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This week's

LOOTHERSDALE LEGENDS

have been awarded to:

Reception ~ **Ruby**
 Year 1 ~ **Theo**
 Year 2 ~ **Sophie**
 Year 3 ~ **Chloe P**
 Year 4 ~ **Oliver**
 Year 5 ~ **Alison**
 Year 6 ~ **Nel**

★ **YEAR 6 AWARD** ★

This week's Year 6 Award goes to

ISAAC

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Deadlines & Reminders for w/c 7 December 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.

- Mon 7 Dec 2020**
- Year 1 ~ Fabulous Phonics Booster Session ~ 8.20 to 9.00am (selected pupils)
 - Year 2 ~ Roaring Reading Booster Session ~ 8.20 to 9.00am (selected pupils)
 - Year 4 ~ Clever Calculations Booster Session ~ 3.10 to 3.45pm (selected pupils)
 - Year 5 ~ Marvellous Maths Booster Session ~ 3.15 to 3.45pm (selected pupils)
 - Year 6 ~ Glorious Grammar/Radical Reading ~ 3.15 to 4.00pm (selected pupils)
- Tue 8 Dec 2020**
- Year 3 ~ Amazing Arithmetic Booster Session ~ 3.10 to 3.45pm (selected pupils)
- Wed 9 Dec 2020**
- Year 1 ~ Fabulous Phonics Booster Session ~ 8.20 to 9.00am (selected pupils)
 - Year 2 ~ Magic Maths Booster Session ~ 8.20 to 8.50am (selected pupils)
 - Year 4 ~ Super Spellers Booster Session ~ 8.30 to 9.00am (selected pupils)
 - Class 1 visit to Christ Church Lothersdale (weather permitting!)
- Thu 10 Dec 2020**
- Year 4 ~ Roaring Reasoning Booster Session ~ 8.30 to 9.00am (selected pupils)
 - Year 5 ~ Wonderful Writing Booster Session ~ 8.20am to 9.00am (selected pupils)
 - Reserve date ~ Class 1 visit to Christ Church, Lothersdale
 - Year 3 ~ Once upon a picture Booster Session ~ 3.10 to 3.45pm (selected pupils)
 - Year 4 ~ Once upon a picture ~ Booster Session ~ 3.10 to 3.45pm (selected pupils)
- Fri 11 Dec 2020**
- LSA Calendar ~ deadline for placing orders via ParentPay
 - Christmas Jumper Day ~ no school sweatshirt today ~ wear a Christmas Jumper to school to support Save the Children
 - Autumn Term Extended Schools Activities finish

EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 7 DECEMBER 2020

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

Health & Safety Update!

Covid Tier 2

Many thanks to everyone for supporting social distancing when on the school site. The new government guidance confirms that the school is now in local Tier 2 restrictions and we attach the latest guidance for your information.

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

Another eventful Lothersdale week draws to a close! We have breathed a collective sigh of relief this week as we have not lost power at all. This is in part due to the fact that we sat and shivered for a couple of days at the start of the week whilst the new boiler was being commissioned. But what a difference a couple of days make - school is warm and toasty now, and just in time for the snow today.

The children's resilience shone through again on Monday and Tuesday as no one complained about the cold - thank you for your understanding again, and for wrapping them up warm!

I recently applied for some pre-paid, data-only SIM cards which Vodafone were offering to schools to share with families who might not have adequate broadband at home. I was delighted this week when a package of SIM cards was delivered to school. If you would benefit from a SIM card, pre-loaded with 60Gb of data, to help your child to access home learning sites (TT Rockstars, Reading Plus, Purple Mash etc.), please feel free to contact the school office and we will be very happy to pass these on.

This week's Parent's guide to Online Safety is all about TikTok! When I spoke to Class 4, a handful of children said they had seen or used TikTok although they didn't actually have the app. However, in a year's time, when half of those children are at high school, they will have lots of friends using TikTok and they will inevitably be pressured into signing up themselves. Forewarned is forearmed - so please check out the handy guide at the end of the Friday News, or on our website, so you and your child can be aware of the possible online dangers associated with TikTok.

Thank you all so much for your generosity in donating prizes for our Christmas raffle and also for buying so many tickets; we've sold over £300 worth of tickets already. If you need more tickets, please let us know as we will carry on selling right up until the day of the draw - the 15th December.

Thanks also to all those who have kindly wrapped and donated gifts to be sent to Keighley Women's Refuge as presents for the children who are living there. Happy 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.

