

Ladysmith Federation

Infant and Nursery Newsletter



Friday 3rd July 2020



Ambition

DoodleMaths Summer Challenge

What you need to do!

Step 1: Log in to the Parent Dashboard and in the Summer Challenge panel, press Register next to your child's name

Step 2: Encourage your child to earn 750 stars (or 600 if they were born after 31/08/13) and achieve a 14-day streak in DoodleMaths

Step 3: When your child has reached their goal, visit the Parent Dashboard and press Submit entry to claim their reward.

If you have any questions or need any help, just head to the Parent Dashboard or doodlemaths.com

Adventure



Devon
Wildlife Trust

This week we want you to think about **How to look after Wildlife**. We want you to make a poster about how to help wildlife.

Make sure that you include the student's first name, age and school and send it to Emily from the education team by the deadline of **Sunday 5th July**.

ebacon@devonwildlifetrust.org

Achievement



This is a beautiful collage of work that some of the children have been working on to celebrate coming back together as a school community.

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have seen that there is new guidance relating to the children returning in September. We have started to plan our "Recovery Curriculum" which will be focused on everyone's wellbeing. We want children to feel safe and happy on their return and a crucial part of that will be building relationships in their new classes. We know that many of you and your children will be feeling excited and looking forward to returning to school but we also know that some children and their families may be feeling anxious. We want all families to feel confident and we will do everything we can to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and staff at Ladysmith; we are very much looking forward to welcoming all of the children back in September and will share our plans with you soon.



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Children and families

Theatre Alibi

We have had many fantastic performances from Theatre Alibi across the Federation that have been organised by the CPTT.

They have some AMAZING FREE resources on their website

<https://www.theatrealibi.co.uk/things-for-now-2/>

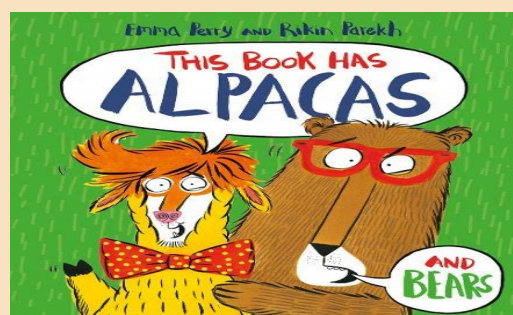
This includes free online productions and the Theatre Alibi Exchange encourages children to create something, such as a poem, puppet, film or dance and in exchange the company will make something to send back.



For the Love of Reading

Babcock have a website that is brilliant for children to be able to access books online and lots of fun activities and competitions.

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/>



FREE Solihull Parenting Courses

If you would like some support with the behaviour of your child during this period. Devon Local Maternity System have purchased a multi-user licence for four Solihull Approach online courses, for all parents and parents-to-be. This is available for all Devon families and covers pregnancy to 19.

- Understanding your pregnancy, birth, labour and your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your teenagers brain

Please follow the link to the courses www.inourplace.co.uk - You will need to use the access code **TAMAR** to get the FREE courses

Take Five

Parenting Hints & Tips from Sandy Williams (Family Support Worker) & Helen Keenor (SENDCO).

1. Watch one (or more) of Mrs Pearce's video clips about feelings/emotions.
2. Do some water painting – all you need is a paint brush, sponge, or a scrunched up old cloth, and some water. Use the water to 'paint' patterns on a wall, the garden fence, paving stones etc. This is definitely an outdoor activity!
3. Put some dried pasta or rice into a large bowl, and hide small objects in it. You could make it a bit more interesting by giving each item a certain number of points, and see who can get the most.
4. Use dried pasta to make jewellery for each other by threading or tying it onto wool or string. You could paint, or colour it with felt-tip pens.
5. Try blowing a ping pong ball, or scrunched up piece of paper across the table, or floor. See who can be first to cross the finish line!


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
- Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) and Seesaw (Year One and Two)
- Our Learning support email addresses: receptionsupport@ladysmithfederation.net year1support@ladysmithfederation.net 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 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

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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>



Free School Meals – During Summer Holiday Period

Children in England who are eligible for free school meals will receive a **six-week food voucher to cover the summer holiday period worth £90**, after a campaign by Manchester United and England footballer Marcus Rashford.

Please refer to the Department for Education guidance [here](#).

We strongly recommend that, if you think you may qualify, you complete a quick application online to check whether you are eligible for this funding via the [Devon Citizens Portal](#).

If you complete this check in the next 5 working days and qualify, you will receive a £90 food voucher before the end of term. Your child will also receive assistance with school trips and potentially secure free school dinners when joining the Junior school.

If you apply and you receive confirmation you are eligible, please take a screen shot of the message you receive and email it to infant.admin@ladysmithfederation.net.



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Feedback from Parents

We feel very proud of what our Ladysmith Community of children, families and staff have been able to achieve by working together during this difficult time. Tapestry and Seesaw have proved valuable assets helping us keep in contact with our families online even when the school was closed for the majority of you.

We would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to log any comments on Parent View. It only takes a minute or two to register on the OFSTED website and then you can answer a few short questions about your experience as a parent at Ladysmith.

Click here to take part:



Year 2 parents - A message from Mr Wilkinson at the Junior School.

If, having watched the clip of the virtual school tour, you feel that your child would benefit from a tour of the school, we are able to offer some small group tours over the coming weeks. For anybody wishing to visit the school, we are organising socially distanced tours with groups of up to 6.

Each child is only able to bring one adult and so 3 children and 3 adults will join either Mr Broad or myself after school. If you would like to join one of these tours, please send the names of the two people attending the tour to Mr Broad at dbroad@ladysmithfederation.net and he will get back to you with an allocated date / time.

Kind regards Mr Wilkinson

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-aged children

