

# Ladysmith Federation

## Infant and Nursery Newsletter



Friday 2nd October 2020



### Ambition

This month we are celebrating Black History Month. We will be sharing stories with the children in assemblies from black authors and celebrating the lives of significant black individuals. During the year we will be celebrating diversity throughout the school.



### Adventure

It must be autumn because the pumpkins have arrived at Forest School!



### Achievement

Congratulations to all the children who completed the Doodle Maths Summer Challenge. They all received a certificate and badge in school today.



## Federation News

You may have heard in the local media about a new initiative called "School Streets" which is when a road outside a school is temporarily closed to motor vehicles. This opens the street up to families on foot, bike or scooter and enables social distancing to take place. Our scheme will cover Pretoria Road and Claremont Road (The road off Ladysmith Road, leading to the Junior School entrance) and we are looking for volunteers to take on the role of School Street Operatives. We know many of you have expressed how eager you are to support improvements to the traffic situation around school and we are hoping that our school community will step up and join us in this venture. Those offering to volunteer will be trained and will receive a high visibility jacket to wear when the scheme is operation; between 8.35 and 9.05 in the morning and 2.50 and 3.40 after school. Please get in touch if you can help.



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# Information and Advice for Parents

## Covid Testing

We are looking for supportive tips and advice from those of you who have taken children for a Covid test. In order to help those who may need to take one in future. For example, we are aware that if going to a drive-through test centre, you will not be able to leave your car. Having another member of the household in the back of the car, next to your child to comfort them could be a good idea. If you have any other similar ideas for making the process better, please let us know.

## Social Distancing

With the recent tightening of restrictions and the realisation that social distancing at school drop-off and pick-up times is impossible in places, we would like to encourage all adults to wear a mask whilst on school premises at both schools. We recognise that not all people are able to wear a mask for health reasons. We would like to reassure you that staff will not be challenging people who are not wearing a mask. We also ask that parents do not judge or question each other. We know that staying safe is tricky on some parts of the school site and on the roads in the area. Please DO NOT arrive early or congregate along the pavements before the gates open. Mr Gaik (our school caretaker) would also really appreciate it if you could wait behind the yellow lines on the pavement outside when he unlocks the gates.

We understand that timings are challenging, especially if you have a number of children to drop off and collect at both schools. However space is very limited especially along Pretoria Road and we need to limit the risk of infection as much as possible.

Thank you very much.

## **All Weather Clothing**

As the weather becomes more Autumnal, our job of keeping the children safe by being outdoors as much as possible, becomes a challenge. We know that reducing the spread of Covid is supported by being outdoors. We really need your help as we try to embrace the approach of the Norwegian people. They have a saying

### **“There’s no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes”**

We need all children to have a named pair of wellies in school. Our usual stocks of wellies, coats and trousers can't be shared between children and so we are asking all parents to provide a pair for their children, to be kept in school. This will enable us to get outside whatever the weather. Your child will also need a named, waterproof coat and waterproof trousers.

We understand that some of you will find this requirement a stretch financially. Please get in touch if this is the case.

Some families may have old wellies and waterproofs that children have grown out of that they may like to donate to school. If you have pairs to give, please drop them off outside the office window and we will make sure that another child benefits from them.

We have a strong inclusive ethos at Ladysmith which goes hand in hand with our love of being outdoors with children. We appreciate your help maintaining both of these characteristics despite Covid!



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## Year 1 and Year 2 Parents - Seesaw Family App

You should have received your Seesaw Family App activation email today. This will allow you to view some of the learning that your child has been doing in school. If you have not yet received your activation message, please check your junk box. If you have any problems with accessing the App or signing in please contact your child's class teacher using the year group support email addresses.

## Bug Club Passwords

We would like to apologise for the trouble that many of you have been having when logging into Bug Club. The Bug Club system has changed its requirement for password length, therefore many of the passwords are no longer working.

Your child's password has now changed to the name of their class.

For example,  
Seahorse or Butterfly.

## Support for Parents

If you would like to get in touch with someone at the school for advice. Please contact our Family Support Worker Mrs Sandy Williams by phone on 01392 271 596 or email [swilliams@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:swilliams@ladysmithfederation.net)

There are other local support groups that you may wish to contact as well.



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## Dates for the Diary

Parent Consultations will take place over the last 2 weeks of term -12th and 19th October. More details to follow soon.

Infant School Photographs: Friday 16th October

Yr 1 West Town Farm Trips:

- Dragonfly Class—19th October
- Bumblebee Class—20th October
- Butterfly Class—22nd October

Last day of the half term: 23rd October

Flu Vaccinations: Friday 13th November

Please use the calendar on our school website to see all the upcoming dates!

<http://www.ladysmithfederation.net/web/calendar/215286>