

## FRIDAY NEWSLETTER 《



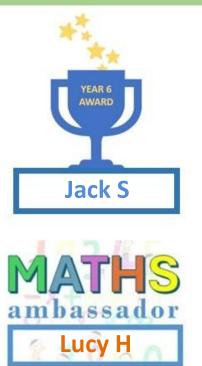


AUTUMN TERM DATES: Tuesday 3 September to Friday 20 December 2024



FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2024

Reception ~ Tilly Year 1 ~ Lottie Year 2 ~ Meredith Year 3 ~ Elliot W Year 4 ~ Sophie Year 5 ~ Bohdan Year 6 ~ Lucie



Well done everyone!

Two adults are invited to attend the next Lothersdale Legend Assembly on Friday at 8:55am

#### Thu 5 Dec 2024 - Christmas Craft Afternoon

#### 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.

#### STAFF PARKING IN THE VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE

This week we have had instances where staff have been unable to park in the Village Clubhouse grounds due to parents/carers using this area at drop off and pick up.

The Village Trust has an agreement with school, which allows **staff members only** to park on their premises. We therefore kindly ask all parents/carers to refrain from parking in the Clubhouse grounds.

Thank you for your support.

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PHYSICAL		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday
EDUCATION		Soccer Tots 3.15 to 4.15pm		French Club 12.45 to 1.15pm		Local History Club 3.15 to 4.15pm		Diversity Defenders 12.45 to 1.15pm		Football 3.15 to 4.15pm
WEEKLY TIMETABLE		-		Ball Games 3.15 to 4.15pm		Story Club 15 to 4.15pm	Supersports 3.15 to 4.15pm			•
Class 1 – Monday & Friday Class 2 – Monday & Thursday			-			-	Young Voices Choir 3.15 to 4.15pm			
Class 3 – Tuesday & Friday Class 4 – Tuesday & Friday		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								
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8.20 to 8.45am 8.20 to						n 8.20 to 8.45am		Y2	AL	IE and EVIE
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All pupils attending these clubs must be registered for safeguarding and health & safety reasons. Please note: the sessions start promptly at 8:20am so that children can complete the relevant tasks				Y6 AARON and SOPHIE						
without disruption from				yond 8:25am will no upervised until the					and the second	

#### W/c 10 November 2024 ~ Anti-Bullying Week

Sun	-	Remembrance Sunday Service at Lothersdale War Memorial (see below)
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- Mon Remembrance Day
  - Class 4 residential visit to Marrick Priory (all week)
- Wed Winton Plowes visit
- Fri Children in Need ~ Non-uniform Day and make a donation
  - Class 4 return from Marrick Priory
  - Class 3 swimming lessons

#### 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.



#### Legends of the Week

Our new 'Legends of the Week' awards started this week.

This week's 'Legends of the Week' were officially announced during our Monday morning assembly and, in our Legends assembly on Friday 8 November, the children were able to showcase why they have been chosen as an exemplary

pupil and certificates were awarded.

Please note that reminder texts will not be sent out to parents/carers, and it is therefore important that you check the Friday News each week to confirm if your child will be the following week's Legend. This will enable you to make any necessary arrangements to enable you to come along to the Legends assembly the following Friday to celebrate your child's achievements and accomplishments.

#### **Class 1 Induction Questionnaire**

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already completed and returned the Class 1 Induction Questionnaire sent out before half-term. We still have a few outstanding forms and would be grateful if you could take the time to complete and return the questionnaire. This will help us further improve the induction process for our future pupils and their parents.



#### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to our Year 6 pupils – Aaron and Lucie – who spent their morning break and lunch break selling poppies in the playground and around school this week.

Thanks also to everyone for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. We will let you know how much was raised once the collection has been returned to the Royal British Legion and they send us confirmation.



**Remembrance Service at Lothersdale Village War Memorial ~ Sunday 10 November 2024** Members of the School Council are representing the school at the Remembrance Ceremony at the village war memorial on Sunday 10 November 2024, along with staff members.

