

AUTUMN TERM • ISSUE 10 • FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2020



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:*

- Fri 11 Dec 2020** - Christmas Jumper Day ~ wear a Christmas Jumper to school to support Save the Children
- Mon 14 Dec 2020** - Whole School Aladdin Pantomime Workshops
- Tue 15 Dec 2020** - Raffle Draw in school  
- School Christmas Lunch
- Thu 17 Dec 2020** - Christmas Party Day
- Fri 18 Dec 2020** - Christmas Jumper Day ~ wear a Christmas Jumper to school to support Save the Children  
- School closes at 3.15pm for the Christmas break

Deadlines & Reminders for  
w/c 23 November 2020

*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. Thank you.*

- w/c 23 Nov 2020** - Booster sessions in school (see below)
- Mon 23 Nov 2020** - LSA Christmas Raffle ~ deadline for offering to donate a prize (see below)
- Fri 27 Nov 2020** - Deadline to enter the Dolce Snowman Poster Competition

**EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 23 November 2020**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Soccer Tots</b> 3.15 – 4.15pm	<b>Streetdance</b> 3.15 – 4.15pm	<b>Drama Club C2</b> 3.15 – 4.15pm	<b>Art Club</b> 3.15 – 4.15pm	<b>Y5/6 Football</b> 3.15 – 4.15pm
		<b>Drama Club C3</b> 3.15 – 4.15pm	<b>Supersports</b> 3.15 – 4.15pm	

**Please do not come onto the school playground - the member of staff/activity provider will unlock the main gate and bring the children out at the end of each session to ensure a safe handover to parents/carers. Please remember to keep your distance.**

**Headteacher  
Updates  
from  
Mr Grogan**

*Please find detailed below Headteacher updates for your information. If you have any queries regarding any of the content below, please contact the school office.*

Dear Parents/Carers

This week in school, the teachers have had the opportunity to catch up with many of you to discuss your children's progress this term. The teachers have told me that they enjoyed the opportunity to speak with you all, and they have reported many examples of positive feedback from you which is always nice to hear. I hope the opportunity to speak with the teachers was useful to you.

One of the many negative effects of Covid-19 has been the detrimental impact it has had on relationships, and this is true in our school community too. The parent-teacher relationship is a very important one, and it is one we value very highly. As such, we are conscious that it is difficult to build relationships as we would like to because we cannot invite you in to the school at the moment. However, please remember, you do not have to wait until the next consultation event if you have any concerns about your child or if you have any questions about their learning. Teachers are always available for chats on the playground or on the phone if you would like; please just ask.

Between now and the end of term, we are running some short booster sessions in Maths and English to help some children catch up on elements of learning that they may have missed out on when school was closed in the summer months. If your child is selected for one of these before or after school groups, there is no cause for concern as all the children experienced some learning loss. Some groups will be recapping on essential elements of maths, reading or grammar to help children remember, and others will be focussed on deepening the children's learning in areas like maths reasoning.

This week's Online Safety Guide is for Roblox. I have surveyed the Class 4 children and this is an extremely popular game indeed. I was encouraged to hear lots of children tell me how they keep themselves safe, for example by turning off the chat function, and I'm sure many parents could benefit from conversations with their children, using this guide as a talking point.

Have a great weekend.

Have a great weekend, everyone.



**COLUM GROGAN**

*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.*

## Lothersdale School Association ~ Fundraising Events



The poster features a drawing of a school building with 'L.S.A.' on the roof and two children in front. To the right, it says 'Lothersdale School Association CHRISTMAS RAFFLE' and shows a sleigh pulled by reindeer.

The LSA will be holding a Christmas Raffle again this year and would be grateful if parents/carers are able to donate prizes.

All proceeds will go towards the school.

Please email the school office ([lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk)) by Monday 23 November 2020 if you are able to donate a prize.



This year the LSA are producing a **Lothersdale 2021 School Calendar** to raise money for school funds.

All the children have been busy drawing some wonderful pictures for each month of the year and three winning pictures from each class have been chosen for the calendar.

Thank you to all the children in school for producing some wonderful art work. The winning pictures are as follows:

- January ~ Sophie** (Year 2)
- February ~ Penny** (Year 1)
- March ~ Reece** (Year 4)
- April ~ Violet** (Year 3)
- May ~ Woody** (Year 4)
- June ~ Nel** (Year 6)
- July ~ Betsy** (Year 5)
- August ~ Alfie** (Year 6)
- September ~ Bonnie** (Rec)
- October ~ Edward** (Rec)
- November ~ Tobin** (Rec)
- December ~ Ella H** (Year 2)



Well done everyone! The pictures will be sent off today and we will let you know when the calendars are available to purchase.

