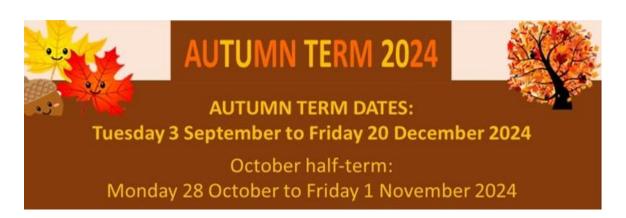


FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN TERM ■ ISSUE 2 ■ FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2024



Well done to this week's



Reception ~ Martha

Year 1 ~ Elliot

Year 2 ~ Emma

Year 3 ~ Nell

Year 4 ~ Jude

Year 5 ~ Penny

Year 6 ~ Joanie





Message from Mrs Tyson

Dear Parents and Carers



SFC is a national movement with the key objective of reducing smartphone usage by children. One of our parents, Amy Boy, is a regional leader for the movement and will play a key role in keeping the school and parents updated on new information and progress.

We have all heard about the negative impacts of smartphones on children's wellbeing and mental health and there is a growing number of parents signing up to a 'parent pact' which states they will not give their child a smartphone until they are at least 14 years old.

The parent pact aims to both reduce peer pressure for our children and encourage the development of a supportive community with whom to connect with during what is a complex challenge for all of us. Once you sign the pact you can view who is already signed up in your area and school.

If you are interested in learning more, we have supplied links below to both the SFC website and the link to 'parent pact' – in case you are already fully onboard!

Additionally, there is an event at Embsay Primary School on the 30 September 2024 open to anyone who is curious about the research and how to protect their child against the harms of social media and online bullying. The event is informal and extremely inclusive. Whatever your position, this is a judgment free environment. We are all trying to navigate this in the best way for our families and children. We hope to see some of you there.

If you have any questions about the event or the movement, please do speak with Amy directly (amy.boy.LPS@gmail.com) and we will send more information in due course.

https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/the-problem

https://parentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk

MRS MELANIE TYSON Headteacher

SAVE THE DATE

Please note there may be circumstances in which these dates are subject to change. More information will follow at a later date about events listed below:

Thu 19 Sep 2024 - Rocksteady Band Assembly and Workshops

Fri 20 Sep 2024 - Class 1 Bedtime Story Day

Tue 24 Sep 2024 - South Craven Cluster KS2 Cross Country event at South Craven School

Thu 26 Sep 2024 - LSA Autumn Bake Sale
Thu 3 Oct 2024 - National Poetry Day
Fri 4 Oct 2024 - Grandparents' Day
w/c 7 Oct 2024 - World Space Week

Tue 8 Oct 2024 - Harvest Festival:

Class 1 & Class 2 in school (morning – times tbc)

Class 3 & Class 4 at Christ Church, Lothersdale (afternoon – times tbc)

Thu 10 Oct 2024 - Hello Yellow / World Mental Health Day

Mon 14 Oct 2024 - Class 4 Marrick Priory Parent Information Evening

w/c 14 Oct 2024 - National Hate Crime Awareness Week

Fri 18 Oct 2024 - Black History Day w/c 21 Oct 2024 - Magnificent Me Week

Tue 22 Oct 2024 - Whole School Flu Immunisations

Wed 23 Oct 2024 - Y5/6 South Craven Cluster Boys Football Tournament at South Craven School

Thu 24 Oct 2024 - Pumpkin Carving Day and Competition

Fri 25 Oct 2024 - School breaks up at 3:15pm for the October half-term
Thu 31 Oct 2024 - Deadline for online submission for a secondary school place

Fri 1 Nov 2024 - Diwali

Mon 4 Nov 2024 - School re-opens for Autumn 2nd Half Wed 6 Nov 2024 - Winston Plowes (Poet) in school pm

Sun 10 Nov 2024 - Remembrance Sunday at the Village Cenotaph (School Council pupils)

w/c 10 Nov 2024 - Inter Faith Week
Mon 11 Nov 2024 - Remembrance Day

w/c 11 Nov 2024 - Class 4 residential visit to Marrick Priory

w/c 11 Nov 2024 - Anti-Bullying WeekTue 12 Nov 2024 - Odd Socks DayWed 13 Nov 2024 - World Kindness Day

