

AUTUMN TERM • ISSUE 12 • FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2017



LOTHERSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 2017  
12 noon to 3pm

Remember to join us at school  
tomorrow for this year's  
Christmas Fair!

Santa will be waiting in his **Grotto** and there will also be an opportunity for your child to have a photograph taken with Santa. A Christmas 'Selfie' frame will also be available for you to take your seasonal selfies!

In the **Craft Zone**, some of the crafts available to make are pine twig stars, mini Christmas tree windowsill decorations, jewelled stars and popcorn and cranberry garlands.

In the **Games Zone**, children will be able to throw the snowball into Santa's tummy, pin the nose on the reindeer, guess the number of sweets in the jar and more. Please note that children will require tokens for any games they wish to play and these can be purchased from the Games stand in the school hall.

**Refreshments** will be served and there will be an opportunity to buy raffle tickets and browse the cake stall.

■ PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY A PARENT AT ALL TIMES ■



**Deadlines & Reminders for w/c 4 December 2017**

- Mon** - All children must have P.E. Kit in school all week
- Fri** - Deadline for payment of contribution towards the Cinderella Pantomime
- Deadline for the return of Class 3 Spring Term Swimming reply slip
- Class 3 Swimming Lesson

EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 4 December 2017				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Construction 3.15 - 4.00pm	Get Groovy 3.15 - 4.15pm	Drama KS1 & KS2 3.30 - 4.30pm	Supersports 3.15 - 4.15pm	Lego Club 12.25 - 12.55pm
Running Club 3.15 - 4.15pm	Woodland Club 3.15 - 4.00pm			Football 3.15 - 4.15pm
Gymnastics 1 3.15 - 4.15pm	Woolcraft 3.15 - 4.15pm			
Gymnastics 2 4.20 - 5.20pm				

### Woodland Trust Gold Award

On Wednesday 22 November 2017, Mel and Frances from the Woodland Trust joined us at our morning assembly to present the school with the Woodland Trust Gold Award.



*The award was accepted on behalf of the school by the Woodland Club.*

Following our successful Woodland's Arts Week in the summer term and the support we gave the village in renovating the woodland area, we have been awarded this plaque in recognition of our hard work and dedication to the local area. Well done everyone!

### Christmas Concert at South Craven School ~ Tuesday 12 December 2017



Extra Seat Reservations ~ thank you to those parents/carers who have emailed into school to request extra seating as per last week's Friday News. Please note that these will be allocated next week.

### Concert costumes ~

We would be very grateful if parents could organise for their children to have the following items in school by Friday 8 December for our Christmas Concert:

**Classes 1 and 2:** A Christmas top or jumper to wear with their school uniform.

**Class 3 and Class 4:** Victorian style costumes:

Boys ~ School trousers, tucked into dark socks, white polo shirt and flat cap. In addition boys may also wear any of the following waistcoat, braces and neckerchief.

Girls ~ Long or medium length dark skirt (school skirts fine), white blouse or school polo shirt and a shawl/scarf to go round shoulders. School will be providing red/green ribbons for the girls' hair.

## Class 1 ~ Visit to Christ Church Lothersdale ~ Wednesday 29 November 2017

On Wednesday, children in Class 1 visited Christ Church, Lothersdale to learn about Christmas.

The children were brilliant at walking all the way to church in the cold weather!

At the church they were met by the Reverend Helen Collings and Ed and Chris Mitchell, who told them about the beginning of the Christmas story when Gabriel came to tell Mary the good news.



The children helped Chris set up a very special nativity scene at the altar. Reverend Collings really appreciated the stockings Class 1 had made for her and, with Ed's help, we decorated a hand-made Christmas tree.

Thank you to Chloe Platt's mum who came along to support Mrs Bateman and Miss Laycock.

## Class 1 ~ Bird Cakes

Yesterday, Class 1 had a busy time making bird cakes to hang up in Lothersdale Park and the school garden, to help the local wildlife over the winter months.

## Class 2 ~ Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot

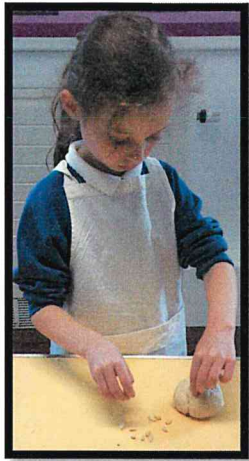
Children in Class 2 have loved learning about Guy Fawkes and the story of the Gunpowder Plot. We have spent five weeks learning all about the Houses of Parliament, King James and what life was like in 1605. We have answered the question: who was Guy Fawkes? And discovered what really happened in the gunpowder plot. This week the children showed off all they have learnt by telling the Gunpowder Plot story through a puppet show. The children loved playing the different roles and retelling the story. The children gave their characters their best 'old fashioned' voice and all spoke clearly and confidently.

