

AUTUMN TERM • ISSUE 1 • FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2019



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

I hope that everyone has had a relaxing summer break and enjoyed happy times with family and friends. This week all the children have settled back into our routines really well and staff have been very impressed by how positively they have all started the new school year.

We are delighted to welcome all our new children to school and hope that they, and their families, have a very happy and successful time during their years at Lothersdale Primary School. These children are:

Reception : Aravon, Florence, Berkeley, Oliver, Lucy, Penny, Annabelle J, Niamh, Lily, Annabelle K, Joe, Emily, Theo, Peter, Evelyn & Maisie

Year 3 : Scarlett

Year 4 : Isla, Jarvis and Georgia

Staff : We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Rachel Gallagher, who has joined the staff team and will be working as a General Teaching Assistant.

Governors: We would also like to welcome Amandine Driver and Alan Weekes who have joined the school's Board of Governors and we wish them all the very best in their new roles.

Over the holidays a lot of maintenance work and improvements have taken place around school. Inside the school we are very grateful to Zana, our caretaker, who has carried out a thorough deep clean and repainted the main corridor during the summer break. In addition the external walls of Class 2s portacabin have been repainted, two new lights have been installed at the front of the school building and there has been maintenance work carried out to the ceiling in the library.

Finally we are absolutely thrilled to have had a new interactive whiteboard installed in Class 4, which has been donated by SMART Technology, thanks to Jack Clarkson's mum who is a director for the company. This new cutting-edge technology offers a lot of exciting opportunities for teaching and learning, as it will enhance lessons and the children's enjoyment of them. All staff were trained in how to use the new SMART software during our training day on Monday and now all the teachers are eager to have new interactive boards in their classrooms which will hopefully happen in the near future.

J. Robinson

MRS J ROBINSON
Headteacher

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This week's

Lothersdale Legends

have been awarded to:

Reception ~ Everyone in Reception for settling in so well this week

Year 1 ~ Emily Dixon

Year 2 ~ Maxi Harper

Year 3 ~ Jonty Green

Year 4 ~ Katie Walsh

Year 5 ~ Margot Cranham

Year 6 ~ Dominica Taylor

★ YEAR 6 AWARD ★

This week's Year 6 Award goes to
FREDDIE WARD

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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:

- Mon 9 Sep 2019 - Extended Schools Activities start
- Tue 10 Sep 2019 - Individual school photographs ~ 1.00pm
- Wed 11 Sep 2019 - Class 1 (Reception) Parents/Carers Stay and Play ~ 9.00 to 9.30am
- Mon 16 Sep 2019 - Curriculum Evening ~ Class 1 and Class 4: 6.45 to 7.30pm
- Mon 16 Sep 2019 - Curriculum Evening ~ Class 2 and Class 3: 7.45 to 8.30pm
- Wed 25 Sep 2019 - Class 1 Bedtime Story Day
- Wed 25 Sep 2019 - Cross Country South Craven Event ~ Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 ~ 4pm
- Thu 26 Sep 2019 - No Art Club session after school
- Thu 26 Sep 2019 - LSA Annual General Meeting in school at 7.30pm
- Fri 27 Sep 2019 - Deadline for full payment for Class 4 Humphrey Head visit
- Mon 30 Sep 2019 - Class 4 Humphrey Head visit ~ Parent Information Evening at 7.00pm
- Wed 2 Oct 2019 - Class 4 ~ Come Dine With Me ~ 12 noon
- Wed 2 Oct 2019 - Proposed Class 3 visit to Towneley Hall
- Mon 7 Oct 2019 - LSA Bag2School collection at 9.30am
- Tue 8 Oct 2019 - Class 1 & Class 2 Harvest Festival in school at 9.10am
- Tue 8 Oct 2019 - Class 3 & Class 4 Harvest Festival in school at Christ Church at 2.15pm
- Wed 16 Oct 2019 - Parent Forum ~ Class 3 & Class 4 ~ in school at 9.00am
- Wed 16 Oct 2019 - Class 2 visit to Eureka! Children's Museum in Halifax
- Wed 16 Oct 2019 - Class 3 & Class 4 ~ SCS Football Tournament (selected pupils)
- Mon 21 Oct 2019 - Class 4 residential visit to Humphrey Head
- Tue 22 Oct 2019 - Parent Forum ~ Class 1 & Class 2 ~ in school at 9.00am
- Tue 22 Oct 2019 - Class 3 ~ Come Dine With Me ~ 12 noon
- Fri 25 Oct 2019 - Class 4 return from Humphrey Head
- Fri 25 Oct 2019 - School breaks up at 3.15pm for half-term
- Thu 31 Oct 2019 - Deadline for online submission of application for a secondary school place
- Mon 4 Nov 2019 - School re-opens
- Mon 4 Nov 2019 - Deadline for payment of contributions towards Class 3 autumn term swimming lessons
- Tue 5 Nov 2019 - Bonfire Lunch
- Wed 6 Nov 2019 - Parent Consultations ~ 2.00pm to 5.30pm
- Thu 7 Nov 2019 - Parent Consultations ~ 2.30pm to 8.00pm
- Fri 15 Nov 2019 - BBC Children in Need
- Tue 10 Dec 2019 - Whole School Christmas Concert at South Craven School ~ 6pm

