messages with your child Please use the link for RNLI [Beach Safety Campaign](#). It is vital every one of us takes responsibility for our own, and our families', safety**

If you're looking for ways to engage, educate and entertain your children at home, play our Water Safety Wednesday series [Water Safety from](#)



[Home resources](#) are perfect for primary school-