



Lothersdale School Association  
**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**THANK YOU**

We would like to thank the LSA for organising and hosting last Saturday's Christmas Fair. The LSA core committee of parents, alongside Miss Laycock, have worked tirelessly since the summer to organise this event and, with the help of all our parent/carer volunteers, and everyone who came along on the day, it was a very successful and enjoyable event.

We must also thank our Governor, Alan Weekes, who did a superb job face painting our children; Chris Mitchell for her continued support running the craft room; and of course, to Santa and his elf, for taking the time out of their busy schedule to pop in to see our children! A special mention goes to Anna Chapman and Jen Lloyd for the incredible homemade Gingerbread House.

Without this support, the school would not benefit from extra funds raised to help enhance the education provided at Lothersdale Primary School. Once again, thank you everyone for organising and running such a successful Christmas Fair.

**Christmas Raffle:** please continue to bring in **Rainbow** hamper prizes for the Christmas Raffle and sell as many raffle tickets as you can ~ just email the school office if you would like more raffle books sending home.

Raffle tickets will also be available to buy as you come into Skipton Town Hall for the Christmas Concert. The raffle will be drawn in school on Wednesday 20 December 2023.

**Thank you for your continued support.**



Well done to this week's

# Lothersdale LEGENDS

Reception ~ Anya

Year 1 ~ Jude

Year 2 ~ Isobel

Year 3 ~ Lucy

Year 4 ~ Maisie

Year 5 ~ Devon

Year 6 ~ Natty



ADDITIONAL LEARNING SESSIONS				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Year 3 & Year 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Year 3 & Year 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am
-	-	Year 4 TIMES TABLES 8.20 to 8.45am	-	-

These clubs are for selected groups or pupils.

All pupils attending these clubs must be registered for safeguarding and health & safety reasons.  
**Please note: the sessions start promptly at 8:20am so that children can complete the relevant tasks without disruption from any late arrivals. Late arrivals beyond 8:25am will not be able to attend the session. In this instance, please ensure that your child is supervised until the start of the school day. Many thanks for your support.**

EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ AUTUMN TERM 2023 ~ SECOND 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	French Club 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

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REC	LEXI and PETRA
Y1	VESPER and GEORGE
Y2	FRANKIE H and ELLIOTT L
Y3	LUCY K and ADAM
Y4	BOHDAN and PHOEBE
Y5	JUDE and CHARLOTTE
Y6	HENRY and NATTY

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

HAVING	FUN	GETTING	FIT
PHYSICAL EDUCATION			
WEEKLY TIMETABLE			

Class 1 – Monday & Friday
Class 2 – Monday & Thursday
Class 3 – Tuesday & Friday
Class 4 – Tuesday & Friday

## 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 4 December 2023

- Mon** - Young Voices Choir ~ 12 noon deadline for completing the online parental ticket request form
- Wed** - KS2 Deadline for sending in English homework for the Young Writer's Competition
- Thu** - Deadline for booking a place on the LSA Bingo Night
- Fri** - Class 3 swimming lesson

## Message from Mrs Tyson

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this message finds you well. We have had another fantastic week here, at Lothersdale Primary School.

### EYFS / KS1 Phonics Workshop

We would like to express our gratitude to all the parents who attended the Phonics Workshop on Monday night. Your presence made the event a resounding success, and we truly appreciate your commitment to your child's education.

A special thank you goes to Mrs. Bateman for her outstanding leadership during the workshop. Her expertise and dedication were evident throughout the session, providing valuable insights and practical tips on how to support your child's phonics development at home.

Your engagement and active participation in the workshop highlight the importance you place on your child's learning journey. We believe that a strong partnership between parents and school is essential for the success and well-being of our students, and your involvement contributes significantly to this collaborative effort.

If you have any further questions or if there's additional support you require regarding phonics or any other aspect of your child's education, please feel free to contact us. We are here to assist you in every way possible.