All children in school, along with their families, are also more than welcome to join the School Council and staff at this service and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Please meet in the school playground from 10.30am and we will walk over to the Memorial at 10.45am in time for the service. The School Council have been asked to attend in their school uniform and other children from school who would like to attend can also wear their uniform if they wish.

#### Class 4 Residential Visit ~ Monday 11 November to Friday 15 November 2024



Class 4 will be setting off on their week's residential visit to Marrick Priory, near Reeth, on Monday morning just before 10am and we hope they all have an enjoyable and dry week! Please remember to bring a pack-up for your lunch on Monday (items should be in a small named sandwich box which you can continue to use for the rest of the week) along with a named water bottle. No glass bottles/containers please. If you pre-

book school meals, please remember to cancel next week's meals on SchoolGrid to avoid being charged.

#### Medicine

Please do not bring any prescribed or non-prescribed medicines into school on Monday unless you have completed an Administering Medicine form. Please note that medicines, including non-prescriptive medicines such as travel sickness tablets, cannot be given to children unless a form has been completed. If your child suffers with travel sickness, please also remember to let us know if they have taken a tablet prior to arrival at school on Monday morning

If you think your child may need to take non-prescribed or prescribed medicine during the residential visit and staff have not been made aware, then please complete the Administering Medicine Form. Completed forms and medicine <u>must</u> be brought into school on 11 November 2024 if you have not already done so and handed to Mr Craven or the school office. *Please <u>do not</u> pack any medicine in your child's bags. Medicines must NOT be handed to a member of staff on Monday morning without completing the appropriate form.* 

#### Collection arrangements ~ Friday 15 November 2024

Please note that it is anticipated the children will return to school at approximately 2.30pm on Friday 15 November 2024. Please inform Mrs Ellison in the school office if your child <u>will not</u> be collected at 2.30pm so that we can safely account for all children at this time ~ we will need to know if your child will be picked up as normal at 3.15pm or will be going to LEGENDS After School Club.

If you have siblings in Class 1 or Class 2, they can also go home with you at 2.30pm. Class 3 will be at their swimming lesson. If we do not hear otherwise, we will assume your child will be collected at 2.30pm and will ensure siblings are ready to go home too.



#### **Class 3 & Class 4 ~ Rotary Young Writer Competition ~ English Homework** All children in Class 3 and Class 4 have been set their English homework task to produce a written or typed story in prose (maximum of 550 words) or a poem (of

not more than 40 lines), entitled 'Wonderful Water' for entry into the Rotary Young Writer Competition.

#### <u>The completed entry form and typed or written entry must be returned to school by Monday 2 December</u> <u>2024 at the latest</u>.

This National Young Writer Competition is a well-established and successful competition promoted by Rotary International in Britain and Ireland to support and encourage the development of writing skills and to write with imagination and creativity.

We would be grateful if parents/carers could encourage their child(ren) to complete this homework task by the stated deadline. Thank you for your support.



#### **Smartphone Free Childhood Survey**

A letter was emailed to parents/carers yesterday regarding the Smartphone Free Childhood campaign.

We would be grateful if you could take part in the short survey to gauge wider opinions and concerns in our community on children owning smartphones.

The survey should only take 5 minutes and is completely anonymous. Your responses will enable us to move forward in a way that works for our children, families and community.

Thank you for your support.

#### **Prospective Parents Open Day Events:**

#### Tuesday 26 November and Thursday 28 November 2024

We will be holding Open Day Events for new prospective parents/carers who have children due to start in Reception in September 2025 and would like to look at Lothersdale Primary School as one of their options.

Choosing a school for your child can be a daunting prospect and we look forward to welcoming prospective new parents/carers on Tuesday 26 November and Thursday 28 November 2024 from 1:30 to 2:30pm.

We attach the Open Day flyer below and if you have friends or relatives who have children approaching school age next year, we would be grateful if you could pass on this information.



## welcome SCHOOL to the Lothersdale 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.

REMEMBER TO KEEP PUPIL CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION UP TO DATE!