Well done Class 2.



### Class 3 ~ Cooking

Over the autumn term, Class 3 children have thoroughly enjoyed cooking on a Wednesday afternoon. They have learnt lots of different skills which include the crab and bridge method for chopping. All the children know how to read a recipe and can prepare their ingredients to make a healthy meal. Some of the delights the children have made include: chicken/quorn Korma curry, cheesecake and a Christmas cake.



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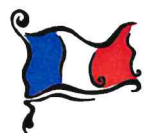
BAKE!

### Class 3 Spring Term Swimming Lessons

Letters were sent out last week regarding Class 3 swimming lessons after Christmas. The deadline for the return of the reply slip is Friday 8 December 2017. Please note that the deadline for payment of voluntary contributions towards your child's swimming lessons for the spring term first half is Tuesday 3 January 2017.

### Class 3 and Class 4 ~ Madame Fretwell ~ French Lessons

Class 3 and 4 have been really enjoying French lessons with Madame Fretwell, who is a languages teacher from South Craven School, on Monday afternoons. Each class has been having an hour lesson which has included lots of games and activities to develop further the children's understanding of a modern foreign language. The sessions will finish at the end of term.



## Class 4 Science ~ Balanced and unbalanced forces



We have had a fun-filled term learning about the forces all around us, in the first instance learning that pushes and pulls are examples of such, and that forces are needed to start and stop things and to change their speed and/or direction. We used practical investigations to illustrate these points, setting up a seesaw using a ruler as the lever and a glue stick as the fulcrum. A ball of paper was placed on one end of the ruler, the other end was struck

with a fist and the paper flew into the air - we noted the downward force, the upward force (push) and the force of gravity which brought the ball of paper back to the ground. Working in pairs, one member of the team used the force exerted by their hand to change the direction of the ball of paper. We had a lot of tidying up to do afterwards!

In our next experiment, we investigated the effect friction has on moving objects. We placed a shoe box on a table and lifted the legs at one end, measuring how far they were lifted from the ground before the box started to slide. We then repeated the procedure, each time placing different amounts of weight in the box. We agreed that the force of gravity made the box slide down the slope, but that friction between the box and the table top slowed it down.

We learnt that mass refers to the amount of matter an object contains and that weight is a force caused by gravity. Mass never changes, but weight varies on different planets in accordance with the pull of gravity - we calculated our weight on Mercury, Mars, Saturn and other planets in our solar system. We put our computing skills to the test and presented this information in a table inserted into a Word document.

Turning our attention to air resistance, small groups of children were challenged to drop a fresh egg from a height, and ensure it landed safely without breaking. They were given, a sheet of plastic, 2m of string, 1m of sellotape, three sheets of newspaper, one sheet of paper and one paper towel. There were some ingenious designs, and a couple of the eggs were unscathed upon landing!

Using catapult boards, the children conducted an investigation to establish whether the amount of force applied to the elastic band was relative to the distance the Lego brick travelled when the band was released. Results were gathered, recorded in a table and a graph produced using excel.



We have all thoroughly enjoyed our science topic and look forward to the challenges and new learning next term will bring!



### **Lothersdale School Christmas Postbox**

The Lothersdale School Christmas Postbox will be in the entrance hall from Monday 4 December 2017 for children to post their Christmas cards to their friends at school. Children in Class 4 will be in charge of delivering the cards to classrooms once a day.

## **The Governing Body Update**

### **Parent Governor Election ~ Ballot**

The deadline for receipt of nominations for the above post has now passed and we are pleased to confirm that three nominations have been received for this vacancy. This means that we must now hold a ballot. Each parent/carer is entitled to place ONE vote for one of the candidates and a letter, personal statements and a ballot paper will be distributed to each parent/carer on Monday 4 December to enable you to cast your vote. Please read the letter and enclosures carefully to ensure you cast your vote correctly - all ballot papers must be returned, as indicated in the correspondence, by Monday 18 December 2017.

## **School Office and Updates**

### **Primary School Admissions ~ September 2018**

Online applications are currently being made via the Local Authority for reception places at Lothersdale Primary School for September 2018. The online common application form must be submitted by no later than 15 January 2018. If you are the parent/carer of a child, or know of a child, who is eligible to start primary school next September and whose name is not on the school's register of interest, please contact the school as soon as possible.

### **Up-to-date Pupil Contact and Medical Information**

Please could parents/carers ensure that all pupil contact information is up-to-date. If you have recently changed your address, or are due to change your address, please contact the school office for a change of address form. It is also 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.

## **School Website**

*Remember to look on our School Website for further information on what is happening around school!*

We are extremely grateful to Georgina Brewster, a professional photographer and mum of Lydia in Year 6, who spent the morning in school on Monday taking new photographs free of charge for the school website. Many of the photos have now been uploaded onto the website so please take a look at the slideshows on the home page and class pages and click on the 'Information and Parents' tabs to see some of them.

