

Ladysmith Federation

Infant and Nursery Newsletter



Friday 25th September 2020



Ambition

This is our second week focusing on **Kelso's Choices** with the children. It helps them to try and solve small problems themselves. See if your child can name the 9 different options on the wheel. Why not ask your child if they have used Kelso's Choices this week.



Adventure

We have been enjoying Happy Lunchtimes again this week!



Achievement

Congratulations go to **Hedgehog Class** this week who are the Top Doodling Class. Don't forget that Doodle Maths is a brilliant resource to use at home with your child.



Federation News

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 from next week. (The staff will not be wearing masks during the school day)

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.

Please also prepare the children for the fact that adults will be wearing masks on site and reassure them that this is not something to be alarmed about – we are just keeping each other safe.



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Information and Advice for Parents

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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Information and advice for parents

For the Love of Reading and Online Learning

The British Library has lots of information, ideas and activities based on children's books. Alongside, author and illustrator interviews, exploring characters from children's books and tales from around the world <https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books>

Tiny Happy People

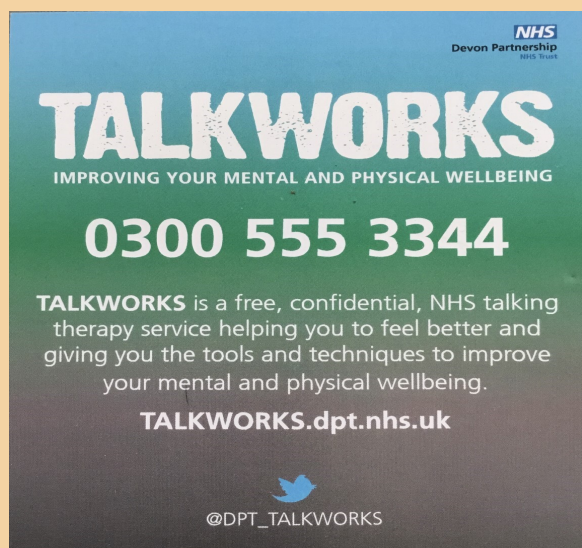
Tiny Happy People was fantastic over the lockdown period as a resource Tiny Happy People is here to help you develop your child's communication skills. Explore our simple activities and play ideas and find out about their amazing early development. Follow the link below. Well worth a look!
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



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

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



POPS Reading Resources

POPS stands for Plenty Of Potential and POP's passionately believe your child can reach their true potential in reading by using resources specifically designed to play to their strengths.

The POPS Reading Scheme is designed for children with: **Autism (ASD) ,Down syndrome and Speech and Language Impairment.** The reading scheme delivers a natural language experience where children are taught the language they will need in their everyday lives. The story topics are understandable and relevant to the child's experiences. The illustrations are simple, attractive and uncluttered. For more details go to: https://www.popsresources.com/?fbclid=IwAR2mIPlsn7VcpXlfw3DFXr_ZVdZeMGELU7gUQF13LhAAAd0bvgx_UXAX8LdA Sibs - for brothers and sisters