## BBC Children in Need ~ Friday 13 November 2020



You have helped raise **£358.00** for Children in Need so far. We still have outstanding donations - please remember to donate via the link below if your child chose to wear bright colours in school last Friday to support this year's campaign and you have not yet made your donation.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1678>

Many thanks for your support.

### Jack's Children in Need Fundraiser

Well done to Jack A in Class 3 who raised an incredible £200 towards this year's Children in Need charity via his Teddy raffle!

### Anti-Bullying Week 2020

All the children in school have taken part in our Anti-Bullying Week. We have had class-based discussions about how to be kind, caring and inclusive and also reminded the children that they are special and unique individuals.



We began the week with a flash of colour for Odd Socks Day – there were some crazy combinations! We listened to the new song by Andy and the Odd Socks; a noisy anthem which encourages children to stand together and say no to unkind, bullying behaviour. Class 3 even learnt some sign language to go with the lyrics.



While we are in our class bubbles it is, of course, difficult to see one another and so all the children have decorated a personalised puzzle piece for a large Lothersdale display in the hall. During lunches, PE and music lessons the children will be able to see each other's work.

### LSA Bag2School Collection ~ Wednesday 18 November 2020

It was lovely to see so many bags in the parent shelter on Wednesday morning, and it is great to know that all the clothing/items will now benefit others. Thank you for supporting us by donating to the Bag2School collection ~ the school has raised **£102.00** for school funds.



The next collection will take place on Tuesday 20 April 2021.

## Booster Sessions ~ Years 1 to 6

Communication has been sent out via email or letter this week to parents/carers of some children in the above year groups regarding catch-up 'Booster' sessions. These sessions will take place before or after school, commencing next week; they will be reviewed at the end of term and new groups formed for the New Year.

If you received a letter but have not yet had a chance to reply to confirm attendance, please ensure you email the school office as soon as possible. Please check the details carefully as some sessions begin on Monday morning.

## Compass BUZZ ~ National Gratitude Month

Compass Buzz is an innovative project aiming to improve the mental health and wellbeing of children aged 5-18 in schools across North Yorkshire. To support National Gratitude Month, which takes place this month, Compass BUZZ have produced some wonderful ideas which parents/carers can also do at home with their children. Please see the information at the end of this newsletter on how to do or create the following:

- The Gratitude Challenge
- Make a Gratitude Jar
- Keep a Gratitude diary



### 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 (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).*



Class 1 have enjoyed another busy week at school. We went out in the playground and in the school woods whatever the weather! It was a relief to have sunshine on Thursday.

On Monday Class 1 had some bright socks to show off! As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we learnt the song by Andy and the Odd Socks and danced along to the brilliant video. We have got some groovy movers in Class 1!



During candle time, we thought about the importance of celebrating the things that make us different. We learnt the word 'unique'. The children agreed we should have a shared belief in being kind, helpful and being good friends but that it was also good to notice what makes us individuals, unique and special. A really thoughtful discussion for such young minds. Well done Class 1! We are very proud of the caring group you have become.

**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 (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).***

Class 2 have all worked incredibly hard this week. We have developed our knowledge of subtraction and built confidence to use this knowledge to solve some tricky problems. We have continued our story, 'The Day the crayons Quit' and our learning of verbs. We have developed our knowledge of suffixes and can add -ing and -ed to change the tense of our writing.

On Friday morning, we had a Year 1 vs Year 2 quiz, all about our last history topic. All of the children demonstrated that they had retained the key knowledge well, but there could only be one winner and that was the Year 1s!

We are all ready for the weekend, especially after PE on Thursday morning; we have all got sore legs!

**Class 3 Updates**  
from Miss Gallagher  
& Mrs Daniell

***Please find detailed below Class 3 updates from Miss Gallagher & Mrs Daniell. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).***

How fast the weeks are flying by? This week the children have continued to work hard in all areas of school and it has been nice to see more children working independently. This week we have started learning our Christmas performance and I am looking forward to sharing the final clip with you.

Additionally, Class 3 have started work on multiplication this week, looking at a range of written methods. We will continue to expand this learning next week and will be looking closely at the formal written method and using this to answer some problem solving questions.