## New Postings on our Website this week:

Friday News

Class 4 ~ Science Photos

Children ~ ESafety ~ Presentation for parents from the Internet Safety evening

## Lothersdale School Association



### LSA Christmas Fair ~ Saturday 2 December 2017

Thank you to those parents/carers who have offered to help at the Christmas Fair tomorrow ~ the rota has been sent out via bookbags today confirming your times and location. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible tomorrow in support.

## Lothersdale Out of School Club

### Job Vacancy

The Lothersdale Out of School Club currently has a vacancy. Candidates must have NVQ2 or equivalent in Early Years Education or play work. The hours are from 3 to 6pm.

If you are interested in this position please contact Deborah on 01535 634863 or pop into the Club House.

### Staff Training Day ~ Monday 8 January 2018

Would any parents/carers be interested in using the Out of School Club on Monday 8 January 2018, which is the school's staff training day. Please contact Deborah at the Club House as soon as possible.

## 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*



### Ripon Farm Services ~ Farmer Christmas is coming to Cross Hills! ~ 2 & 3 December 2017

Flyers have been sent out today regarding festive events taking place this weekend at Ripon Farm Services in Cross Hills, for information.

### Christ Church Lothersdale Café Church - Sunday 3 and 17 December 2017



Christ Church Lothersdale welcomes you to their Café Church Services on Sunday 3 December in the Village Hall and Sunday 17 December 2017 for Café Carols at Christ Church, Lothersdale. Breakfast (bacon butties, croissants, cereal, juice, tea, coffee) 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.



## Sports Cool

Flyers have been sent out via bookbags today detailing events taking place over the Christmas holiday period, for your information.

## Soccer Hub Coaching ~ January 2018

Flyers have been sent out via bookbags today regarding soccer courses starting on 5 January 2018, for your information.

## Services at Christ Church Lothersdale over the Christmas period:



### Sunday 10 December 2017 ~ The Big City Swing Band

Swing into Christmas at 6.00pm ~ an evening of Christmas music and readings, with Lothersdale's amazing Big City Swing Band playing their own style of Christmas music. Mulled wine and seasonal nibbles will be served afterwards.

### Sunday 24 December 2017

Join us for a **Christmas Carol Parade** ~ *bring torches or lanterns and sing all the way* ~ from the Hare & Hounds to Christ Church for the **Crib Service** at 6.00pm. Meet at the Hare & Hounds at 5.30pm.

### Monday 25 December 2017

Christmas Day Family Communion service in church at 10.00am.

## Aurora Uplifting Voices (Lothersdale's new choir) ~ Friday 22 December 2017

Aurora Family Choir will be singing outside the Hare & Hounds in Lothersdale at 7pm.

## Lothersdale Boxing Day Walk

The annual Boxing Day Walk will take approximately one and a half to two hours and there will be snack stops en route. Finish back at the village for mulled wine and mince pies. Please meet at The Fold at 1.30pm. Organised by Helen and Craig Marshall ~ 01535 637046. This walk is enjoyed by children and adults alike and everyone is welcome to come along!



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

Please remember we are linked up with Christ Church Lothersdale to support Keighley Women's Refuge and a box is available in the main reception area for any donations you may wish to bring in towards this charity ~ this collection will be ongoing until further notice.

Please feel free to place items in the box in the main reception area 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.

## Diary of Events

*Please note there may be circumstances in which these dates are subject to change:*

### School Events:

- Sat 2 Dec 2017 - LSA Christmas Fair in school
- Tue 12 Dec 2017 - Whole School Christmas Concert at South Craven School ~ 6pm
- Fri 15 Dec 2017 - Last Class 3 Swimming Lesson this term
- All Extended Schools Clubs finish for the Autumn term
- Tue 19 Dec 2017 - Christmas Lunch
- Thu 21 Dec 2017 - Christmas Party Day ~ non-school uniform day
- Fri 22 Dec 2017 - Schools breaks up at 3.15pm
- Mon 8 Jan 2018 - School closed for Staff Training
- Tue 9 Jan 2018 - School reopens
- Pantomime performance in school by West End in Schools
- Mon 15 Jan 2018 - Deadline for the submission of application for a primary school place in September 2018
- Fri 19 Jan 2018 - Class 1 & Class 2 Visit to see Bear & Butterfly at Skipton Town Hall

### Community Events:

- Thu 30 Nov, Fri 1 Dec & Sat 2 Dec South Craven School's production of Fame the Musical, which is taking place in the Fells Theatre on 30 November, 1 December and 2 December at 7.00pm. Tickets available online via [www.ticketsource/southcraven](http://www.ticketsource/southcraven)

**RIPON** farm services

# FARMER CHRISTMAS

*Is coming to Crosshills*

SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> & SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER

10am - 4pm



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