Wed 13 Nov 2024 - Winston Plowes (Poet) in school pm

Wed 13 Nov 2024 - Y5/6 South Craven Cluster Girls Football Tournament at South Craven School

Fri 15 Nov 2024 - BBC Children in Need w/c 18 Nov 2024 - Road Safety Week

Tue 19 Nov 2024 - Parent Consultations (2.15pm to 6pm)
Wed 20 Nov 2024 - Y5/6 South Craven Cluster Clay Workshop

Wed 20 Nov 2024 - LSA Bag2School collection

Thu 21 Nov 2024 - Parent Consultations (2.15pm to 6.30pm)

Tue 10 Dec 2024 - Human Rights Day

Fri 13 Dec 2024 - Last Autumn Class 3 swimming lesson

Tue 17 Dec 2024 - Whole School Christmas Concert at Skipton Town Hall **Wed 18 Dec 2024** - John Froud: Whole school 'Christmas in a Day' workshops

Wed 18 Dec 2024 - Christmas Lunch Thu 19 Dec 2024 - Christmas Party Day

Fri 20 Dec 2024 - School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas break

DEADLINES & REMINDERS

It would be really helpful if requested reply slips/payments etc. could be completed/paid by the stated deadlines to enable us to process the paperwork effectively this week. Thank you.

W/c 16 September 2024

Fri

Mon - School Council Ballot

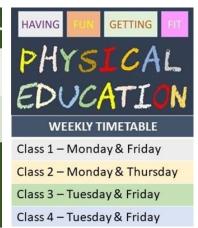
- Deadline for Class 1 Bedtime Story Day online replies

Thu - Rocksteady Workshop

- Deadline for payment via SchooGateway for the Reception bookbag and PE bag

- Class 1 Bedtime Story Day (see below)
- Class 3 swimming lesson

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Class 4	Year 4	Class 4	Year 4	Class 4
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		8.20 to 8.45am		



EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ AUTUMN TERM 2024					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Running Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	Dodgeball 3.15 to 4.15pm	Book Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	Supersports 3.15 to 4.15pm	Football 3.15 to 4.15pm	
Soccer Tots 3.15 to 4.15pm		Construction Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	Young Voices Choir 3.15 to 4.15pm	<u> </u>	

The member of staff/activity provider will bring the children out to the playground at the end of each session to ensure a safe handover to parents/carers

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATES

Please find detailed below general updates for your information. If you have any queries regarding any of the content below, please contact the school office.



Rocksteady Workshops ~ Thursday 19 September 2024

Exciting news! From Wednesday 6 November 2024, we will be welcoming Rocksteady Music School to Lothersdale Primary School. It's an incredible opportunity for the children to learn to play their

favourite songs in their very own band with a choice of drums, keyboards, electric guitar, bass guitar or vocals.

To introduce the children to Rocksteady, workshops will be held in school on Thursday 19 September, giving them a chance to try out the instruments and learn all about being a musician in a band.

A letter was sent out on Thursday 12 September with more information and your child will also be given a letter from the Rocksteady team at the workshops next Thursday so look out for it in their bookbags next week!

Class 1 ~ Bedtime Story Day! ~ Friday 20 September 2024



Class 1 (Reception) are having a Bedtime Story Day on Friday 20 September 2024 and a letter was emailed to parents/carers today. Please complete the form via the link or QR code on the letter by Monday 16 September 2024.

Class 1 will come to school in their PJs or onesie (*they will still need their school shoes and coat*), along with their favourite bedtime story book. We look forward to seeing parents/carers in school from 9:00am to 9:30am to share a story with your child.

Lothersdale Grandparents Day ~ Friday 4 October 2024



A letter was emailed to parents/carers on Wednesday 11 September regarding our Grandparents Day event in school on Friday 4 October 2024. This is an exciting opportunity for grandparents to spend time with their grandchildren in school.

Vaccination UK

Please ensure you complete the online form on behalf of the grandparent(s) attending by <u>Tuesday 24 September 2024</u>.

https://forms.office.com/e/xqJYKdLGKu

Please remember that Class 3 are swimming on the afternoon of Friday 4 October and grandparents can therefore only attend the Grandparent Day morning sessions.

Flu Immunisations 2024-2025

The Child Immunisation Team are scheduled to be in school on **Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 9am** and will carry out vaccinations on all children whose consent has been received.

For your child to receive their Nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a **YES** consent form using the link below.

