

# Ladysmith Federation

## Ladysmith Federation News

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

### Federation News

THANK  
YOU  
VERY  
MUCH

*It's the end of another week where again, we have felt incredibly grateful to the whole Ladysmith Community for many wonderful reasons!*

*We would like to thank all of the staff across the federation for their tireless efforts as they continue to support our children and families during this time.*

*Thank you specifically to Greg at the University of Exeter (and parent at the Junior School) who has kindly donated and 'repurposed' some old laptops for use by children who are unable to access remote learning. Please get in touch with your child's teacher if you are in need of a laptop and we can add you to a waiting list.*



Home Learning—please feel free to use the additional resources below

<https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/virtual-visit/online-activities/activities-for-kids/>

There are plenty of mindful colouring pages on this site linked to artists.

#### Mental Health

Amid the Covid 19 pandemic, supporting the wellbeing of children has never been so important. This '10 Top Tips Parent Resource' is designed to offer advice on how parents can safeguard children's mental health and promote their wellbeing.

<https://sscpd.co.uk/education/parentsandguardians/child-mental-health-10-tips-for-parents/-/pj==>

**Chester Zoo - Virtual Day at the Zoo.** Friday 22nd, live on their Facebook and YouTube pages, 'gates' open at 10am! Find out more at: [https://](https://www.chesterzoo.org/virtual-zoo-2/)

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#### Virtual School Library

Oak National Academy and the National Literacy

Trust have come together to launch a Virtual School Library to help keep children reading during lockdown.

Every week, a popular children's author will become 'Author of the Week' and provide a free book or audiobook and exclusive videos and activities aimed at

primary school children, all available at <https://library.thenational.academy/>

This week's Author is Jacqueline Wilson.



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**Do you have an old laptop that you could donate to Ladysmith Federation?**

The Infant and Junior schools need more good quality laptops so that they can make sure all children can access online learning properly during lockdown.

If you can help, please bring your old laptop to the Infant school office during school hours. Any laptops need to be in good condition, will need the correct charger and users need to be able to access the internet; we would unfortunately not be able to return any laptops donated.

Make sure you have deleted all personal data (such as any documents etc) before you donate your laptop! The school's IT support team will also be checking these and getting them ready to hand out.

Perhaps your employer has some old work laptops that they would be willing to pass on?

Please contact CPTT if you think your organisation can help or if you have any questions or other ideas! Email us at [cptt@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:cptt@ladysmithfederation.net)

**COVID-19**  
WEEKLY UPDATE



### **National Lockdown**

**[Please follow this link to see a summary of what you can and cannot do during the national lockdown.](#)**

### **Testing**

#### **When to get a test**

If you have symptoms, get a test as soon as possible.

Book a visit to a test site to have the test today. Test sites are open 7 days a week. Order a home test kit if you cannot get to a test site.

#### **England and Northern Ireland**

You need to get the test done in the first 8 days of having symptoms.

On days 1 to 7, you can get tested at a site or at home. If you're ordering a home test kit on day 7, do it by 3pm.

On day 8, you need to go to a test site - it's too late to order a home test kit

**[Follow this link to the NHS testing information page](#)**

**Please follow this link for advice on when and how to get a coronavirus test.**



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### Young Artists

The Royal Academy of Arts is holding The Young Artists' Summer Show. This is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 5 - 19 years studying in the UK and British schools overseas. The children submit artwork, which will then be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals and the winning entries will be shown as part of an online gallery. More details can be found here <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved#howitworks>



If you want to take part, Mrs Salter has registered Ladysmith School so parents can create an account on this page <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/submissions/1> and then submit a copy of the child's artwork, which will then be linked to the school.



### A message of thanks from Exeter Foodbank.

Thank you for being one of the organisations or individuals who donate food to Exeter Foodbank.

During the challenging times of 2020 we always knew we would have enough food to feed people in the Exeter area who came to us. This is because we are so well supported by members of the community, we couldn't do this without you!



**Total donations for 2020: 200 kgs**

**Equivalent to the weight of 2 elephants!**

### Ladysmith Junior School wants to recruit passionate children to join the Ladysmith Junior School Sports Crew.

The Sports Crew will be involved in running and leading active challenges over lockdown and when school opens they will help Miss Hartland design and run competitions and events for the rest of the school.

If you are interested in this amazing opportunity then apply at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HH9PDC5>  
Applications need to be completed by 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### Click below for a Bitesize Video from Children and Family Health Devon

[Resource for families and professionals to help recognise and support children with ASD.](#)

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/>

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### Infant and Nursery School

**15th—19th February—Half Term break**

### Junior School

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