

AUTUMN TERM ■ ISSUE 1 ■ FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2023



It is my privilege to welcome you all back to Lothersdale Primary School, at the start of this new academic year. We have had a fantastic first week as we have welcomed new starters, begun new learning, settled into new classes and adopted new routines. We are exceptionally proud of all the children who have returned to school with enthusiasm, an eagerness to try their best and a determination to succeed as they approach the new school year.

We are delighted to welcome all of our new children into 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 : Sienna, Leo, Charlotte, Dexter, Lenny, Anya, Petra, Iliana, Lucas, Jensen, James, Theo, Georgina, Lexi and Florence

Year 2 : Laren

Year 3 : Jude

Year 4 : Jasmine and Phoebe

Staff : We also welcome Miss Grace Ashworth, our newly appointed class 2 teacher and Miss Jenny Atkins, who will be teaching class 3 on a Friday. Both are experienced teachers, who display passion and commitment to quality first teaching and learning. They also bring with them a host of experience supporting subject specific and extra-curricular interests.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Gemma Allen, who has joined the staff team as a kitchen assistant: we wish her all the very best in her new role.

Governors : We would like to welcome Anna Chapman and William Craven, who have joined the school's Board of Governors and we wish them all the very best in their new roles.

On Monday, it was an honour to lead the first staff training day of the year. Staff joined together to discuss the year ahead, forthcoming (and new!) school events and safeguarding procedures. We then spent the afternoon discussing and exploring a brand new curriculum, which your child has access to from next week. This curriculum is progressive, ambitious and presents the children with opportunities to reach their potential and explore their academic interests. On Monday 11 September, your class teacher will send your child home with a curriculum information pack. This will include: a class curriculum overview for this half term, a class newsletter, statutory spelling list, and science and geography core knowledge organisers (please use these to quiz your child on their learning). This information will be sent to you at the start of each half term. Should you have any questions regarding the curriculum, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or your child's class teacher.

I would like to thank those of you who attended the coffee mornings, which were hosted in the final few weeks of term, last year. I found your queries, feedback and suggestions extremely useful and I have used some of them to inform action planning this academic year. I intend to address some of the following areas:

- Communication
- Curriculum
- Personal development
- Behaviour management routines and procedures

I will update you on the development of these areas at intervals throughout the year. I will also be hosting half-termly parent meetings for you to attend further discussion.

Finally, I would like to thank all pupils, staff and parents who have made me feel so welcome in this first week of term. It has been a success and I look forward to sharing many more with you all.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Tyson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

MRS MELANIE TYSON
Headteacher



Well done to all our children who have had a fantastic week settling into our school routines.
We are proud of you all!

Our Lothersdale Legend awards will start next week.

EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ AUTUMN TERM 2023 ~ FIRST HALF

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soccer Tots 3.15 to 4.15pm	Running Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	Art Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	Supersports 3.15 to 4.15pm	Dance Club 3.15 to 4.15pm
-	Young Voices Choir 3.15 to 4.15pm	Drama 3.15 to 4.15pm	-	Football 3.15 to 4.15pm
-	-	-	-	Sewing Club 3.15 to 4.15pm

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

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 11 September 2023

- Mon** - Extended Schools activities start
- Fri** - Class 3 swimming lesson

New September School Information

School Hours

May we remind all parents/carers that school starts at 8:45am and we would be grateful if all children could be on the school playground at 8:40am ready to come into school.

8:45am	Morning Registration (all children must be in school at this time)
10:45am	Morning Break
12:15pm	Lunch
1:15pm	Afternoon Registration
3:15pm	School Day Ends
3:15 – 4:15pm	Extended Schools Activities take place

LEGENDS Before & After School Clubs

7:30 - 8:40am LEGENDS Breakfast Club (pre-booked sessions only)

3:15 – 6:00pm LEGENDS After School Club (pre-booked sessions only)



All LEGENDS Before & After School Club sessions are booked and paid for in advance via the SchoolGateway app. If you would like your child to attend, please ensure you read the LEGENDS Parent Handbook to familiarise yourself with the procedures and booking process.