**Deadlines &
Reminders for w/c
9 September 2019**

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

- Mon** - Reading Plus at 8.30am
 - Extended Schools Activities start
 - Deadline for the return of the school photograph reply slip
 - Deadline for the return of the KS2 Cross Country reply slip (selected pupils)
- Wed** - Reading Plus at 8.30am
 - Class 1 Stay & Play ~ 9.00 to 9.30am
 - Deadline for the return of the Curriculum Evening reply slip
- Fri** - Reading Plus at 8.30am
 - Class 3 swimming lesson

EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 9 September 2019				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Book Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Gardening Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Drama KS1 & KS2 3.30 - 4.30pm	Art Club 3.15 - 4.15pm	Football 3.15 - 4.15pm
Get Groovy 3.15 - 4.15pm	Netball 3.15 - 4.15pm	Running Club 3.15 - 4.15pm	Farming & Nature 3.15 - 4.15pm	
Newspaper Club 3.15 - 4.15pm	Tennis 3.15 - 4.15pm		Supersports 3.15 - 4.15pm	
Newspaper Club 3.15 - 4.15pm	Woolcraft 3.15 - 4.15pm			

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

Health & Safety Update!

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 not 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 starts at 9.00am and children line up in the playground when the bell rings at 8.55am. Children should therefore **not** be in the school building prior to 8.55am unless they are taking part in Reading Plus or by prior arrangement. The period between 8.30am and 8.55am is an extremely busy time in school and staff are not available to supervise children. To help us keep your children safe, particularly in the event of a fire, please ensure they remain in the main playground (not the main school entrance area) until the bell rings.

Children with pack ups can place their lunch bags on the trolley when entering school with the class teacher. We will endeavour to ensure that a member of staff is always on the playground from 8.45am. Many thanks for your support.

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.

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 and Teaching Structure ~ September 2019

Please find detailed below our staff structure from September. Please note that teaching assistants are deployed based on pupil need and not classes and are therefore liable to be moved where necessary.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Support Staff</u>
1	Reception	Mrs Bateman	Mrs Gallagher
2	1 and 2	Mr Craven	Miss Thompson & Miss Laycock
	3 and 4	Miss Gallagher (Mon-Thu) Mrs Murray (Fri)	Miss Russell & Mrs Binns
4	5 and 6	Mrs Fawcett	Mrs Hill

Additional Teaching

- Mrs Turvey will continue to teach music to all classes on a Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon.
- Mr Harrison (Gerry) will continue to teach PE to all classes on a Thursday and Friday afternoon.
- Leah Stubbington will be in school on Tuesday afternoons to teach PE.
- Mrs King will be supporting teaching arrangements in Class 4 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday working with Year 5.
- Mrs Robinson will be supporting teaching arrangements in Class 4 on Thursdays and Fridays working with Year 5.

Making Contact with Class Teachers before school

Lothersdale Primary School is very proud of its 'open door policy' and its strong relationship with parents/carers and families. Throughout the year there will be times when parents/carers need to talk to teachers before school when something has 'cropped up' e.g. their child is upset about something. It is very important to us that these matters are followed up quickly and we would request that parents/carers follow the procedures below.

These are in preference to waiting until the class teacher collects his/her class from the playground at 8.55am, as this can result in the teachers being late for registration and delay the start of lessons. Also, between 8.45 and 8.55am, class teachers are talking to their teaching assistants about the morning lessons and we would ask parents/carers to avoid requesting to speak to teachers at this time.