Once again, thank you for your attendance, and a special thank you to Mrs. Bateman for her invaluable contribution to our phonics workshop.

Please note that the Reading Workshop, for parents with pupils in year 2 and above, was scheduled for Tuesday night, however, it was postponed due to low uptake. I will send a letter with a rescheduled date in the new year and I look forward to welcoming a wider group of parents then.

### No Pens Day

On Wednesday, we celebrated 'No Pens Day' in school, a special day dedicated to celebrating the importance of speaking and listening.

No Pens Day provided a unique opportunity for our students to engage in activities that focused solely on verbal communication, fostering a dynamic and interactive learning environment. The day was a tremendous success, and we observed several positive outcomes:



**Enhanced Communication Skills:** Students actively participated in various discussions, debates, and group activities, allowing them to express themselves confidently. This contributed to the development of their verbal communication skills, an essential aspect of their overall growth.

**Collaborative Learning:** The absence of written tasks encouraged collaborative learning experiences. Students worked together to solve problems, share ideas, and engage in meaningful conversations. This not only strengthened their communication skills but also promoted teamwork and cooperation.

**Increased Confidence:** Many students who may be hesitant to speak in traditional classroom settings found a supportive and encouraging environment during No Pens Day. This boosted their confidence and provided a platform for them to voice their thoughts.

**Creativity and Imagination:** The day allowed for more creative and imaginative activities that tapped into the students' storytelling abilities, enabling them to express themselves in diverse ways. From drama exercises to storytelling sessions, students explored the richness of language without relying on written tools.

**Teacher-Student Interaction:** Teachers had the opportunity to engage more personally with each student, understanding their perspectives and learning styles. This deeper connection between teacher and child is crucial for fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment.

We encourage you to continue supporting your child's verbal communication skills at home. Engage in conversations, encourage them to share their thoughts and experiences, and actively listen to what they have to say. This collaborative effort between home and school will undoubtedly contribute to the holistic development of our students.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

**Melanie Tyson**  
Headteacher

## 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.*



### Year 4 Times Tables Club

In our efforts to reinforce multiplication skills, we have introduced a variety of interactive games that have proven to be both entertaining and educational. Our past sessions have involved thrilling activities like Times Table Jenga, Multiplication Dominoes, Times Table Guess Who, and various board games. These games have not only helped children recall multiplication facts but have also made the learning process more interactive and enjoyable.

To further enhance this learning experience, **we invite Year 4 children to join us at 8.25am on Wednesday mornings.** Our club meetings will be held in Class 3 and will run for approximately 30 minutes. Each session will incorporate a mix of games and activities designed to improve your child's multiplication abilities while fostering a positive attitude toward mathematics.



### Lothersdale School Christmas Postbox

The Lothersdale School Christmas Postbox is now in the main entrance hall 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.

### Class 3 & Class 4 ~ Rotary Young Writer Competition ~ English Homework Deadline

Please remember that all children in Class 3 and Class 4 need to hand in their English homework task next **Wednesday, 6 December 2023 at the latest.** Please remember to complete and hand in the entry form with the homework.



### CHRISTMAS CRAFTS Christmas Craft Afternoon

We will be holding exciting Christmas Craft sessions in school on Friday 15 December for parents/carers of children in Class 1, Class 2 and Class 4 and on Thursday 14 December for parents/carers of children in Class 3. A letter was emailed to parents/carers on Tuesday, and we would be grateful if you could complete and submit the online form by Monday 11 December 2023 to confirm your attendance to ensure we have adequate materials and treats for all participants.

Please note that each craft project is designed to be made by one parent and child during the session. Unfortunately, there will not be an opportunity to go between classes if you have more than one child in school. However, if you have a relative or friend who would like to take part, please complete and submit the online form on their behalf.

