

# Ladysmith Federation

## Junior School News

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Happy Retirement!

We would like to bid a fond farewell to 3 long-standing members of staff who are retiring at the end of the year.

**Miss Rowden, Mrs Cudmore and Miss Mushtaq** are hanging up their teaching boots after a combined **90** years at Ladysmith!! They will be sorely missed and I am sure that you will all join me in wishing them all the very best for the future as they embark on their new adventures!

If you would like to send any messages, please feel free to send Mr Broad an email at [dbroad@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:dbroad@ladysmithfederation.net) or drop a card in and we will forward it on.

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



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WEEK**

**3NW**—3NWs SOW is Ashley for being so positive, enthusiastic and happy during all of our zoom and phonecalls

**3CH**—Kenji for trying really hard with his writing and for keeping up his reading at home! Well done Kenji.

**3CP**—Tom M for really engaging in the VIPERS this week and writing down all his answers, awesome work! Also for creating a cardboard box escape game – maybe the next Houdini!

**4AN**—Grace is our star this week! She choreographed and performed a fabulous dance routine with her sister, full of energy, rhythm and smiles!

**4RC**—George for making a sustained effort in his home learning and for working creatively! We've loved his animations and his story 'How the dog got it's fur'.

**4GM**—Oliver S for all of his creative efforts with his home learning and his great use of digital drawing.

**5MS**—Lily—For working really hard on all the work on study ladder.

**5SW**—Matilda —She spoke so clearly and was really precise with her instructions for baking cookies—she has filmed herself making them. [Click here to check it out!](#)

**5LD**—Max - completed a 20 mile bike ride and raised over £300 for St Petrocks. Well done, Max!!!

**6MC**—Star of the week goes to Heidi for matching her daily fashion so well with her animal rainforest painting theme; truly creative!

**6JE**—Issy for her efforts and perseverance with the home learning and particularly her 500 word story, Sky High where she has used great description and effective dialogue to create a feeling of suspense.

**6IE**—Star of the week goes to Sophia for rescuing a trapped hedgehog and caring for it until it was strong enough to return back to the wild.



### **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.

You can direct parents to apply for free school meals through the [Free School Meal Portal](#).

If you have any other queries relating to free school meal entitlement you can email the team at [freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk).

## **Key Updates**



### **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 folder.
- We ask that you use the hand sanitiser before and after your visit.

### **September**

At the moment, we have had no guidance from government about what a return to school in September may look like. This is frustrating for parents and schools alike and we will be in touch as soon as we have any further information.

### **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.

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We work with Sustrans in order to support families travelling to school. As part of our annual report on everything we have achieved each year with our schools, we usually ask classes to complete a Hands Up survey on their travelling habits and preferences.

The circumstances of COVID-19 mean that we cannot complete our standard surveys in the classroom, instead we are asking parents to provide some feedback using the survey link below.

<https://sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/parent-survey-june-2020>

**Survey closes Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 11.59pm**

In order to encourage as many parents as possible to complete this, Sustrans are offering £100 worth of prizes to the school in our area that has the highest percentage of returns.

### **Piano / Keyboard Lessons**

If you are interested in piano or keyboard lessons, Ros Lane, who teaches peripatetic lessons at the Junior School is accepting new students. She is able to offer face-to-face or virtual lessons.

Please contact Ros directly:

[Rozlane@aol.com](mailto:Rozlane@aol.com)

07979 476075



## **Ladysmith Fox Watch!**

For many years Ladysmith Junior School has had a family of foxes living on the field.

This year, Mrs Bailey has set up cameras and made a video.

[\*\*Click here to watch the video!\*\*](#)



### **Free 'HOPE Programme' for Carers and Parents of Children with Challenging Behaviour.**

Organised by the Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, the HOPE Programme (Help Overcoming Problems Effectively) is based on a course developed by the University of Coventry to help people cope better with long-term medical conditions – including mental health issues such as anxiety, stress and depression.

A course for Carers will be running over 17<sup>th</sup> July – 21<sup>st</sup> August (around 2 hours a week) and there will be a course for parents of children with challenging behaviour, for which dates will be confirmed.

Find out more about both courses and [\*\*book/express an interest here.\*\*](#)

**Thriving with Nature.** [\*\*Download a free copy of the guide\*\*](#) which includes suggestions for improving mental health and wellbeing by connecting with nature:



### **Contact – Free Family Workshops.**

Contact have arranged a series of **free** virtual workshops as a way of delivering family support services during these challenging times. Workshops include; Encouraging Positive Behaviour, Wellbeing for you, Managing your Child's Sleep and Speech, Language & Communication Skills. With new courses to be announced. [\*\*Follow the link\*\*](#) and click onto the appropriate workshop to book a place.

### **Dear Wild Learners...**

**CHALLENGE:** This week we want you to become animal detectives!

Animals leave all sorts of clues that they have been around, from footprints, to feathers, to holes in the ground and yes, even their own droppings – yuk! (if you do find these - please don't touch or get too close!)

Whilst outside explore what clues are around - if you find anything curious take a picture or do a drawing of it and send it to us! Try and tell us what you think it is too.

The winning pupil(s) will receive an FSC identification guide on Tracks and Signs of British animals. 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](mailto:ebacon@devonwildlifetrust.org) by the deadline of Sunday 28th June - we will be in touch with the winner afterwards.

Best Wishes, Paul and Emily from Devon Wildlife Trust



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