

## FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



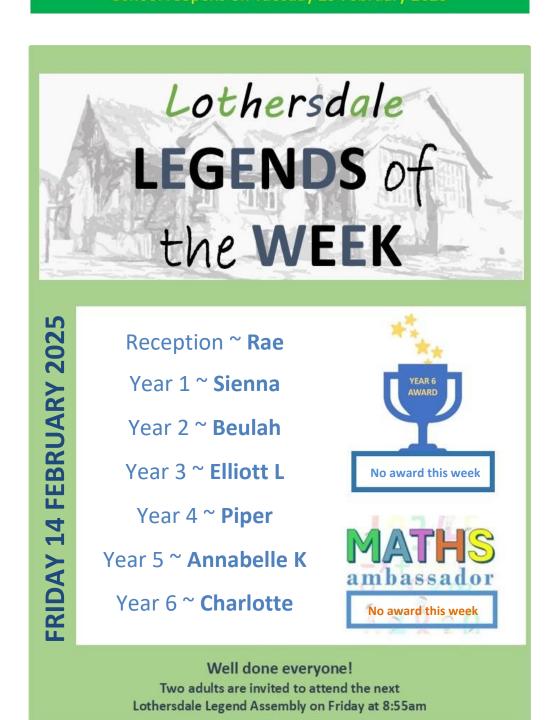
#### SPRING TERM ■ ISSUE 20 ■ FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2025





February half-term:

Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025 Staff Training Day: Monday 24 February 2025 School reopens on Tuesday 25 February 2025



## 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.



ADDITIONAL LEARNING SESSIONS					Lothersdale	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	LUCINEISHIVE	
Class 4	Year 4	Class 4	Year 4	Class 4 READING PLUS	REC	MARTHA and EDDIE
READING PLUS	READING PLUS	READING PLUS	READING PLUS		Y1	ANYA and JAMES
8.20 to 8.45am	8.20 to 8.45am	8.20 to 8.45am	8.20 to 8.45am	8.20 to 8.45am	Y2	ALFIE and EVIE
27	-	Year 4 TIMES TABLES 8.20 to 8.45am	-	17.	Y3	JUDE W and AVA
					Y4	HUGO and SOPHIE
These clubs are for selected groups or pupils. All pupils attending these clubs must be registered for safeguarding and health & safety reasons.						JOE and MAISIE
Please note: the sessions start promptly at 8:20am so that children can complete the relevant tasks					Y6	AARON and SOPHIE
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### REMINDERS

#### **W/c 10 FEBRUARY 2025**

**Tue** - Safer Internet Day

**Thu** - Craven Cross Country Finals at Giggleswick School (selected pupils)

- LSA Valentine's Bake Sale

Fri - Legends of the Week Assembly

- Last Class 3 swimming lesson this academic year
- School breaks up at 3:15pm for the half-term break

# 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.



Class 3 & Class 4 visit to Madni Mosque ~ Wednesday 5 February 2025

On Wednesday, children in Class 3 and Class 4 visited Madni Mosque in Bradford, where they had the opportunity to learn about the different parts of a mosque and all about the Islamic faith.

The children listened carefully and showed great respect throughout the visit. They learned about the **mihrab**, the special part of the mosque that points towards Mecca, the **minarets**, the tall towers used for the call to prayer, and the **wudu area**, where worshippers wash their hands, face, and feet before praying. It was a valuable experience that helped them understand more about Islamic places of worship and traditions.



#### Keighley & Craven Schools Cross Country Cliffe Castle Leafy Run ~ Wednesday 5 February 2025

On Wednesday, four of our pupils took part in the Cliffe Castle run, the third race in this year's Keighley & Craven Schools Cross Country League. All the children ran brilliantly and produced amazing results:

#### Boys Y3/4 Race:

Hugo Baldwin (Y4)  $\sim 2^{nd}$  Place out of 131 Tommy Airlie (Y3)  $\sim 7^{th}$  Place out of 131

#### Girls Y3/4 Race:

Sophie Broadhead (Y4) ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place out of 99

#### Girls Y5/6 Race:

Aravon Airlie (Y5) ~ 21st Place out of 65

Well done everyone, we are all so proud of you! The next race is scheduled to take place at Marley Playing Fields on Tuesday 11 March 2025.