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

#### SchoolGrid ~ Menu Autumn/Spring Term



Thank you to all our parents/carers for your patience whilst we uploaded the new school menus onto the SchoolGrid system on Monday and Tuesday this week. It was a very time-consuming process as we had to learn how to navigate a new part of the system, which was previously carried out by the YCAT central team and has now been passed down to the school office. This will now give us more scope to update our menus on a regular basis moving

forward.

Please note that all school meals must be pre-booked onto the SchoolGrid system by 8:55am each morning. The kitchen staff arrive from 8am and start preparing the meals based on the numbers showing on the SchoolGrid system at that time, and we thank you in advance for your support in helping to ensure the efficiency of our daily school meal procedure.



#### **Pupil Absence**

Lothersdale School is committed to safeguarding its pupils and therefore it is important that parents/carers support the school by adhering to the following procedures for informing us of pupil absence.

#### On the first day of absence:

- Parent/Carers must contact the school by telephone or email, *preferably by 8:30am*, with an explanation for the absenteeism on the first day of absence (messages can be left on the school answerphone 24 hours a day and are picked up as soon as our administrator arrives in school at 8:00am). If your child is ill, please leave a specific reason for the illness as opposed to 'not feeling well'. This will help the school identify any patterns of illness.
- If no email or telephone message is forthcoming by 9.15am, the school administrator will follow up the absence by telephoning the parent/carer/emergency contacts for an explanation. If there is no answer, messages will be left requesting that contact is made with school as soon as possible and the absence will be logged as 'unauthorised'. In some cases, a home visit will be carried out.
- If the reason for absence is sickness and/or diarrhoea a discussion will be held with parents/carers to
  ensure that the pupil is absent from school for 48 hours following the child's last bout of sickness or
  diarrhoea. The child's return to school date will be confirmed during this discussion and there is no
  requirement for parent/carers to contact school if a second day of absence from school is necessary.

• If a health professional has prescribed a set period of absence eg. 3 days for a child to recover from illness – parents should inform school of this on the first day of absence so that the return date is clear and can be marked in the school register.

#### Continuing absence:

- If a child requires additional days off due to illness than have already been confirmed as above, then parents/carers must contact school by 9:15am (again, preferably by 8:30am).
- If no email or telephone message is forthcoming by 9:15am, the school administrator will follow up the absence by telephoning the parent/carer/emergency contacts for an explanation. If there is no answer, messages will be left requesting that contact is made with school as soon as possible and the absence will be logged as 'unauthorised'.

#### Primary School Admissions ~ September 2025

Online applications can now be made via the Local Authority for reception places at Lothersdale Primary School for September 2025. The online common application form must be submitted by no later than <u>Wednesday 15 January 2025</u>.

#### **Pre-admissions Register of Interest**

The school Pre-admissions Register of Interest list for a potential reception place at Lothersdale Primary School is starting to fill up for next year's September 2025 admission group.

LOTHERSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Admission Year	Entry Date	Date of Birth Range	No. of Places Available	Registrations of Interest received to date
	2025/2026	Sept 2025	1.9.2020 to 31.8.2021	15 (tbc)	10
AT RAN	2026/2027	Sept 2026	1.9.2021 to 31.8.2022	15 (tbc)	9
RIRT	2027/2028	Sept 2027	1.9.2022 to 31.8.2023	15 (tbc)	4
<b>Pre-admissions Register</b>	2028/2029	Sept 2028	1.9.2023 to 31.8.2024	15 (tbc)	0

It is important that parents/carers register their interest for a reception place for their child as soon as possible (even if you live in the village) to enable us to determine potential numbers and the impact it will have on the future school roll.

Please be aware that entering your child's name on this list does not constitute the offer of a Reception place.

If you have a pre-school child and have not yet registered your interest for your child on any of the above school lists, please download a copy of the school's register of interest form available from the school website or, alternatively, contact Mrs Ellison, in the School Office, via email on <u>lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk</u> as soon as possible for a form. If you have friends or relatives of children who also fall within the above categories, we would be grateful if you could pass on this information.