In English, the children have developed their writing further by looking at the use of apostrophes and how to use them in their writing. I am impressed with how the children have retained a lot of the grammar terms that were taught in previous year groups - this has really helped them with their written pieces.

Following last week's Viking Day at Murton Park, the children created some Viking pottery and this week they have finished their pieces by painting them in earthy colours to represent what they would look like in the Viking period. They all look wonderful!



**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 (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).***

We have had another hard working and productive week in Class 4 and are very impressed with the positive approach demonstrated by all children.

Year 5 have focused on statistics this week, learning how to read timetables and line graphs and have completed reasoning questions associated with data presented in this way. Year 6 have continued to work with fractions, comparing and ordering fractions, decimals and percentages before turning their attention to adding and subtracting both mixed numbers and proper fractions. This week's KIRF learning has involved working with equivalent measures and converting between them, our next target focusing on factor pairs.

In English, we have worked hard to consolidate our knowledge of the different sentence types and the conventions associated with punctuating them – recall of the terminology has been excellent. The focus next week will be on ensuring there is evidence of this revised learning in independent pieces of cross-curricular writing.

Spellings will be tested on Monday 23 November, as will the check-ups on the Year 3/4 and 5/6 key word lists. Please access the Spellzone website at home throughout the week, the children making their way through the course pathway they have been assigned. Reading Plus stories and vocabulary exercises should also be completed, either at home, or in school from 8.30am on a Monday and Friday morning. English CGP homework books have been handed out today.

Congratulations go to Joe Greenwood, Millie Gallagher, Courtney Pitchfork, Amber Harper and Teagan Reedy who have all moved up a level on Reading Plus this week – this is excellent work.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

**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 & 'Roblox' Online Safety Guide .

**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.***

**Dolce Snowman Poster Competition**



Please remember to send in your Snowman poster if you wish to enter this year's Dolce Snowman Poster Competition. The winner will receive a prize and a pack of Christmas cards with their design. Runners up will also receive a small prize.

If your child would like to take part, please ask them to hand in their Snowman poster (in a plastic wallet that is clearly marked with your child's name, age and school) to Mrs G, or their class teacher, by Friday 27 November 2020. She will then choose the winning two pictures and send them to Dolce. The overall winner and runners up will be chosen after 27 November 2020 and an announcement will be made for the winning school and child week commencing 30 November 2020.

## Youth Sports Trust

The Youth Sport Trust will deliver a free virtual after school club as part of a national response to the second lockdown. These can be done at school or at home.

The 30-minute club will take place at 5pm each weekday on YouTube Live and be led by a different member of the YST's Athlete Mentor network. Starting on **Thursday 12 November** with world number one female inline skater and 10-time British Champion Jenna Downing.



Aimed mainly at primary-aged children, a different theme has been assigned for each day of the club:

- **Adventure Monday** – This might involve getting children to do floor, wall climbing and map reading all within their living room
- **Tuesday Play** – Imaginative play utilising resources in the house to create games and activities to get active
- **Wild Wednesday** – Some high tempo competitive activities involving personal challenges
- **Thinking Thursday** – Introducing cognitive challenges for children through movement. Active noughts and crosses and introducing an element of competition – whether that be against themselves, the clock, their siblings or remotely with friends
- **Fun Friday** – A chance for children to let loose and have some fun. Dancing and doing what makes them feel good.

Please click on the link below for more information:

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub>

## Soccer Hub ~ Christmas Camp

Please find attached the latest information from Soccer Hub regarding their Christmas Camp taking place over the Christmas break, for your information.

### 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:

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>Fri 27 Nov 2020</b> | - Deadline for handing in the Dolce Snowman Competition poster                                |
| <b>Fri 18 Dec 2020</b> | - School closes at 3.15pm for the Christmas Break   |
| <b>Fri 15 Jan 2021</b> | - Deadline for online submission of application for a primary school place for September 2021 |
| <b>Tue 20 Apr 2021</b> | - Bag2School collection in the Parent Shelter ~ by 9.00am                                     |

### Food Allergy Warning

Please remember Lothersdale Primary School is a Nut Free Zone





According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play.' For those of you who are unfamiliar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

# What parents need to know about ROBLOX

**ROBLOX STUDIO**  
The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and to remove games from the platform Roblox relies on people reporting negative/violent content.

**CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS**  
Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means that both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.

**ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS**  
When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux,' which works as a currency within the platform and enables the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the ability to earn a lot of 'Robux.' Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.