### Young Voices Choir Concert ~ Monday 5 February 2024

A letter has been sent out to parents/carers of children attending the weekly Young Voices Choir sessions regarding parental tickets for the concert due to take place on Monday 5 February 2024. We would be grateful if you could complete the online form by 12 noon on Monday 4 December 2023. Many thanks for your support.

Welcome to the  
Lothersdale

SCHOOL OFFICE

Telephone:  
**01535 632510**  
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SCHOOL OFFICE TERM TIME HOURS

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Tuesday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Wednesday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Thursday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Friday*	CLOSED	CLOSED

Access into school (parents/carers/contractors/visitors) 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 emails will be checked on her return on Mondays. Urgent messages should be left on the school answer machine, which will be checked at intervals throughout the day.*

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

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>

### SchoolGrid Meal Arrears

Please be aware that SchoolGrid will send out reminders to parents/carers whose school meal accounts are in arrears and payment should be made in line with their deadlines. If payment is not made by the deadline, then the meal on the cook's list will be flagged up as unauthorised and they **are unable to serve a meal until the debt has been paid.**

The school office is having to chase these unpaid accounts to ensure that children can receive a school meal, which is causing extra work in an already very busy office. Unfortunately, the school has no budget for non-payment of school meals, and we would therefore be grateful if you could ensure you do not exceed any payment deadlines to avoid this situation. Many thanks for your support.

## Dolce School Meals

A letter was emailed to parents/carers on Thursday 30 November regarding school meals and we thank you in advance for your patience and support.



### Winter Plan ~ Bad Weather Procedures

A letter setting out the school's Winter Plan procedures in the event of bad weather was emailed to parents/carers on Friday 1 December 2023. Please make yourselves aware of these procedures in the event of delayed school opening or full school closure now that we are in the throes of the winter season. [Please see our Winter Wonderland gallery below following this week's sprinkling of snow over Lothersdale!](#)

### LEGENDS Holiday Club ~ Monday 8 January 2024

School will be closed on Monday 8 January 2024 for Staff Training, but LEGENDS Holiday Club will be open for childcare. There are limited places available and booking and payment should be made via the SchoolGateway app by Wednesday 3 January 2024 to secure your child's place.



LEGENDS Holiday Club will be open from 8am to 6pm. Breakfast and a light snack will be provided but please send your child with a packed lunch.

### Primary School Admissions ~ September 2024

Online applications can now be made via the Local Authority for reception places at Lothersdale Primary School for September 2024. The online common application form must be submitted by no later than Monday 15 January 2024. Letters from North Yorkshire County Council regarding applying for a school place have been issued this week to all those families who are on the school's pre-admissions list for September 2024. If you are the parent/carers 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.

This year, in conjunction with Christ Church Lothersdale, we are once again asking you to support the children (and mums!) who will be spending their Christmas at Keighley Refuge.

Your support is always amazing and we hope you will be able to give generously again.

Here is the current list of 11 children:

**6 boys ~ aged 12, 12, 9, 7, 3 and 16 months**

**5 girls ~ aged 10, 9, 6, 6 and 3**

**There are a total of 11 women in the Refuge, plus the 10 carers**

It would be really helpful if presents are wrapped and labelled with the gender and age of the person it would best suit eg. 'Happy Christmas to a 3 year old boy'.

Please leave your gift in the main reception area. In order to enable us to get the gifts to the Refuge in time for Christmas, please ensure gifts are sent in by 9.30am on Monday 18 December 2023.

Once again, many thanks for your support ~ you will be making Christmas more joyful for those having a difficult time.

Keighley Women's Refuge  
**Christmas  
Gifts**

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**UPDATE**

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## LSA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

# Donations



Please continue to sell raffle tickets to friends and family. The deadline to hand in raffle ticket stubs, money and unsold raffle tickets is **Monday 18 December 2023**. If you require more raffle tickets, please contact a member of the LSA or the school office.