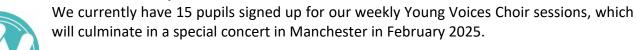
If your child **cannot** have the Nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link.

https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire

Please complete the form even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination or if they have received it elsewhere.

Young Voices Concert ~ February 2025



A letter was emailed to parents/carers of children taking part in the Young Voices Choir and concert on Thursday 12 September 2024 and a paper copy was also sent home after the choir session.

Please ensure you complete the order form and ticket form as soon as possible but by the stated deadline of Monday 23 September 2024.



Class 4 Marrick Priory Residential ~ November 2024

We are all getting very excited about this year's Class 4 residential visit to Marrick Priory, near Reeth.

A letter has been emailed to parents/carers today and we look forward to seeing you at our Parent Information Evening in school on Monday 14 October 2024.



Hello Yellow Day ~ Come together in yellow Thursday 10 October 2024

This year, Lothersdale Primary school is asking all pupils and staff to wear something yellow on Thursday 10 October 2024.

We will be joining thousands of schools, companies and communities to make World Mental Health Day that little bit brighter by wearing something yellow.

Right now, the world is a really tough place for children and young people to grow up in. We want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better.

This World Mental Health Day, wear yellow with thousands of others across the UK to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health. Because we stand brighter, together.

Snacks

All children in Class 1 and Class 2 are provided with a free piece of fruit every day as a government



initiative, which is eaten outside at breaktime. The LSA (Lothersdale School Association) kindly fund the provision of fruit twice a week for children in Class 3 and Class 4. Please note that children can also bring a **fruit or veg snack** from home if they wish - no other food items are allowed in school for snack eg. chocolate, sweets, crisps, yoghurt, wraps, etc. This should be kept in your child's bookbag to be taken outside at breaktime. We thank you for your support in keeping our children healthy.

welcome SCHOOL to the Cothersdale OFFICE

SCHOOL OFFICE TERM TIME HOURS

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	8:00-12:15	1:15-4:00
Tuesday	8:00 - 12:15	1:15 - 4:00
Wednesday	8:00 - 12:15	1:15-4:00
Thursday	8:00 - 12:15	1:15 - 4:00
Friday*	CLOSED	CLOSED

Telephone: 01535 632510 Email:

lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk

Access into school (parents/carers/contractors/visitors) is via prior appointment only, in line with the school's Health & Safety and Child Protection Policies.

Please telephone the School Office during the hours listed to make an appointment to speak to a member of staff.

*Please note that Mrs Ellison is not in school on Fridays and emails will be checked on her return on Mondays. Urgent messages should be left on the school answer machine, which will be checked at intervals throughout the day.



Please refer to the Friday Newsletter and the school website prior to emailing or contacting school, as most of our day-to-day information can be located within these communication portals. The school website address is https://www.lothersdaleschool.org.uk

Lothersdale

Cleaner/Caretaker

Today, we are sadly saying 'Goodbye' to Iain, our cleaner/caretaker, who is moving on to pastures new. We wish him all the best in his new role at a local school in Lancashire.

On Monday we will be welcoming back Zana Rowley who will return as our caretaker/cleaner. For those new to the school, Zana worked with us for 11 years and we are looking forward to seeing her around school again.

New Reception Bookbag and PE Bag

Please remember the deadline for full payment of the bookbag and PE bag is Friday 20 September 2024. As we mentioned at the Welcome Evening, the school includes the bookbag and PE bag in the welcome pack but, sadly, we cannot provide these items free of charge.

School Photographs Orders

The photographer was in school on Tuesday to take pupil photographs and we would like to thank the teaching assistants for going above and beyond to ensure that all children were looking their best for their photographs - no mean feat trying to get 106 pupils photographed along with sibling group photos in a short time frame! Unfortunately, due to the poor weather, we were unable to take photographs outside this year. Fingers crossed for next year!

The proofs were sent home on Tuesday to parents/carers via school bookbags to enable you to purchase a photo if you wish to do so. Please ensure all photo orders are placed direct with Tempest online and not returned to school.

Individual school photographs have been uploaded to the school system and will be used internally by school staff where consent has been given.



account.

SchoolGrid

It is important to remember that parents/carers are responsible for booking school lunches for children by 8.55am daily. All allergens must be recorded on the system so that the correct meals can be assigned. The SchoolGrid system is linked directly to the kitchen and the cook will be cooking all pre-booked meals based on the number of meals on the system at 9:00am each day. Children with no assigned meals will therefore lose out on the lunch of their choice.