Craven Cross Country Finals ~ Thursday 13 February 2025 Good luck to our cross country runners ~ Hugo, Sophie B, Tommy, George, Aravon, Emily D and Charlotte ~ who will be representing the South Craven Cluster at the Craven Cross

Country Finals at Giggleswick School next week, on Thursday 13 February 2025.

Safer Internet Day 2025 Tuesday 11 February

#### Safer Internet Day ~ Tuesday 11 February 2025

Next week is Safer Internet Day and all classes will be exploring this year's online safety theme: Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre saferinternetday.org.uk

It is important that parent/carers feel prepared and confident about what to do if you or your child sees something inappropriate, upsetting or concerning online. Here are some websites with useful information:

#### **UK Safer Internet**

This website has contact details and information for a number of different organisations who can help with any concerns you may have about things you or your child has seen online.

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/need-help

#### **Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP)**

If you are worried about any kind of online abuse or the way that someone has been communicating on-line, you can make a report to one of CEOP Child Protection advisors.

https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/

#### **NSPCC**

If you're worried about something a child or young person may have experienced online, you can contact the NSPCC Helpline for free support and advice. If your child needs more support, they can contact Childline.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-reporting/

# 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 for all visitors (parents/carers/governors/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 the school office is closed on Fridays. Emails will not be checked until the office re-opens 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!



IMPORTANT: Please email school as soon as possible if you change your phone number, email address, postal address or need to advise us of any pupil health updates, to help keep our records 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

#### **Class 3 Swimming Lessons**



Thank you to Class 3 parents/carers who have been able to make a contribution towards your child's swimming lessons this academic year. Swimming is an important part of the curriculum but, unfortunately, the school receives no extra funding for swimming and relies on parental contributions to enable the children to take part in this activity. Sadly, we have only received 58% of contributions from parents/carers (£1,173.60 remains outstanding) and are reliant on 100% to help fund the full cost of

travel and lessons. If you have not yet made a payment and still wish to do so, please ensure payment is made as soon as possible. Many thanks for your support.

#### **LEGENDS** After School Club Provision Update



A letter was emailed to parents/carers on Monday 3 February regarding a change to our LEGENDS After School Club provision.

Please note that, due to a consistently low uptake for the later sessions on Fridays, we will now only be offering this provision until 4:30pm. After School provision from

Monday through to Thursday will be available as normal up to 6:00pm. Please therefore ensure when booking a **Friday** LEGENDS sessions, that you only book the short session up to 4:30pm. Thank you for your continued support.



#### **LEGENDS** Holiday Club ~ Monday 24 February 2025

School will be closed on Monday 24 February 2025 for Staff Training, but LEGENDS Holiday Club will be open for childcare. There are limited places available and booking and payment should be made via the SchoolGateway app by Wednesday 19 February 2025 to secure your child's place.



#### **Forthcoming Events**

LSA Valentine's Bake Sale ~ Thursday 13 February 2025
LSA World Book Day Bookmark Competition ~ information to be sent out next week
LSA Movie Night ~ Wednesday 12 March 2025 (3:15 to 5:30pm)
LSA Bag2School ~ Thursday 24 April 2025

More details will follow nearer the time



## 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.



Police in Craven have recently seen an increase in the number of electric scooters being used around the area, often being ridden by children.

I'm sure you are aware that nationally there has been an increase in the number of deaths and serious injuries relating to the use of these vehicles, many of which involve young people.

Our message is not intended to alarm people, it is merely to inform people of the legality of using electric scooters and the potential risks involved.

Electric scooters are legally classed as motor vehicles and as such means you are required to have a driving licence, third party insurance, and tax to ride them on a public highway. Currently insurance companies are not providing insurance for them, therefore it is illegal to use one in public places, pavements or roads.

If you are caught doing so the penalties can include a fixed penalty notice, a fine of up to £300, up to six penalty points and seizure of the e-scooter.