If you wish to speak to a class teacher, or Mrs Robinson, before school starts please either:

- Telephone school between 8.00 and 8.15am to arrange a short face to face meeting or telephone call with a class teacher or Mrs Robinson on the same morning before school between 8.30 and 8.45am.
- If the query is less important, please telephone school between 8.00am and 12.00pm and leave a message for a teacher to telephone you back on the same day and answer your questions or to make an appointment to meet in school.

Please also note that class teachers will normally be on the playground at the end of the school day and are available to talk to at this time as well.

School Uniform

May we remind parents/carers that traditional black leather school shoes should be worn by children in school as part of our School Uniform Policy. Please do not send children in black boots (this includes Doc Martins), trainers, fashion shoes or ballet style shoes as these are not regulated footwear suitable for everyday school life. We attach a copy of our school uniform list for your information and would be grateful if all parents/carers could adhere to our uniform policy.

Long Hair

May we remind parents/carers that children with long hair (below shoulder height) must have hair tied back in a ponytail/plait.

Fruit

Please note that children in Class 1 and Class 2 receive fruit as a snack every day as part of the government's 'Keeping Healthy' campaign.

Children in Class 3 and Class 4 receive fruit on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which is kindly provided by Lothersdale School Association. Your child can also bring a piece of fruit to school from home on any day of the week if he/she wishes to do so.

Attendance

Pupil Unauthorised Leave of Absence during 2018-2019

Please note that 109½ school days were lost through pupils taking unauthorised leave of absence during term time in the 2018-2019 academic year at Lothersdale Primary School. This is a large decline on last year's figures and, as Ofsted inspections are focused on as high a percentage of pupil attendance as possible, this is an area where parents/carers can support us by helping Lothersdale School to maintain high attendance levels.

Therefore we include the following reminders:

- Pupil Leave of Absence from school during Term Time
Leave of absence will only be authorised if the appropriate criteria has been met - please see the school's Leave of Absence in Term Time Policy on the school website. Following Government Guidelines since September 2013, the Headteacher is not authorised to grant leave of absence during term time in any other circumstances than those stated.
- Medical Appointments
30 school days were missed through pupils taking medical appointments during term time in the 2018-2019 academic year. Please ensure where possible that all appointments are made outside school hours. We understand that this may not always be possible, but would urge you to ensure that your child has the highest attendance levels as possible.

School Term dates for 2019/2020 and 2020-2021 can be found on the school's website for your information.

Traffic Management outside school

The yellow markings have been put down outside school on behalf of North Yorkshire County Council and The Parish Council to alleviate traffic flow and are enforceable.

We would therefore remind parents/carers to refrain from parking on the yellow zig zags or from doing three point turns outside school and Out of School Club when dropping off and picking up children from school. 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.

PE Sessions ~ Autumn Term

Now that the majority of our PE sessions are spent outdoors, it would be beneficial if all children (Class 1 to Class 4) have a pair of trainers for these sessions. Black pumps are ideal for indoor use but not supportive enough for running and high impact PE sessions.

Please remember that full PE kit should be in school when your child is taking part in PE sessions. A PE bag check was carried out this week in school by the teaching assistants who were very surprised to find that a large proportion of the older children's clothing was unnamed and many children had black shorts! We would kindly remind parents/carers that all PE kit should be kept in the Lothersdale PE bag, which is available from the school uniform shops in Skipton, in line with the school's Uniform Policy.

Please also ensure that all items of PE kit are clearly named and all children have the correct items of clothing as per the school uniform policy:

Plain white T-Shirt with or without school logo
Royal Blue Shorts
Black Plimsolls (indoors) & Trainers (outdoors)
Royal Blue School PE Hoody (*optional*)
Dark Tracksuit Bottoms (*optional*) (Autumn/Winter)
Lothersdale School PE bag

Please note that no other clothing/bags will be accepted.

Our PE schedule for this term is listed below for your information:

Class 1 - Monday ~ Football (Soccer Hub), Thursday ~ Multisports (Coach: Gerry)
Class 2 - Monday ~ Football (Soccer Hub), Thursday ~ Multisports (Coach: Gerry)
Class 3 - Tuesday ~ Netball & Running (Coach: Leah), Friday ~ Swimming
Class 4 - Tuesday ~ Netball & Running (Coach: Leah), Thursday ~ Multisports (Coach: Gerry)

Extended Schools Activities ~ w/c 9 September 2019

Extended Schools Activities will start on Monday 9 September 2019 and the activity lists are now available to view in the main reception area. *Please ensure you check these lists prior to the activities taking place to avoid any confusion over the times you need to collect your child from school. All children must be collected promptly at the end of each session.*

Please note that children will use their PE kit for all indoor clubs, including dance, and **no** other clothing should be brought into school. Providers will ensure the children are changed back into their school uniform at the end of the session so that PE kit remains in school.