#### **Forthcoming Events**

LSA Bag2School Collection ~ Wednesday 20 November 2024 LSA Christmas Fair ~ Saturday 30 November 2024 LSA Christmas Bingo ~ Wednesday 11 December 2024 More details will follow nearer the time



#### LSA Christmas Card Project 2024

Thank you for returning your Christmas Card orders by Tuesday's deadline. The forms have now been sent off to the printers and we will send out the ordered products as soon as they are received in school.

#### LSA Bag2School Collection ~ Wednesday 20 November 2024

Our next fundraising event is the Bag2School collection, which takes place on Wednesday 20 November 2024. Please see the list below of accepted items.

Bags were sent home this week – please use black bin bags if you require more bags. Please do not place items in any other bags as the money raised is calculated by the weight of the bags and heavier bags will not be taken. Thank you for your support.



#### LSA Christmas Newsletter 2024

Please check out the LSA Christmas Newsletter, which is being sent out with the school's Friday News, for your information.

## LSA Christmas Bingo Night

### Games, fun and prizes!

## Wednesday 11th December 3.15pm - 5.15pm

## Tickets £6 per child, includes a drink & snack

Book tickets on the School Gateway app

The third child from a family is free of charge (book the first two children on School Gateway & inform the LSA of the third). In addition, if any family is struggling financially please contact the LSA in confidence.

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#### 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.

# sothersdale Village Hale CHRISTNAS FAIR 2024

Saturday November 9, 11am - 4pm

## Free admission

Christmas Decorations Hand made Jewellery Lathersdale Soaps Knitted Goods Perfumes Skin Care Products

Scarves Rocks and Crystals Christmas Wreaths Hand-sewn crafts Pot plants Tombola

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Young Farmers Club Cafe

#### DIARY OF EVENTS

If you wish to promote a community event in our diary below, please contact the school office. Please note there may be circumstances in which these dates are subject to change:

#### **School Events:**

School Events:	
Sun 10 Nov 2024	<ul> <li>Remembrance Sunday at the Village Cenotaph (School Council pupils)</li> </ul>
w/c 10 Nov 2024	- Inter Faith Week
Mon 11 Nov 2024	- Remembrance Day
w/c 11 Nov 2024	<ul> <li>Class 4 residential visit to Marrick Priory</li> </ul>
w/c 11 Nov 2024	- Anti-Bullying Week
Wed 13 Nov 2024	- World Kindness Day
Wed 13 Nov 2024	<ul> <li>Winston Plowes (Poet) in school pm</li> </ul>
Fri 15 Nov 2024	- BBC Children in Need
w/c 18 Nov 2024	- Road Safety Week
Tue 19 Nov 2024	<ul> <li>Parent Consultations (2.15pm to 6pm)</li> </ul>
Wed 20 Nov 2024	- LSA Bag2School collection
Thu 21 Nov 2024	<ul> <li>Parent Consultations (2.15pm to 6.30pm)</li> </ul>
Tue 26 Nov 2024	Open Afternoon for prospective parents for September 2025 Reception intake
Wed 27 Nov 2024	<ul> <li>Y5/6 South Craven Cluster Clay Workshop</li> </ul>
Thu 28 Nov 2024	- Open Afternoon for prospective parents for September 2025 Reception intake
Sat 30 Nov 2024	- LSA Christmas Fair
Tue 10 Dec 2024	- Human Rights Day
Wed 11 Dec 2024	<ul> <li>LSA Christmas Bingo (3:15pm to 5:30pm)</li> </ul>
Fri 13 Dec 2024	<ul> <li>Last Autumn Class 3 swimming lesson</li> </ul>
Tue 17 Dec 2024	<ul> <li>Whole School Christmas Concert at Skipton Town Hall</li> </ul>
Wed 18 Dec 2024	<ul> <li>John Froud: Whole school 'Christmas in a Day' workshops</li> </ul>
Wed 18 Dec 2024	- Christmas Lunch
Thu 19 Dec 2024	- Christmas Party Day
Fri 20 Dec 2024	<ul> <li>School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas break</li> </ul>