Booster Sessions

If your child is currently attending Booster Sessions in a morning or afternoon, please note that the sessions will run until the end of term (the last session will be held on Thursday 17 December 2020).

Please ensure they arrive at the specified time so that the teacher can start the session on time and benefit from the full session.

Extended Schools' Activities ~ Autumn Term

This term's extended schools' activities will finish next Friday, 11 December 2020 and all children should be collected promptly from school at 3.15pm during the last week of term, unless they are attending booster sessions or booked into Lothersdale Out of School Club.



Lothersdale School Association ~ Fundraising Events

Thank you to all those of you who have already returned the raffle ticket stubs and money for our Christmas Raffle, which were sent home via bookbags on Tuesday.

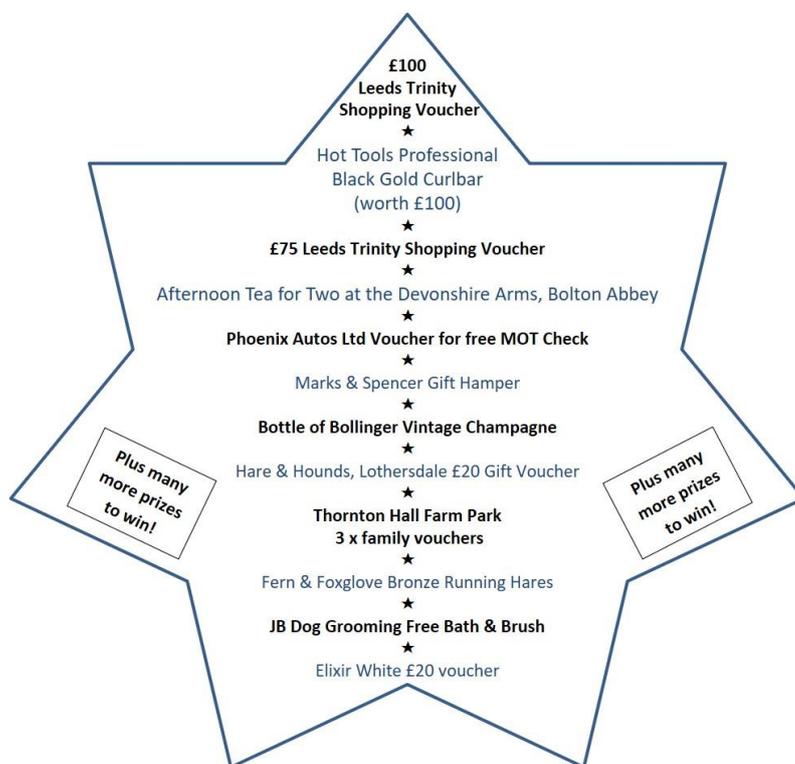
Tickets cost £1.00 a ticket or £5.00 per strip.

Please keep one half of each strip and return the other half for the prize draw. Write your name and telephone number on each ticket you are returning and return to school in a sealed envelope addressed to the LSA.

If you require more raffle tickets, please email the school office or put a note in the envelope with your returned tickets.

All monies raised will go towards new IT equipment for school.

Thank you for your support.



Lothersdale School Association ~ School Calendar 2021

Calendars have been sent home via bookbags today to all those parents/carers who have purchased a calendar(s). If you would like to buy a calendar and have not yet had chance to do so, or wish to purchase more calendars, please make your payment via ParentPay. Please note the deadline for all orders is Friday 11 December 2020. Many thanks for your support.



Christmas Jumper Day ~ Friday 11 December 2020



No school sweatshirt on Friday 11 December (and Friday 18 December 2020). Wear a Christmas or woolly jumper to school to save children's lives and donate £1.00 via ParentPay on either Friday 11 December or Friday 18 December 2020.

Many thanks for your support.



Dolce Snowman Poster Competition

Thank you to all those children who submitted their wonderful drawings for the Dolce Snowman Poster Competition. Mrs G said it was very difficult to choose the winning pictures as they were all so

amazing but the two winners are Niamh (Year 1) and Reo (Year 4). Well done Niamh and Reo!



The overall winner of the competition was a child from Whiston Junior & Infant School.