Children taking part in outdoor clubs ~ Running, Football ~ can bring in additional sports clothing for these sessions only to ensure they are warm outside.

Art Club ~ Thursday 26 September 2019

Please note that, due to a prior commitment, there will be no Art Club on Thursday 26 September. The cost of the missed session will be deducted from next half-term's payment for those children who continue with the club. Refunds will otherwise be made via ParentPay.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 10 September 2019 to take individual/family group (children only) photographs. A letter was sent out on Tuesday with further details and we would be grateful if you could return the reply slip by Monday 9 September 2019 if you have not already done so ~ the photographer will not be able to take your child's photograph if we do not receive the reply slip. Please note that children must be in full school uniform.

Curriculum Evenings ~ Monday 16 September 2019

Following the success of our Curriculum Evenings for parents/carers last year we will, once again, be offering all parents/carers the opportunity to come into school early in the academic year and meet their child's class teacher and teaching assistants.

Each event will last for approximately 45 minutes and parents/carers will find out about classroom routines and activities, homework timetables and how they can support learning at home during the school year. The Curriculum Evenings will take place as follows in your child's classroom and everyone is welcome to attend.

Monday 16 September at 6.45 to 7.30pm

Parents of children in Reception (Class 1) and Years 5 and 6 (Class 4)

Monday 16 September at 7.45 to 8.30pm

Parents of children in Years 1 and 2 (Class 2) and Years 3 and 4 (Class 3)

Letters have been sent out via bookbags today with a reply slip to enable us to gauge attendance levels for each session. Please ensure reply slips are returned to school by Wednesday 11 September 2019 to enable us to confirm numbers.

Whole School Christmas Concert ~ Tuesday 10 December 2019

We have arranged to hold a whole school Christmas Concert at South Craven School on Tuesday 10 December 2019 starting at 6.00pm. All the children in school will be performing and more information will follow but, in the meantime, **SAVE THE DATE** as this will be our one and only Christmas performance!

Next LSA Meeting ~ Annual General Meeting ~ Thursday 26 September 2019

The next LSA meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held in school at 7.30pm on Thursday 26 September 2019. All parents/carers are welcome to attend and we very much look forward to meeting new Reception parents. Information will be sent out next week with further details.

Bag2School Collection ~ Monday 7 October 2019

The next Bag2School Collection will be held on Monday 7 October 2019 so please start collecting unwanted items to raise money for school. Official bags will be issued nearer the time, but black bin bags are also accepted. Important ~ please note:

Bag2School accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie



- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

North Yorkshire County Music Service

We have several peripatetic teachers in school on a weekly basis from the County Music Service to teach singing and guitar lessons etc. This arrangement is made between parents and the Music Service. The school currently has access to a selection of musical instruments eg. Violin, clarinet, flute, guitar and trumpets, which are available for pupils to use. Please contact Mrs Ellison if this would be of interest. Parents would need to make sure that they insure these instruments during the period of use on their home contents insurance.

If your child wishes to play guitar (or any other instrument) or take up singing lessons, information and application forms can be accessed online as follows:
<http://www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk>

Class 1 Updates
from
Mrs Bateman

Please find detailed below Class 1 updates from Mrs Bateman. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance.

Autumn Term Curriculum

Curriculum outlines for the next academic year will be discussed and shared at the Curriculum Evenings for parents in September however Class 1's key topic areas for the autumn term are 'All About me' and 'Harvest'.

Class 1 ~ Change of Clothing

Although we do have a small number of clothing items available to change your child into, we would be grateful if parents/carers of children in Class 1 could ensure their child has an extra set of underwear (plus tights where applicable) to help us guarantee we have enough clothing in school in case of "little" accidents!

