

Ladysmith Federation

Infant and Nursery Newsletter



Friday 16th October 2020



Ambition

A massive THANK YOU goes to Emme and Rosa's parents for supplying us with a selection of wonderful books to support our need for quality resources with positive BAME characters.



Adventure

This week we have been celebrating Black History Month by finding out about the lives of significant black individuals. Here are some examples of the African masks we made!



Achievement

Congratulations to the Hedgehog Class who are the top doo-lders for the second week in a row!



Federation News

Online Safety

It can be hard to know how to talk to your child about online safety. From setting up parental controls to advice on sexting, online games and video apps, we can help you to understand the risks and keep your child safe.

The NSPCC has a huge amount of information, advice and support available on their website. [Click here](#) or on Buddy to go to their website.



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Information and Advice for Parents



Opal Donations

We really value play here at Ladysmith because it helps children to learn and develop: cognitive skills, physical abilities, new vocabulary, social skills and literacy skills.

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 from office for any donations that we will quarantine before giving the children to play with.



Do you think you might be entitled to a Pupil Premium grant? There is now a way of checking online and it's really straightforward. If your child is eligible, they will be able to have free hot lunches in the junior school, a free school jumper, half price trips and they may 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

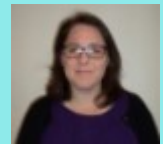


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Goodbye—We will miss you!

Our amazing business manager, Mrs Jessie Hay is leaving Ladysmith for a new post as Director of Finance at a Secondary School. Jessie has worked with enthusiasm, endless energy and real commitment to improving the school for the benefit of the children, families, staff and the wider community. We will all miss her hugely but know that she will continue to have an impact in her next role. In her time at the school, and alongside her role as business manager, she has been a true "Team Player Penguin" and has joined in with many tasks including doing the hoovering, decorating and has been known to move trees! A real superwoman. We hope she will stay in touch with everyone at Ladysmith.



Keeping Safe with Covid 19

Please remember that only 1 parent should attend the school site at a time. You are encouraged to wear a face covering on the school site.

Be assured that although staff are wearing visors or face coverings to welcome children in the morning, that they do not wear them in class unless under exceptional circumstances.

Follow the link for the latest government guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Parent Reminders

Please do not park in the staff car park when dropping off or picking up from FISH. It is not a safe place for children to enter and exit when the gates are open.

Remember not to include nuts or chocolate in your child's lunchbox. This is because we have individuals who are seriously allergic to these products.

Photographs

Proof cards for the photos taken by Frasier portraits today will be sent to the school in the next 2 weeks and then sent home with children. A Parentmail will be sent out when they are ready, so that you can check their bags! You will then be able to order them online or by phone with Frasier portraits.

Dates for the Diary

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

For all other dates please visit the school website.