

# Ladysmith Federation

## Infant and Nursery Newsletter



Friday 1st May 2020



A **HUGE** and heartfelt **THANK YOU** for the amazing class videos that you have been sharing with us this week. We are all speechless with admiration (for a group of teachers, that is a rare thing!) and very touched. We can't wait to see you back at school, when the time comes.



### Ambition

#### Free Library Resources

Exeter Central Library has a range of free resources that all library members can access online. Download and stream free eBooks, eAudioBooks and eMagazines, with more than 3,500 titles. If you are not already a member then children can be individually registered on our [Devon Libraries website](https://www.exeterlibraries.org.uk/)

#### Local Events from Exeter Library

<https://www.facebook.com/ExeterLibrary/> Here you will find details of ongoing activities such as Bounce and Rhyme Storytime sessions and craft sessions for children, as well as items of interest for parents and carers. Summer Reading Challenge: Will definitely be going ahead this year but mainly online. Watch this space to find out more.....

### Adventure

#### Devon Wildlife Trust

Devon Wildlife Trust are sending out a new wild challenge every week for school pupils to undertake during this time of lockdown.

CHALLENGE: This week the theme is all about **MAMMALS**. We are challenging school children from the ages of 4 – 11 to pick their favourite mammal that lives in the UK and draw/paint it .

Each week the chosen winning pupil(s) will receive an FSC identification guide related to that topic- this week we have some on Mammal's up for grabs! To participate all you have to do is take a picture of your artwork, with the child's first name, age, and school and send it to Emily from the Education Team on [ebacon@devonwildlifetrust.org](mailto:ebacon@devonwildlifetrust.org) by the deadline of **Sunday 3rd May**.

### Achievement

Congratulations to **Dragonfly Class** who were the top doodlers this week with 83% of students on target.

We are also celebrating as the **Rabbit Class** have been earning lots of stars this week. Well Done to **Florence Hathaway** who earned an amazing 187 stars! **Chester, Lilianna, Lamorna, Elise, Zakaria and Charlie** all earned over 50 stars!



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# 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](mailto:infant.admin@ladysmithfederation.net)
- Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) and Seesaw (Year One and Two)
- Our Learning support email addresses: [receptionsupport@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:receptionsupport@ladysmithfederation.net) [year1support@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:year1support@ladysmithfederation.net) [year2support@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto: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](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

**NHS advice for parents and carers** During these unsettling times, you may have health and wellbeing concerns about your baby or child and be unsure how to get the help you need. Our local health visitors are still here to help. If you are a parent or carer and want confidential advice and support about your baby or child aged up to 19 years old, then you can text a health visitor on: 07520 631 721. They are available 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and can offer help on a wide range of issues such as mental health, family health and development, sleeping and feeding routines and adjusting to parenting.

If you are pregnant it is important that you still attend your antenatal appointments and continue to seek advice from your midwife or maternity team. If you are worried about your health or the health of your unborn baby, please contact your midwife or maternity team. If you are worried about the health of your baby or child, please call 111. If it's a serious or life-threatening emergency, call 999.

## Financial Support

If you think that you might be entitled to benefits please follow the link below to the Government online calculator <https://www.betteroffcalculator.co.uk/#/calculator/new/step1>

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS:** All those in receipt of Free School Meals will receive a hamper of food worth £20. This can be collected from school every Monday on a weekly basis. If you fall into one of the following categories, you can apply for the Pupil Premium Grant, and will qualify for Free School Meals. Applications need to be made via the Devon Citizens Portal - on the DCC website : <https://www.devon.gov.uk/supportforschools/services-and-contacts/free-school-meals> . To qualify you need to be claiming one of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- \*Child Tax Credit—providing you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income, as assessed by HMRC



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## Celebrating Children's Learning -Stars of the Week

RR –Bea B, Lamorna and Abigail who have all created joyous work

RS-Emerson -A real Thinking Chimp and Linking Spider exploring Science Experiments.

RH– Ava – Having a Can-do Bird attitude to learning crafting a mini beast book

1B– Molly and Sammy – They have both been completing activities online in such a fun way!

1D– Samuel, Chef Samuel produced a brilliant cooking video. He has been working so hard on his learning at home being a real Can-do-bird. He has made so much progress, especially in maths. We are really proud of you.

1BB– Sophie P for working so hard with her handwriting and being a Persevering Bear. She has practised and practised until she was happy with her letters! She has also been cooking, writing and learning her number bonds. Well Done Sophie!

2S– You are all stars of the week for creating a class video!

2T– Alfie, Well done for being a persevering bear and an achieving beaver. You have put so much effort and thought into your online learning. We are really proud of you

2D– Josh has been a concentrating Dolphin, paying attention to detail in his work. This can be seen particularly in his fabulous daily diary entries. A special mention as well to the whole class for their amazing video.

## Learning

### Seesaw and Tapestry- Link Videos

Next Week we will be launching our LINK videos on Seesaw and Tapestry to support families during this tricky time. They will be based on the 4 key emotions. We will be starting with the emotion of "HAPPY." These stories and activities are designed to be accessible for all ages within our school and we hope that you will find them beneficial.

### Bug club and Doodle Maths

If you haven't been using Bug Club and Doodle Maths, please do so as these programmes are an important part of the children's home learning. If you have any trouble logging on or don't know your log in details please contact your class teachers (via the email addresses) and they will be able to help you.

### Need Some Help with Online Learning?

If you are having any problems accessing Tapestry or Seesaw or that you don't have online learning access at home please contact the school and let us know.

We can then work together to find a way of supporting you and your child.

[receptionsupport@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:receptionsupport@ladysmithfederation.net)

[year1support@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:year1support@ladysmithfederation.net)

[year2support@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:year2support@ladysmithfederation.net)

### Speech and Language Support

Use the Parent Portal to access free speech and language activities

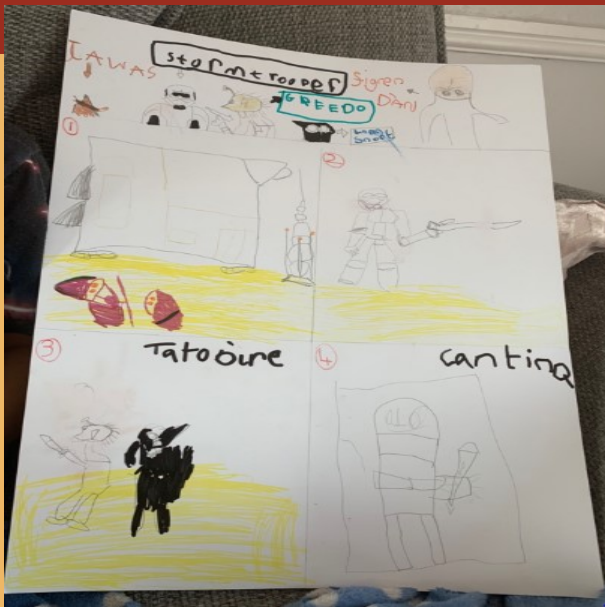
<https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

### Support from Gov.uk

Please use the link below to get more advice about how to help your child with their learning at home

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19>





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