Class 1 ~ Stay and Play ~ Wednesday 11 September 2019 ~ 9.00 to 9.30am

As the children in Class 1 have settled in so well this week, we would like to invite parents/carers or grandparents of children in Class 1 to come in to join their child for a short 'stay and play' on Wednesday 11 September 2019 from 9.00 to 9.30am. Please do not worry if you are not able to do so this time as there will be other opportunities, but if you are able to come along please let Mrs Bateman know or email school via lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk.

Class 2 Updates from Mr Craven

Please find detailed below Class 2 updates from Mr Craven. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance.

Autumn Term Curriculum

Curriculum outlines for the next academic year will be discussed and shared at the Curriculum Evenings for parents in September however Class 2's key topic areas for the autumn term are:

History ~ Gun Power Plot and Guy Fawkes

Science ~ Animals including Humans

Homework

Homework expectations for the year will be discussed in more detail during the Curriculum Evening for parents/carers on Monday 16 September 2019.

Following this first week back in school, the following activities have been established with Class 2:

- Children have been allocated their new reading books and are expected to read at home at least 3 times per week for up to 15 mins. Other homework activities will begin next week.

Class 3 Updates from Miss Gallagher & Mrs Murray

Please find detailed below Class 3 updates from Miss Gallagher & Mrs Murray. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance.

Year 4 ~ South Craven Concert ~ Thursday 18 July 2019

On Thursday afternoon children from Years 4, 5 and 6 had a super end of term treat when they travelled down to South Craven School to watch the musical extravaganza in the Fells Hall. We are very grateful to South Craven School for inviting us and for paying for, and organising, the transport to take us all down there. It was lovely to watch former Lothersdale Primary School pupils perform and the production of 'Show in a Week' was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by us all.

Class 3 ~ Swimming Lessons Autumn Term

Class 3 swimming lessons will start on Friday 6 September 2019. The children will leave school at 1.30pm and return to school at approximately 3.15pm.

Autumn Term Curriculum

Curriculum outlines for the next academic year will be discussed and shared at the Curriculum Evenings for parents in September however Class 3's key topic areas for the autumn term are:

History ~ The Ancient Egyptians

Science ~ Characteristics of materials

Homework

Homework expectations for the year will be discussed in more detail during the Curriculum Evening for parents/carers on Monday 16 September 2019.

Following this first week back in school, the following activities have been established with Class 3:

- Children have been allocated their new reading books and are expected to read at home at least 3 times per week for up to 20 mins. Weekly spelling check-ups will take place on a Friday (the full list of spellings for the half term will be given to the children to allow families to organise when they will practice spellings - the list is also available on the Class 3 page on the school website). Children need to spend time at home learning spellings and may need support to focus on those particular spellings on the word list they find tricky. KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) will start next week with the weekly check on a Friday.
- Homework books will be sent home on Monday with a maths and spelling focus activity. A timetable for all the activities will be displayed in the front of the homework books, however these need to be handed in on a Friday at the latest.

Class 4 Updates from Mrs Fawcett

Please find detailed below Class 4 updates from Mrs Fawcett. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance.

Autumn Term Curriculum

Curriculum outlines for the next academic year will be discussed and shared at the Curriculum Evenings for parents in September however Class 4's key topic areas for the autumn term are:

History ~ The Tudors

Science ~ Forces.

Homework

Homework expectations for the year will be discussed in more detail during the Curriculum Evening for parents/carers on Monday 16 September 2019.

Following this first week back in school, the following activities have been established with Class 4:

- Children have chosen their new reading books and part of their homework is to read at home every day, spending a minimum of one hour over the course of the week.

- Brown spelling books, containing the lists for autumn 1, were given out on Tuesday. There will be weekly check-ups in class each Monday, with importance being placed upon learning the spelling rule (where one applies), which will enable children to relate this knowledge when spelling unfamiliar words which conform to a particular pattern - children are learning a rule that they can use, as opposed to a list of spellings which they forget after the test. This list of spellings can also be found in the attachments on the Class 4 page of the website. Children will need to identify the words that they find tricky and spend time at home familiarising themselves with the rule and the spelling. In conjunction with the spellings, Year 5 will complete sentence writing homework and Year 6 will complete spelling/grammar work.
- Learn by heart facts, also known as KIRFS (Key Instant Recall Facts), have been sent out this week, the first target being the revision of multiplication and division facts to 12 x 12, rapid and random recall of these facts being a requirement by the end of Year 4. A target will be set each week, with work being completed at home and a check-up taking place in school on a Friday.
- Maths or English homework will be given out on alternate Fridays and will be returned to school by the following Wednesday.
- In addition to this, all children are required to complete a minimum of five reads and one spelling task on Reading Plus each week - although there is no upper limit! They have the choice of completing the sessions in school on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning starting at 8.30am, or in their own time at home. Last academic year, we were extremely pleased with the excellent progress children made whilst completing the programme. On average, over the year, our Year 6 children gained 4.5 levels of progress - that is four and a half academic years' worth of progress in the complexity of the texts and the questions they were able to answer. What's more, the feedback from the children was incredibly positive, many stating that they thoroughly enjoyed the wide range of interesting texts they had had the opportunity to read.