## Top Tips for Parents

**ALERT!**  
Tell your children to be careful and to think twice before they click any random advert or popup. There are a lot of phishing scams that advertise free Roblox etc. with the intent of stealing your child's personal information.

**UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS**  
Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account information. If they are, advise them to set them to private or remove them from their account. This will ensure that nobody will be able to find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

**CHECK SHARED INFORMATION**  
In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

**2-STEP VERIFICATION**  
Roblox has a great two-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

**HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'**  
Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and generally doing something in the game to spoil their gameplay. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

**RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS**  
Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will enable you to restrict how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

**DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT**  
Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you want to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they cannot contact anyone, including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

**IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?**  
Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.



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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)



Each day find a moment to be grateful, perhaps being guided by the points below. Notice the difference in yourself.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
The best listener	An opportunity	Your favourite book	A friend	Your favourite place	Something that makes you laugh	A piece of advice you were given
A personality trait you have	Your body	Future opportunity	Where you live	Teacher who helped you	Your biggest achievement	A parent or carer
A sibling	A gift you received	Your favourite smell	A good memory	A hobby you enjoy	A compliment you received	Technology you use frequently
A hobby you enjoy	A song you love	An item you couldn't live without	Someone who makes you happy	A place in nature	Your favourite food	Where you live
Somewhere you feel safe						



Today I am grateful for...?

YOU'VE GOT THIS!

#BeeGrateful



Gratitude Jars are a great way of remembering all the things we have to be thankful for. This helps us to think more positively and help us take notice of the different reasons to be happy.

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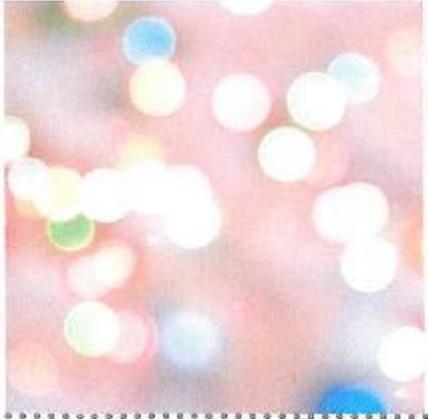
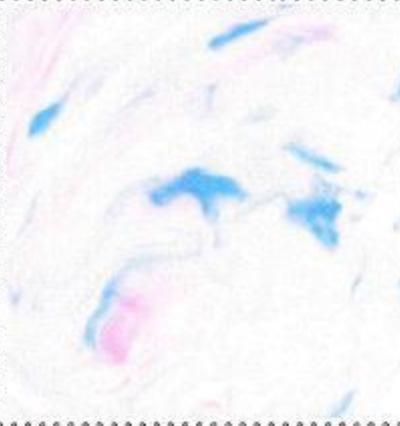
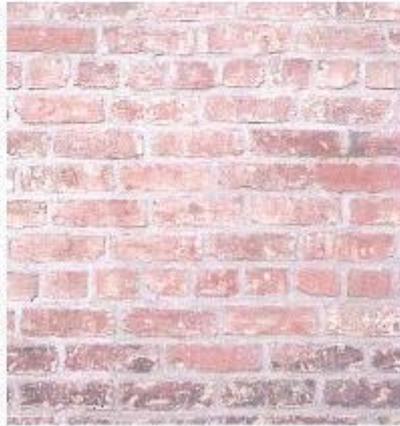
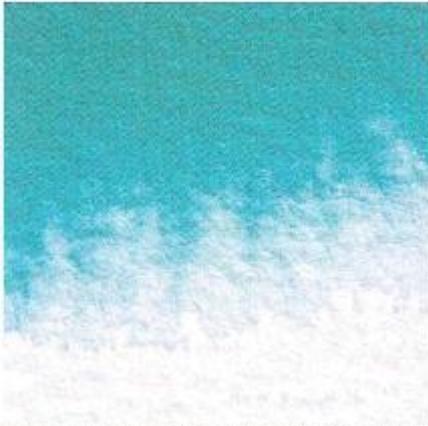
*Find a clean jar and decorate it however you like, this may be with stickers, drawings or you may prefer to keep it blank.*

*Use the coloured paper below to write one thing each day that you are grateful for.*

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*Once written, fold the piece of paper up and pop it the jar, these can then be looked over if ever feeling low in mood.*



Cut out the cards above to use for your gratitude jar.





In sad times, it can be easy to focus on the things making us unhappy. If we start focusing on the things that make us happy though we will start to feel better in ourselves.

