

Ladysmith Federation

Infant and Nursery Newsletter



Friday 11th September 2020



Ambition

Online Learning

You should have received your passwords to activate your Seesaw and Tapestry accounts. You should also now be able to access Active Learning and Doodle Maths with your child which are brilliant resources to support learning at home.



Adventure



As part of our Recovery Curriculum our schools focus next week will be the emotion of **Happiness**. We are looking forward to sharing some photographs of children's learning in next weeks Newsletter.

Achievement

What an **AMAZING** first week we've had back in School. The children have been learning about what makes Ladysmith special.

Alongside Ambition, Adventure, Achievement we have been remembering our **5 Golden Rules**. Ask your child if they know what they are and if they have used them this week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

All the staff would like to say a huge thank you to families for being so flexible and understanding this week. We know that the changes that we have made due to Covid have been challenging for some of you. We all really appreciate your forbearance and would like to report that the children have been truly amazing!

We are very lucky to have such a brilliant school community.



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Information and Advice for Parents

Staying Safe

We have worked hard to make sure that our "bubbles" in school do not come into contact with each other. We have increased handwashing, cleaning and how we manage play and lunchtimes. It has taken much thought and we're still adapting what we do to lower the risk at all available opportunities, while remembering that the wellbeing of the children is equally important. Staff wellbeing is also very important and some staff suffer from increased anxiety from working in an environment where 2m distancing is not always possible.

For this reason, I would like to ask for your help in the following:

- *Please do not linger on site after drop-off and pick-up. We know it is great to catch-up with friends, but this can't happen on our school site.*
- *Please do not allow the children to play on the equipment in the mornings and afternoons.*
- *Please follow the one-way systems and try to maintain social distancing.*

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions or areas that you need to discuss. You can contact the admin team on infant.admin@ladysmithfederation.net or the year group inboxes for learning and welfare related enquiries at:

receptionsupport@ladysmithfederation.net; Year1support@ladysmithfederation.net;

Year2support@ladysmithfederation.net. Alternatively, please call us on 01392271596 or speak to a teacher or member of staff outside in the morning or afternoon. The more we can work together, the better it will be for the children. Thank you again!

Staggered Start and Finish Times

Here is a reminder of the staggered timings at the start and end of the day.

We are looking forward to welcoming Nursery children in next week.

- * Nursery: 9am – 3pm
- * Squirrel Class (RS): 9.05 – 3.20
- * Rabbit Class (RR): 8.55 – 3.10
- * Hedgehog Class (RH): 8.45 – 3pm
- * Bumblebee Class (1BB): 8.55 – 3.10
- * Dragonfly Class (1D): 8.45 – 3pm
- * Butterfly Class (1B): 9.05 – 3.20
- * Seahorse Class (2S): 9.05 – 3.20
- * Turtle Class (2T): 8.55 – 3.10
- * Dolphin Class (2D): 8.45 – 3pm

P.E Kits and Water Bottles

A gentle reminder to parents that it is really important that children bring their own labelled water bottle to school with them each day. They also need to come to school wearing their PE kits on the following days:

**Tuesday –Year 1, Wednesday –Year 2
Thursday – Year R**

Bike Sheds

You are still able to use the bike sheds if you are using different gates for your drop off and pick up times. Can you please make sure that you maintain social distancing when doing so and use the Year 1 gate to enter or exit from.



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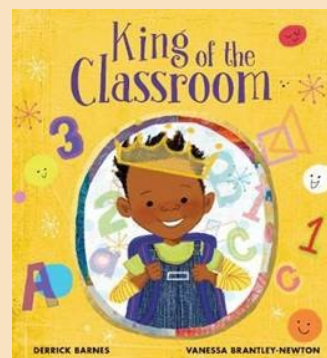
For the Love of Reading

We will be busy hearing children read in school over the next few weeks. Reading Books and Home Reading Records will be going home on Friday 18th September. In the meantime please make the most of Bug Club.

Book Recommendation of the Week

King of the Classroom

It's the first day at school for one little boy, and his mum and dad are determined that he be excited and happy about it. Mummy says her little boy is going to be King of the Classroom! Before he gets there, he'll use a golden brush to clean Ye Royal Toothlets and eat a breakfast fit for a King. Once at school, our kind, friendly king greets his kingdom cheerfully and takes a seat at the Round Table; important matters such as letters, numbers and shapes are discussed. At break time, the little boy is brave, like a king, and asks a little girl to play with him. Not only does she say yes, but she helps him fight a giant fire-breathing dragon! Finally, at the end of his first day at school, the King of the Classroom returns home to tell his subjects all about his amazing day.



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.



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Yoga for Children

There are so many fantastic resources out there for free online yoga for children. As part of our Wellbeing focus we have been using Cosmic Kids in school. Why don't you give it a try at home as well.

<https://www.cosmickids.com/>



After School Clubs

We are hoping to be able to start running some of our Football and Gymnastics Clubs again in Year Group bubbles in October. More details to follow next week