The timetable, which details the weekly cycle clearly, has been stuck in the front of homework diaries ~ this has also been explained and discussed at length with the children in class.

Class 4 ~ Walking home from school

We are happy for children in Class 4 to walk home from school, or to an agreed meeting point, unaccompanied from the school playground but only upon written consent from parents/carers.

If you would like your child to walk home from school, please ensure that a parent signed letter of permission is sent in to the school office ~ children must be collected from school as normal unless written consent is in place.

Class 4 Residential Visit to Humphrey Head and Parents' Information Evening

The Humphrey Head residential visit will take place on 21 to 25 October 2019 and the Parent Information Pack will be sent out to parents/carers of pupils in Class 4 prior to the information evening.

Please remember that the Humphrey Head Payment Account is already set up on ParentPay to enable parents/carers to pay regular amounts at your convenience and payment should be made in full by Friday 27 September 2019. A Parents' Information Evening will take place in school on **Monday 30 September 2019** at 7.00pm ~ please note that pupils should not attend as this enables parents to freely discuss any concerns they may have. Pupils will be able to discuss Humphrey Head in class with Mrs Fawcett nearer the time of the visit.

Sporting Events

Please find detailed below information regarding sporting events taking place out of school. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Cross Country Event ~ South Craven School ~ Wednesday 25 September 2019

The first event on our sporting calendar for the next academic year is the cross country competition at South Craven School at 4pm. Selected children from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will take part and letters were sent out yesterday with further details. Please ensure the reply slip is returned by Monday 9 September 2019, if you have not done so already.

School Office Information

If you have any queries regarding any of content below, please contact the school office.

Please note that Mrs Ellison is available in the School Office during the following times:

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00
Tuesday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00
Wednesday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00
Thursday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00
Friday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00

If the telephone is not answered please leave a message on the answering machine and Mrs Ellison or another member of school staff will return your call as soon as possible. If you need to call during 12.00 and 2.00pm, the phone will be answered or the message heard on the answering machine by another member of staff between these times and responded to accordingly.

Class 1 ~ PE and Bookbags

Letters were sent out at the end of last term to parents/carers of children in Class 1 with details of ParentPay logins. If you have not already done so, please login to ParentPay as soon as possible and ensure payment for the PE bag and bookbag, received in the Class 1 Welcome Packs, is made as soon as possible (the deadline for payment was Monday 2 September 2019). If you are having difficulty logging in or using ParentPay, please contact Mrs Ellison who will be happy to guide you through the ParentPay process.

Class 3 Swimming Lessons ~ Payments

Please note that the deadline for payment of contributions towards Class 3 swimming lessons for the autumn term first half has now passed and some contributions remain outstanding. Please note that, although these lessons are part of the school curriculum, the school receives no extra funding for swimming or transport costs and relies on parental contributions to enable the children to take part in this activity. No child will be excluded if his or her parents/carers do not contribute, but if insufficient voluntary contributions are received then regrettably, this activity will not go ahead.

As funding is extremely tight across all schools, it is having a negative impact on our learning resources when the school doesn't receive these voluntary contributions and we would therefore be extremely grateful if you could therefore help us by contributing towards your child's autumn term swimming lessons, however small.

TOP TIP: ParentPay Account Credit Facility

Please note that you can hold credit on your ParentPay account to assist with family budgeting. To set this up on your ParentPay account, click on 'add Parent Account Credit' and follow any instructions. You can add credit into this account at any time and then draw on it to pay for future school trips, meals, Extended Schools' activities etc. It is a really useful way to save for future payments.

School Meals ~ Autumn Term

Please find attached menu for the autumn term. A copy is also available on the school website. It is important that any children with food allergies are known to the school catering team. If your child has any allergies, please ensure the school office is informed as soon as possible, if you haven't done so already. A copy of the menu can also be found on the school website.

