

Ladysmith Federation

Infant and Nursery Newsletter



Friday 9th 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. Throughout the year we will be celebrating diversity.



Adventure

This week the children have been learning about how making mistakes help them to learn. This is linked to the work we have been doing weekly on Growth Mindset through our Recovery Curriculum.



Achievement

Congratulations to the Hedgehog Class this week who are the top doodlers!



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.



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Information and Advice for Parents



Opal Donations

We are trying to maintain as much of the Opal play ethos as possible within the Covid Restrictions. Children are still being given the opportunity to play imaginatively and creatively in their Year Group Bubbles outside at playtimes and lunchtimes. A lot of our resources have been played with so much by the children that they are starting to look a little worn. We are

looking for parent donations if you have recently cleared out the attic, shed or garage. Rather than taking to the charity shop we would love the children to use the following items: **Suitcases, Keyboards and old phones.** For the Sandpit **buckets and spades, pots and pans and baking trays.**

We will leave some big tubs outside the office for any donations. We will quarantine these items before giving to the children to play with.



Do you think you might be entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant? There is now a way of checking online and it's really straightforward. If your child is eligible, they may be able to continue to have free hot lunches at the junior school, a free school jumper, half price trips. They may also be entitled to additional support at school. Just click on the link below and follow the instructions: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk>

- ◇ -Click on 'check eligibility'
- ◇ - Create new account– Proceed
- ◇ - Select a local authority – Devon
- ◇ Scroll to Ladysmith Infant School
- ◇ - Accept privacy notice Enter Name, DOB and National Insurance number.



Parents Evening

Due to Covid restrictions we have decided to hold telephone consultations with parents. We think that this offers the simplest means of communicating directly with you. You will receive a call from your child's class teacher on a specified date and time. This may be a call from an undisclosed number, number unknown or from the school phone number. We will use the main contact number that you have provided. If you think this may have changed, please contact the school office to check that we have an up to date number. The call will last between five and ten minutes. If there is more to discuss then we can arrange a follow-up call at another date. We hope that you understand the reason for this change in our usual parent evening protocol and that we can resume our usual methods of meeting with you as soon as possible. A Parentmail will follow shortly with dates.



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Year 1 and Year 2 Parents - Seesaw Family App

You should have received your Seesaw Family App activation email. 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.

Covid-19 Exeter Wellbeing Support Fund

Exeter Wellbeing Support Fund is there to give rapid short-term financial support. It is aimed at those in financial hardship as a direct result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The scheme is for anyone who is not already catered for through other means. Meeting an immediate need, by providing items or support that there is no current help for. Please complete our 'Individuals requesting community support' form on the Exeter City Council website.

<https://exeter.gov.uk/clean-safe-city/community-safety/coronavirus/covid-19-exeter-wellbeing-support-fund>

If you need help to complete the online application form please call 01392 265000. Lines are open Mon -Fri 09.00-17.00.

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

Dates for the Diary

- **Infant School Photographs Friday 16th October-Please see Parentmail for details of how to sign up for an account**

Year 1 West Town Farm Trip:

- **Dragonfly Monday 19th October**
- **Bumblebee Tuesday 20th October**
- **Butterfly Thursday 22nd October**
- **Last day of the half term Friday 23rd October**
- **First Day back Monday 2nd November**
- **Flu Vaccinations Friday 13th November**



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