If as a parent/guardian, you allow a child to ride an e-scooter on a public pavement or road, you too can be prosecuted for permitting the use of that motor vehicle.

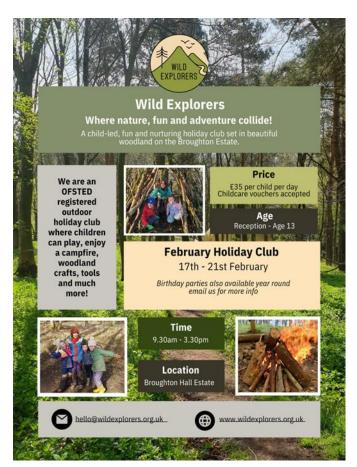
In Craven, the only place you can legally use an e-scooter is on private land, with the permission of the landowner.

If you cause serious harm to another person, or cause damage to other vehicles/property whilst riding an e-scooter, this would be classed as a road traffic collision. The incident will be investigated in the same way it would if you were riding a motorcycle or driving a car.

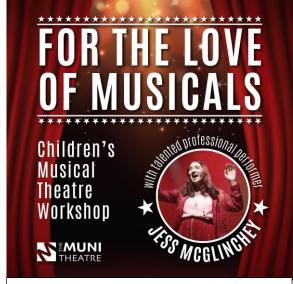
Riding an e-scooter on a road will put you in contact with other vehicles and as a result the risk of serious injury is high. Also, riding an e-scooter on a pavement or footpath put both you and other pedestrians at risk of injury.

Please consider these facts before you purchase an e-scooter or allow someone to ride one in public.

This message is not designed to spoil people's fun, but to keep you and everyone else safe.







We are hosting a super-fun-filled kids holiday club this half term for 7-14 year-olds (flexible for ages 5-16) at **The Muni Theatre** in Colne!

After the huge success of our Halloween workshops in Oct 2024, we are thrilled to bring back our half-term holiday club this February! Kids will immerse themselves in the world of musicals, exploring their voices, movements, crafts and performance skills through a range of iconic shows.



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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:**

**7 Jan to 24 Feb 25** - RSPB Big Schools Bird Watch

Tue 11 Feb 2025 - Safer Internet Day

Fri 14 Feb 2025 - Last Class 3 Swimming Lesson this academic year

- School breaks up for February half-term

Mon 24 Feb 2025 - School closed for Staff Training Day

Mon 24 Feb 2025 - LEGENDS Holiday Club open (please pre-book places by 19/02/2025)

**Tue 25 Feb 2025** - Young Voices Concert in Manchester (selected pupils)

Wed 26 Feb 2025 - Y5/6 Netball Festival at South Craven School

Fri 28 Feb 2025 - Class 2 Swimming Lessons start
 Mon 3 Mar 2025 - Scholastic Book Fair in school
 Tue 4 Mar 2025 - Scholastic Book Fair in school
 Wed 5 Mar 2025 - Scholastic Book Fair in school

Thu 6 Mar 2025 - World Book Day w/c 10 Mar 2025 - British Science Week

Thu 13 Mar 2025 - Class 3 & Class 4 visit to Murton Park, York

Wed 19 Mar 2025 - Year 6 Crucial Crew visit PMFri 21 Mar 2025 - Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Tue 25 Mar 2025 - Parent Consultations ~ 2:00 to 6:00pm Thu 27 Mar 2025 - Parent Consultations ~ 2:00 to 6:30pm

Wed 2 Apr 2025 - Rocksteady Band Concert for parents/carers of band members

**Thu 3 Apr 2025** - Decorate an Egg Competition

Fri 4 Apr 2025 - Last Class 2 Swimming Lesson this academic year

- School finishes at 3:15pm for the Easter break

**21 to 23 May 25** - Year 4 Residential visit to Eshton Grange

#### **Community Events:**

Sat 8 Mar 2025

 Charity Band 'Slightly Strange Fruit' ~ Lothersdale Village Hall ~ 7pm (see flyer above for further information and to purchase tickets.)