Class 3 & Class 4

Please note that school meals must be paid for in advance and we would also ask parents/carers to refer to the school's School Meals' Arrears Procedure (available to view on the school website) to ensure that you are familiar with the school's course of action should you find yourselves falling behind with payments. Please note that pupil meals on your ParentPay account are deducted on a daily basis.

Pupils on Packed Lunches

May we remind parents to ensure their child's pack up is clearly named to help us distribute to the correct table at lunchtime. Many thanks.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

Now that the new academic year has started, may we remind parents that free school meals are available for children whose parents meet the relevant criteria. If you are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits and think you may qualify, please either ask Mrs Ellison for an application form or use the application form available via www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

The relevant criteria is based on receipt of:

- income support
- income-based job seeker's allowance
- income-related employment and support allowance
- child tax credit with an income of less than £16,190 and **not** in receipt of working tax credit
- support under part VI of the immigration and asylum act 1999
- guarantee element of state pension credit.

Where parents are entitled to working tax credit during a four week "run on" period immediately after their employment has ceased, or after they have started to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school meals.

Children who receive income support or income based jobseeker's allowance in their own right are also entitled to free school meals.

Applications are usually processed the same day. If your child is entitled to free school meals you will receive a letter confirming the date when the meals will start. The school is also notified that your child is entitled to free school meals. In the meantime, you should continue to pay for free school meals until confirmation comes through. School may be able to arrange a reimbursement of any monies paid whilst your entitlement is being confirmed. If you are not entitled to free school meals you will be notified in writing.

School Contact Information

Please remember that if you wish to contact a member of staff or have a general query, you can email us via lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk and your message will be passed on to the appropriate member of staff or dealt with accordingly. You can also use the contact form available on the school website.

Pupil Medical Information

It is important that school is kept updated regarding any changes to your child's health. Please inform the school office as soon as possible if your child's medical details change to enable us to keep our records up-to-date.

Friday News Online

Please remember that if you do not receive a hard copy of the Friday News, or mislay the copy sent home every Friday, the newsletters can also be found on the school website for your information.

School Website Updates

Remember to look on our School Website for further information on what is happening around school! New postings on our website this week are listed below:

Friday News

Class 3 Spelling Lists

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.

'Young at Heart' event in Lothersdale Village Hall ~ Saturday 14 September 2019

A night of song and music in support of The Children's Heart Surgery Fund. Flyers have been sent out via bookbags today with further details. Please note that we are very proud that ex-Lothersdale Primary School pupils, Sophie Smith, Becky Pickles and Jess Smith, are all performing and it would be great if they got some support from Lothersdale Primary School at this charity fundraiser.

Christ Church Lothersdale Café Church ~ Sunday 15 September 2019

Christ Church Lothersdale welcomes you to their Café Church Service on Sunday 15 September 2019 at Christ Church, Lothersdale. Breakfast is served at 9.00am followed by church worship at 9.30am. Everyone is very welcome to come along and take part in this relaxed atmosphere.



Skipton Music Centre

Skipton Music Centre is offering FREE music lessons this autumn term for any beginner students aged 7-14 who would like to learn the clarinet, flute or alto saxophone. You will have a 30 minute group lesson followed by a 75 minute group session on Saturday mornings during term time. Instrument for the whole year is also free.

Skipton Music Centre is based at Ermysted's Grammar School in Skipton. Fees from January 2020 work out at just £2 per hour, with discounts for those receiving some benefits. Please see the website for further information (<http://skipton-music-centre.org.uk/>) or contact Sarah Evans on 01609 534795 / 07816 174 084 / email: Sarah.Evans@northyorks.gov.uk

Skipton Puppet Festival ~ 4 to 6 October 2019

Booklets have been sent home via bookbags today containing information about this year's 8th International Puppet Festival taking place in Skipton from 4 to 6 October 2019.



Keighley Women's Refuge (Bradford Women's Aid)

Please remember we are linked up with Christchurch Lothersdale to support Keighley Women's Refuge. Please leave any donations you may wish to bring in towards this charity in the corner unit in the main reception area ~ this collection will be ongoing until further notice. Please feel free to bring in items when you can.