Payment for school meals (children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) must be paid in advance via your child's SchoolGrid

Pupil Attendance



It is important that parents/carers ensure their children attend school every day, as long as they are fit and healthy to do so.

You may be aware that there have been some significant changes to the DfE statutory guidance around the use of Fixed Penalty Notices which apply from the 19th of August 2024.

No parent/carer can demand leave of absence as of right. The Education regulations state that applications for leave must be made in advance by a parent with whom the child lives and can only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances. Each application is considered individually by the school.

We have included the parent leaflet below for your information.



PARENT FINES FOR MISSING SCHOOL: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who don't.

The school day is split into two sessions – one session counts as a morning or afternoon spent in school. There are only a few occasions where a child is allowed to miss <u>school</u>, such as illness or where the school has given permission because of an exceptional circumstance.

However, if your child misses school without a good reason, local councils and schools can intervene and you may be issued a fine.

We've also introduced a national framework which will mean all councils have the same rules in place for when they need to consider a fine. We explain more on this below.

It's important to note that children with long-term medical or more serious mental health conditions, and those with <u>special educational needs and disabilities</u> may face additional barriers.

For children who face complex barriers to attendance, schools should have sensitive conversations with children and families and work with them to put support in place for their individual needs.

How much could I be fined if my child misses school?

In the majority of cases, schools and local authorities will try and provide support to help you improve your child's attendance first, but if this isn't effective or the absence is for unauthorised term time holiday, parents may face paying a fine.

It's the responsibility of the local authority to decide when to issue fines to parents, meaning the process varies from council to council.

However, under the national rules, all schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

Money raised via fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

How can you be sure parent fines are fair?

Fines are a last resort, and parents will be offered support to help improve their child's attendance first. The vast majority of fines for unauthorised absence (89%) are issued for term time holidays.

If your child is facing barriers to school attendance due to special education needs or disabilities (SEND), schools, local authorities and wider services are required to work together to provide the right support in the first place.

What if my child needs to miss school?

Your child must attend every day that the school is open, unless:

- Your child is too ill to attend that day.
- You have asked in advance and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on that day due to exceptional circumstances.
- Your child cannot attend school on that day because it is a day you are taking part in religious observance.
- Your local authority is responsible for arranging your child's transport to school and it is not
 available on that day or has not been provided yet.
- You are a gypsy/traveller family with no fixed abode, and you are required to travel for work that day meaning your child cannot attend their usual school.

What happens if my child misses school without a good reason?

If your child is absent and you haven't received advance permission from the headteacher to take your child out of school, the school and local council may take action.

Before that, your child's school and your local council are expected to support you to improve the child's attendance before any measures are put in place.

These measures can include:

- Issue a fixed penalty notice, otherwise known as a 'fine' your local council can give each parent a fine. If you do not pay the fine after 28 days you may be prosecuted for your child's absence from school.
- Seek an Education Supervision Order from the family court if the council thinks you need support getting your child to go to school but you're not co-operating, they can apply to a court for an Education Supervision Order. A supervisor will be appointed to help you get your child into education. The local council can do this instead of, or as well as, prosecuting you.
- **Prosecute you** this means you have to go to court. You could get a fine, a community order or a jail sentence up to three months. The court could also give you a Parenting Order.

Why is attendance important?

For most pupils, the best place to be during term-time is in school, surrounded by the support of their friends and teachers.

This is important not just for your child's learning, but also for their overall wellbeing, wider development and their mental health. It's not just children who fail to attend school who miss out, but those around them too.

HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS

FOOD ALLERGY WARNING ~ NUT FREE ZONE



Just to remind parents/carers at the beginning of the new school year that we do have a number of children in school with an allergy to nuts and one child with a severe allergy to peanuts. The school is now a nut free zone and we would ask that you ensure any nuts or products containing nuts are <u>not</u> brought into school. This is particularly important if your child is bringing a pack up into school. Thank

you for keeping our children safe!

BEFORE SCHOOL

Please note that school registration is at 8.45am in class and children should be in school at this time. Members of staff will be on the school playground from 8.40am to direct all children into school ready for morning registration. If you arrive at school earlier, please supervise children accordingly until a member of staff is present. *Please note that vehicle access to the school playground is required up until 8.30am and therefore no-one should be on the playground before 8.35am for health and safety reasons.*

No children should be left unsupervised on the playground.