To help practice this, start by writing down 3 things that you are grateful for each day of the week, this could be people, places or just having your favourite meal for tea.



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY





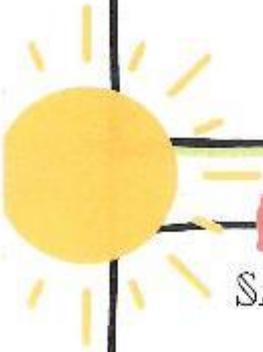
THURSDAY

FRIDAY



SATURDAY

SUNDAY





## BENEFITS OF BEING GRATEFUL

At the moment, it can become very easy to focus on the negatives and the things we can no longer do, this can lead us to feel unhappy, and unfulfilled. However, choosing to focus on what we are grateful for can reverse this improving our mood, wellbeing, resulting in the benefits listed below.



### IMPROVES MENTAL HEALTH

**Help your mind bounce back!!**

Grateful people have an advantage in overcoming trauma and enhanced resilience, helping them to bounce back from highly stressful situations..



### BETTER SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

**Connection is key!**

Showing our gratitude to others helps build better and more meaningful relationships as well as helping to build empathy for others..



### A BETTER NIGHT'S SLEEP

**Don't resort to counting sheep!**

Focusing on what you are thankful for in life leads people to be able to stay asleep for longer and improve the quality of their sleep.



### INCREASES PHYSICAL HEALTH

**Healthy heart = Healthy Life!**

Research finds that people who exhibit gratitude report less aches and pains, do more regular exercise and have a better general feeling of health.



### ENHANCES SELF-ESTEEM

**It's okay to be proud of ourselves!**

People who are grateful feel more positive in themselves, increasing our recognition of our skills as well as appreciating the accomplishments of others more.



#BeeGrateful

[WWW.COMPASS-UK.ORG](http://WWW.COMPASS-UK.ORG)



# SNOWMAN COMPETITION



LOTS OF COOL  
PRIZES TO BE  
WON!

**Create an A4 snowman  
picture using paint,  
crayons or anything you  
like. Be creative!**

Hand your picture to the cook  
or teacher in a plastic wallet  
that is clearly marked with your  
name, age and school by

**Friday 27th  
November**





**Soccer Hub Coaching Christmas Camp**  
**Monday 21st December - Wednesday 23rd December 2020 - 3 days**  
**10:00am - 15:00pm for boys and girls aged 4 - 14 years**  
**at Sandylands Sports Centre, Carleton New Road, Skipton BD23 2AZ**  
**outdoor on 3G Pitch**



I am delighted to inform you that following the outstanding success of previous camps and the award winning weekly course, we are holding a Christmas Holiday Camp!

Soccer Hub sessions are run by FA Qualified coaches up to UEFA B Level 3, including professional academy coaches with lots of experience of working with children in large groups and on a 1-2-1 basis. All Soccer Hub Coaches are DBS checked. Our camps are designed for beginners and advanced players, Boys and Girls. Any players showing academy standard during the week may be considered for a trial with our Technical Development Group, Elite Academy or linked professional clubs Leeds United, Preston North End, Burnley FC and Bradford City.

During the camp we look to increase each player's skill level, build self-confidence and look for everyone to make new friends. The camp is from 10:00am - 15:00pm (early drop off from 09:00am is also available for free). The course is outside on the Astroturf, so please ensure your child is dressed for the weather. Children are to bring a packed lunch and water bottle.

The cost of the camp is £50 for the three days (£40 for second and subsequent brothers/sisters/friends). Alternatively you can book for individual days the cost per day is £20 per child.

Due to the current pandemic we will have staggered start and finish times for each group. We will let you know which group/bubble your child will be in nearer the camp.

**TO BOOK A PLACE ON THE CAMP PLEASE TEXT/EMAIL THE CONTACT DETAILS BELOW (LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE). PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM AND BRING IT ALONG TO THE FIRST DAY WITH PAYMENT (CASH OR BANK CARD). OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE, TO BOOK AND PAY ONLINE.**

**Jordan Armstrong (Course Co-ordinator)**  
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[www.soccerhub.org.uk](http://www.soccerhub.org.uk)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Condition(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child(ren) to attend the Christmas 2020 Soccer Hub Camp at Sandylands Sports Centre and I understand the organisers and coaches cannot be held responsible for loss, damage or personal injury. I also give my permission for my child(ren) to be on any photos for our Social Media pages.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian





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*ensuring all pupils  
achieve their  
full potential*



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