Change to the booking process

Please note the following amendment: any cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance, via the School Gateway app. If your child does not attend or if you do not provide 24 hours-notice, we will be unable to issue a refund.

School Training Day sessions must be booked 5 days in advance.

PE Sessions – Autumn Term

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



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| Class 1 | - | Monday ~ Football (Soccer Hub), Friday ~ FMS (Coach: Gerry) |
| Class 2 | - | Monday ~ Football (Soccer Hub), Thursday ~ FMS (Coach: Gerry) |
| Class 3 | - | Tuesday ~ Dance (Kanga Sports), Friday ~ Swimming |
| Class 4 | - | Tuesday ~ Dance (Kanga Sports), Friday ~ Football (Coach: Gerry) |

Extended Schools Activities – Autumn Term



The Extended Schools' Activity lists have been emailed out to parents/carers today and a copy is also available on the school website.

Please note that we are unable to add your child to an activity list once the deadline has passed and the lists have been distributed to providers and LOOSC. It is therefore important that you help us to avoid your child missing out on an activity by adhering to the stated deadline.

Children will wear their normal PE for the activity clubs unless they are taking part in Running Club or Football. Children taking part in these clubs can bring in their own kit suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

All extended schools' activities finish at half term during the week ending Friday 27 October 2023.

School Uniform

May we remind parents that the definitive school uniform list is available to view on the school website. It is important that children are wearing the correct uniform when representing the school.

Shoulder length hair and longer (boys and girls), must be tied back in accordance with our school policy.

We would be grateful if all parents could ensure that all items of clothing are also named. All uniform will be checked at the start of the autumn term. Many thanks for your support.

Welcome
to the
Lothersdale
**SCHOOL
OFFICE**

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SCHOOL OFFICE TERM TIME HOURS		
	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	8.00 – 12.00	1.00 – 4.00
Tuesday	8.00 – 12.00	1.00 – 4.00
Wednesday	8.00 – 12.00	1.00 – 4.00
Thursday	8.00 – 12.00	1.00 – 4.00
Friday*	8.30 – 10.30	3.15 – 3.45

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

Visitor access into school 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 the office will be manned between the stated hours for urgent messages only*

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>

School Gateway

Thank you to all our parents/carers for supporting us during the transition to our new cashless payment system. We have now moved away from ParentPay and SchoolGateway will be used for all our payment requests moving forward. This helps to make administration less time consuming and to cut down on the number of parental logins. In the first instance, please refer to the help pages in the SchoolGateway app if you encounter any problems with the system.

DIARY OF EVENTS	<p><i>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:</i></p>
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| Mon 25 Sep 2023 | - LSA Annual General Meeting in school |
| Tue 31 Oct 2023 | - Deadline for online submission for a secondary school place |
| Tue 10 Oct 2023 | - Flu immunisations |
| | - Harvest Festivals: |
| | 9.10am – Class 1 & Class 2 |
| | 2.00pm – Class 3 & Class 4 |
| W/c 16 Oct 2023 | - Class 4 Residential and Activity Week |
| Tue 19 Dec 2023 | - Whole School Christmas Concert |

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 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 for lunch. 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 8:30am for health and safety reasons.*

No children should be left unsupervised on the playground.

After School

Pick-Up: 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. If our child will be collected by a different family member or friend, please ensure the school office is made aware. School staff can only let children go with a nominated adult if parents/carers cannot pick up for any reason.

We would ask that parents/carers leave the playground as soon as possible after collection at 3:15pm as the playground is used by LEGENDS and after school clubs.

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.

We would remind all parents/carers to park respectfully and avoid blocking any gates/school entrance etc and parking on yellow or white keep clear lines. 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.



No Dogs on School Premises

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school premises in line with the school's health and safety policies. If your child is collected by other family members, please ensure they are also made aware. Many thanks.

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.



WANT TO LEARN NEW SKILLS? OR GROW
YOUR LOVE OF HOCKEY? THEN JOIN US IN
A BACK TO HOCKEY EVENT!!

*SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 10AM -12PM,
OAKBANK SCHOOL, KEIGHLEY
FOR A FREE TASTER SESSION
ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME*



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