AFTER SCHOOL

<u>Pick-Up:</u> At the end of the day, children should be collected promptly at 3.15pm from the playground. *Please note, however, that the last lesson of the day finishes at 3.10pm and parents/carers must remain outside the school premises until after this time, to allow children to return from the playing field or leave the playground.*

We would ask that parents/carers leave the playground as soon as possible after collection as the playground may be used at 3.15pm for an after-school club.

PEDESTRIAN SCHOOL GATE ACCESS

All gates into school must be closed at all times when children are on site. If you are entering or leaving school, please ensure you close all gates behind you in line with our health and safety and safeguarding policies.

ACCESS TO THE WOODLAND AREA

Please remember that access to the woodland area is not allowed outside normal school hours (before 9am and after 3.15pm). We would therefore be grateful if parents/carers could supervise children accordingly to ensure they do not enter the woodland area before and/or after school.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please do not park at the bottom of the school drive where the cones are; we have a visually impaired child who needs to be close to school. Please ensure all family members are aware if dropping off or collecting.

Parking on the yellow zigzags or white lines is not permitted under any circumstances.

We would remind all parents/carers to park respectfully and avoid blocking any gates/school entrance etc. Not only is this an important health and safety issue but villagers, who do not have children in the school, still need to be able to travel freely through the village at these peak times. We would be grateful for your cooperation in this matter.

MOBILE PHONES & CAMERAS





Please note that, in line with our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policies, the use of mobile phones and cameras is not allowed anywhere on the school premises, without the prior permission of the Headteacher. We would be grateful if this information could be communicated to any relatives/friends, who may come onto the school premises with your child.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO RECORDING

Whilst we want to allow you to record special moments in your children's lives e.g. participating in the Christmas concert, Sports Day, etc., we ask that you respect the wishes of other parents and our school policy, by not uploading any digital images or recordings on to the internet or other social media sites, from cameras and mobile phones, without other parents' permission.

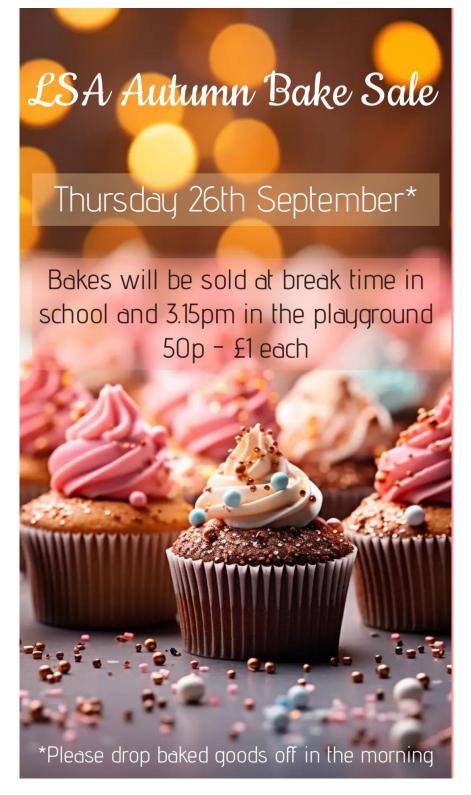


MEET THE LSA TEAM

Chair: Donna Laycock

Vice-Chair: Katie Lubomski-Wiggan

Secretary: Anna Chapman Treasurer: Jen Lloyd



ASDA Funding

Please remember that between **now and 30 November 2024**, every time customers **shop with Asda using their Rewards app**, the supermarket will donate 0.5% of the value of their shop to Lothersdale primary school. And that's not all. For every customer who chooses our school, Asda will put £1 into our school's Cashpot, and another £50 when our school's first opted-in customer spends in-store or online!

This is money for nothing, so we'd like to ask that as many of you as possible do as many shops at ASDA as you can between now and 30 November. It's really easy to set up — just <u>download the ASDA Rewards</u> app and select Lothersdale as your chosen school in the 'Cashpot for Schools' section. (Even if you do no shops at all, simply by downloading the app and choosing Lothersdale, we get £1.) Thank you!

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

We are delighted to be able to promote community events in our Friday News that may be of interest to our families and friends. If you would like us to promote a local event, please pass the details to the school office by Wednesday to be included in the Friday News of that week.







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