The Women's Refuge provide home starter packs when the families are rehoused, which comprise the following (new) items: *Toiletries, cleaning products, cleaning equipment, kitchen equipment (eg pans, plates, mugs), food items (long life food items are ideal, eg tins and packets of food)*. If you are able to donate any of the above, they will be gratefully received. Many thanks.

All the uniform items are readily available from MC Sports, Sackville Street, Skipton and Skip to School, Water Street, Skipton

SCHOOL UNIFORM LIST

Winter

Black or Grey Trousers
Black or Dark Grey Pinafore/
Knee Length Skirt
White short-sleeved Polo Shirt
Royal Blue School Sweatshirt
Grey or White Socks or Royal Blue/Dark Grey Tights
Black School Shoes*

Summer

Black or Grey Shorts/Trousers
Blue and white Gingham Dress *or*
Grey Skirt/White short-sleeved Polo Shirt
Royal Blue School Sweatshirt
Grey, Black or White Socks
Black School Shoes*

PE Kit**

White T-Shirt
Royal Blue Shorts
Black Plimsolls (indoors) & Trainers (outdoors)
Royal Blue School PE Hoody (*optional*)
Dark Tracksuit Bottoms (*optional*) (Autumn/Winter)

Swimming

(Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 only)
Swimming Trunks (not long Bermuda shorts) / One Piece Swimming Costume

Arts & Crafts Activities

An old shirt with the sleeves cut short and with a loop for hanging

Large School Bookbag

(with shoulder straps removed for children in Class 1 & Class 2)

**for safety reasons children should wear shoes that are as flat as possible. High-heeled shoes, fashion boots and trainers are not to be worn to school.*

*** PE Kit must be kept in school at all times in a school PE bag.*

PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

Jewellery and Nail Varnish

If your child wears ear-rings they should be removed prior to PE sessions for health & safety reasons. Nail varnish on fingers and toes must not be worn at all times.

Long hair

Long hair must be tied back with small, unobtrusive hair accessories in school colours only (royal blue, black or grey).

AUTUMN TERM 2019 ~ SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

	WEEK ONE w/c 2 September 2019 w/c 23 September 2019 w/c 14 October 2019 w/c 11 November 2019 w/c 2 December 2019	WEEK TWO w/c 9 September 2019 w/c 30 September 2019 w/c 21 October 2019 w/c 18 November 2019 w/c 9 December 2019	WEEK THREE w/c 16 September 2019 w/c 7 October 2019 w/c 4 November 2019 w/c 25 November 2019 w/c 16 December 2019
M O N D A Y	Oven Baked Beef Lasagne Sweetcorn & Garden Peas ***** Apple & Oat Crumble with Custard	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie Garden Peas Sautéed Potatoes & Gravy ***** Chocolate & Raspberry Sponge with Custard	Pork Sausage Roast Potatoes Garden Peas & Carrots Gravy ***** Arctic Roll
T U E S D A Y	Battered Cod Chips Garden Peas & Tomato Sauce ***** Strawberry Ice Cream	Margherita Pizza Potato Wedges Coleslaw & Salad ***** Ice Cream Pot with Fresh Fruit	Fish Finger Sandwich Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans with Tomato Sauce ***** Strawberry Mousse
W E D N E S D A Y	Roast Chicken with Stuffing Yorkshire Pudding Broccoli & Sliced Carrots Roast Potatoes with Gravy ***** Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins	Roast Turkey with Stuffing Potatoes Carrots & Broccoli Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy ***** Iced Muffin Bun	Savoury Minced Beef Yorkshire Pudding Broccoli & Sweetcorn Creamed Potatoes & Gravy ***** Sultana Pudding & Custard
T H U R S D A Y	BBQ Chicken Wrap Sautéed Potatoes Sweetcorn Minted Yoghurt Dip ***** Fruit Pudding with Custard	Baked Spaghetti & Meatballs topped with Cheddar & Mozzarella served with a garlic slice ***** Homemade Shortbread & Orange Biscuit	Margherita Pizza Potato Wedges Coleslaw ***** Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie
F R I D A Y	Margherita Pizza Potato Wedges Fresh Mixed Salad Homemade Coleslaw ***** Apple Flapjack	Hand Battered Fish Goujons Chips Peas & Sweetcorn ***** Apple Crumble with Custard	Chicken Korma Rice Fresh Mixed Salad Naan Bread ***** Eves Pudding with Custard

Flavoured Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Pot available daily

■ Due to circumstances beyond our control, it may be necessary to change from the printed menu ■



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