Please also remember to bring in your hamper prizes for our **Rainbow Hamper Donations**. Each year group has been assigned a colour, and we would like donations of that colour to be donated. It can be anything, for example red might be anything from Maltesers to beef gravy granules!

**Reception - red**  
**Year 1 - yellow**  
**Year 2 - pink**  
**Year 3 - green**  
**Year 4 - orange**  
**Year 5 - purple**  
**Year 6 - blue**

Please leave your hamper donations in the main reception area by **Monday 18 December 2023 at the latest.**



### LSA Christmas Card Orders

Thank you to those parents/carers who recently placed Christmas card orders. All orders have been passed to respective classrooms to go home with children. If you have not received your order, please contact a member of the LSA or the school office.

### LSA Bingo Night ~ Monday 11 December 2023

Please remember to book a place on the LSA Bingo Night, via your child's SchoolGateway account, by Thursday 7 December 2023.

Note: there will be no Soccer Tots extended schools' session taking place after school on Monday 11 December.

**LSA Christmas Bingo Night**

*Games, fun and prizes!*

**Monday 11th December**  
**3.15pm - 5.15pm**

**Tickets £5.50 per child, includes a drink & snack**

**Book tickets on the School Gateway app**

*The third child from a family is free of charge (book the first two children on School Gateway & inform the LSA of the third). In addition, if any family is struggling financially please contact the LSA in confidence.*

**School Events:**

- Mon 11 Dec 2023** - LSA Christmas Bingo Night
- Thu 14 Dec 2023** - Christmas Craft Afternoon (Class 3)
- Fri 15 Dec 2023** - No school sweatshirt today ~ wear a Christmas jumper to school
- Christmas Craft Afternoon (Class 1, Class 2 & Class 4)
- Extended Schools Activities finish today
- Last Class 3 swimming lesson this term
- Tue 19 Dec 2023** - Whole School Christmas Concert
- Wed 20 Dec 2023** - Christmas Lunch
- Thu 21 Dec 2023** - Christmas Party Day (no school uniform day!)
- Fri 22 Dec 2023** - No Class 3 swimming lesson
- No school sweatshirt today ~ wear a Christmas jumper to school
- School breaks up at 3.15pm for the Christmas holiday
- Mon 8 Jan 2024** - Staff Training Day
- LEGENDS Holiday Club
- Tue 9 Jan 2024** - School re-opens at 8:40am for the spring term
- Mon 15 Jan 2024** - Deadline for online submission of application for a **primary school** place for September 2024
- Mon 5 Feb 2024** - Young Voices Concert at Manchester AO Arena
- Thu 18 Apr 2024** - LSA Bag2School Collection

**Community Events:**

- Sat 2 Dec 2023** - Lighting of Lothersdale's Christmas Tree ~ 6pm
- Wed 13 Dec 2023** - Carols with Brass Band at Lothersdale Village Hall ~ 7.30pm
- Sun 24 Dec 2023** - Christ Church Lothersdale ~ Crib Service ~ 6.00pm
- Mon 25 Dec 2023** - Christ Church Lothersdale ~ Christmas Day Family Communion ~ 9.30am

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN LOTHERSDALE**

**Saturday 2 December 2023 ~ 6pm**

**Lighting of Lothersdale's Christmas Tree** outside the Hare & Hounds. Live music, mulled wine and mince pies.



**Wednesday 13 December 2023 ~ 7:30pm**

**Christmas Music and Carols with Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band.** In Lothersdale Village Hall. Mulled wine and mince pies. Donations welcome.



**Sunday 24 December 2023 ~ 6pm**

**Crib Service** at Christ Church, Lothersdale.



**Monday 25 December 2023 ~ 9:30am**

**Christmas Day Family Communion** at Christ Church Lothersdale.





Lothersdale's  
Winter Wonderland!

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COLLABORATIVE  
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Lothersdale  
Primary School



a Yorkshire Collaborative Academy Trust School



ensuring all pupils  
achieve their  
full potential