

LOTHERSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

ISSUE 4

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Learning for Life

Building on our coverage of the Lothersdale Learning for Life curriculum, this week we would like to share with you a little bit more about our characters and some of the traits and qualities that they possess. These examples are not exhaustive but should give you an idea of what each character represents:

Each character has a learning progression ladder, with each trait described so that children can self-identify areas of strength and with staff, create personalised targets to work towards.

Each half term, we will focus on a different character in detail so information on these progression ladders will be shared with families so that you can also support your child at home.

			
Stash Away Squirrel	Bold Badger	Wise Owl	Team Rabbit
RESOURCEFULNESS	RESILIENCE	REFLECTIVENESS	RELATIONSHIPS
Hands on and Practical	Strong	Wise	Communicates and Observes
Stores Resources	Overcomes battles	Patient	Shares and contributes
Stashes away helpful tools	Defeats obstacles	Thoughtful and Conscientious	Sees opportunities to give and take

Fairtrade Fortnight

Lothersdale Primary School has been celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight with a special focus on the theme **"Brew it Fair."** We were delighted to welcome Liz Roodhouse, who ran engaging workshops for every class from Reception to Year 6, helping children learn about where our food and drink comes from and why choosing Fairtrade products makes such a big difference.

Fairtrade ensures that farmers and workers around the world are paid fairly, work in safe conditions, and can invest in their communities.

At Lothersdale, we are proud to support Fairtrade by learning about global trade, making ethical choices, and taking part in fundraising projects.

As part of this, families can purchase **Fairtrade rice** through School Gateway, with orders being delivered throughout the upcoming weeks – every bag bought helps farmers build brighter futures for their families.



Apetito Feedback

We have been delighted with the school meals that have been provided through Apetito this term. We are in the process now of gathering information so that we can review our menu offer.

Please could we ask ALL parents (even if your child does not have a school dinner provided) to complete this quick questionnaire regarding the school dinners.

<https://forms.office.com/e/xgxEbqbvxj>



Skipton – Field Trip

Class 3 had a fantastic trip to Skipton, where they explored both the human and physical geographical features of the town.

The children showed great respect when speaking with members of the public during their high street survey and worked brilliantly together to collect data and compare the differences between human and physical features.

In the afternoon, the highlight for many was exploring Skipton Library, where we were warmly welcomed and had the chance to use the reference library space while Mrs Knight delivered lessons using maps and resources.

A huge thank you to Skipton Library for hosting us—please remember that any borrowed books must be returned by **22nd October**.

Our students even received a thank you from a passer by who emailed – ‘It was a pleasure to see such a polite, well-behaved group of children. **A credit to their parents and to you as a school. Super.**’ Well Done to ALL!



Upcoming Events

6th October 2025

Grandparents day – all parents who have booked a space should have received an emailed invite to send to your attendees.

6th October 2025

Y6- High Adventure Residential information evening – 6pm at school.

8th October 2025

Harvest festival – see Lothersdale Lowdown

14th and 16th October 2025

School Open Afternoon, 1–3pm – for new admissions.

16th October 2025

LSA Movie night please book your child's space as soon as possible.

20th – 24th October 2025

Class 4's 'High Adventure' residential.

22nd October 2025

Local History club is **cancelled** on this day.

Lothersdale Legends

This weeks Lothersdale Legends are:

Class 1

Reception – **Ronnie Wright**

Class 2

Year 1 – **Rae Rook**

Year 2 – **Petra Davy**

Class 3

Year 3 – **Emma Chapman**

Year 4 – **Henry Bolton–Radcliffe**

Class 4

Year 5 – **George North**

Year 6 – **Phoebe Munday**



We will be celebrating them in our Friday morning assembly on Friday **10th October**. Please come along if you child is one of our Lothersdale Legends for **9.00am**.

Well done also to this weeks:

Maths Ambassador – Theo Tyson

Year 6 Award – Maisie Young

who will be celebrated in class.

LOTHERSDALE LOWDOWN

WEEKLY INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Monday 6th October

We look forward to meeting all the grandparents and 'grand-friends' on Monday. Please could you ask them to arrive on time to ensure we can make the most of the sessions.

All those who have booked a place should have received a confirmation email with an invite to their session.

LSA - MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday 16th October

Our LSA are putting on a fantastic 'Movie Night' of **Lilo and Stitch**. This will be a fun evening for the children whilst raising vital funds for the school. Please see the poster on the next page for more details.

To book your child's place be go to your **School Gateway** account.

Wednesday 8th October

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are delighted to invite you to our Harvest Festival on Wednesday 8th October, where we will come together as a school community to celebrate this special time of year.

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: Harvest Festival in the **School Hall** at **9.00am**.
- Years 3 – 6: Harvest Festival at **Christ Church**, Lothersdale at **2.15pm**

Due to capacity within the school hall and church, we kindly ask that a maximum of **two adults per child** attend.

As part of our celebration, we are once again supporting Keighley Women's Refuge. We would greatly appreciate **donations** of non-perishable items (such as tins, dried goods, packets, and jars) sent into school before 8th October. Your generosity will be gratefully received and included in the Harvest offering at Christ Church.

20th – 24th October

HIGH ADVENTURE - CLASS 4

Our Class 4 residential is fast approaching and we are so excited for all of the activities and memories the children will make on this trip.

We will be hosting a parents info evening on **Monday 6th October** at **6pm** in school, we hope you can be there.

All parents should have received an electronic consent form, please could this be completed by Friday 10th October.

OTHER INFO

- **Local History Club** - will be **CANCELLED** on **Wednesday 22nd** October. Sorry for any inconvenience. Please collect your child at the end of the school day.
- **Swimming Payments - Class 3** - Please don't forget that you can pay in instalments towards Class 3's swimming lessons on School gateway. The children are thoroughly enjoying the classes as well as learning valuable life skills.

The LSA invites you to...



NOW SHOWING

Lilo & Stitch 

Thursday 16th October, 3.15 to 5.30pm

£6 per child* (includes a hotdog, snack and drink!)

Book your movie tickets on the School Gateway app!

*The third child from a family is free of charge.

For support with ticket costs, please contact the LSA in confidence

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LOTHERSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**'NURTURE ALL HEARTS
INSPIRE ALL MINDS'**

School Open Days - 1PM - 3PM
Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October

**SCHOOL
PLACES
AVAILABLE
RECEPTION TO
YEAR 6**



**June 2025 Ofsted
'Outstanding' in
ALL areas;**

- ✓ Teaching and learning
- ✓ Behaviour and Attitudes
- ✓ Personal Development
- ✓ Leadership and Management
- ✓ Early Years Provision



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