Lothersdale Primary School Nominated Charity



As most of you know, Lothersdale Primary School supports Manorlands Hospice every year through donations at our Christmas Concert. Whilst the concert is not going ahead this year, we feel that it is doubly important to continue to support the hospice and we would be grateful for any donations towards this extremely important local care facility. You are now able to make a donation via your ParentPay account and we thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas Presents for Keighley Women's Refuge



Thank you to those of you who have been able to donate Christmas presents for the women and children who will be spending Christmas in the Refuge. Please continue to bring gifts into school ~ the deadline is 9.30am on Monday 14 December 2020 to enable us to pass them on to Mrs Mitchell.



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 lots of phonics fun this week with more songs and actions to help them read and spell. Remember to play our 'I hear with my little ear' game at home or in the car as it REALLY helps children to confidently hear the sounds in cvc words: "d-o-g together say dog; h-o-p together say hop."

In preparation for our visit to church next week, we have begun to learn about the meaning of advent. We even have our own advent calendar with surprises behind each bauble! It has made Class 1 laugh and clap to see the surprise each day so far.

The children also painted a beautiful choir of angels which we will take to church as a gift from Lothersdale School. We really hope they like our special angels.



The snow was a great surprise and a treat! The perfect weather to inspire us to make Christmas cards especially as we had a beautiful festive fireplace crackling on our smartboard. Tis the season to be jolly!



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 well and truly earned their weekends this week. As always, they have worked incredibly hard with lots of maths and reading challenges. The children have been able to see for themselves how far they have come since September and all of the progress they have made.



We have finished our class book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and we have all written some brilliant letters to the crayons pleading with them to come back. It's safe to say the whole class have enjoyed this book and it's clear to see their love of the story shine through in their letters.

We have also done a few more investigations in our science topic on everyday materials. The children have looked at a range of materials and how we can change their shape. This supported their knowledge of various properties of materials and their suitable uses. We have also discussed the importance of reduce, reuse, recycle.

A mixed bag of weather meant some lovely playtimes while others were a bit damp. On Thursday we were treated to a rainbow right over the top of school which all of the children loved.

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 worked very hard this week completing the end of unit assessments in maths, spelling, grammar and reading; we are very impressed with the positive attitude demonstrated by the children. Our KIRF has focused on prime numbers, and the last target of the year is to understand intervals across zero, including negative numbers.

We had a great day on Tuesday with Mrs Turvey, rehearsing, performing and filming the Christmas performance, and we hope you enjoy watching it as much as we have enjoyed compiling it.

We are thoroughly enjoying our WW2 topic, and next week, we will start work on our propaganda posters in art.

Our last weekly spelling pattern test of the year will be on Monday 7th December, and we will continue with the check-ups of the Year 3/4 and 5/6 key word lists. Working through individual course pathways on Spellzone forms part of the weekly homework as does completing exercises on Reading Plus. English CGP homework books have been handed out today.

Congratulations to Martha and Charlotte who have moved up a level on Reading Plus this week – a great achievement.

Have a super weekend, and we shall see you on Monday morning.

School Office
Information

If you have any queries regarding any of content below, please contact the school office (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).

Primary School Admissions ~ September 2021

Online applications are currently being made via the Local Authority for reception places at Lothersdale Primary School for September 2021. The online common application form must be submitted by no later than 15 January 2021. 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.

School Lunch Menu w/c 14 December 2020

Please note that Mrs Grosschmidt has changed the menu for the last week of term and will now be as follows and not as previously published.

MONDAY

Mince
New Potatoes
Cauliflower & Broccoli

Chocolate Crispy

TUESDAY

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



WEDNESDAY

Sausages
Potato Wedges
Green Beans & Sweetcorn

Carrot Cake

THURSDAY

CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH!



FRIDAY

Fish Fingers
Chips
Baked Beans

Butterfly Bun

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party Lunch (Pupils on Pack Ups)

Please note that the deadline for booking a Christmas Lunch/Party Lunch for your child has now passed. If you have booked a Christmas Lunch please ensure payment has been made via the Pupils Meals account on ParentPay. Many thanks.

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
Online Safety ~ TikTok

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:

- Fri 11 Dec 2020** - Christmas Jumper Day ~ wear a Christmas Jumper to school to support Save the Children and donate £1
- 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
- Mon 4 Jan 2021** - School closed for Staff Training
- Tue 5 Jan 2021** - School re-opens for the spring term
- Fri 15 Jan 2021** - Deadline for online submission of application for a primary school place for September 2021
- Tue 20 Apr 2021** - Bag2School collection in the Parent Shelter ~ by 9.00am

Food Allergy Warning

Please remember Lothersdale Primary School is a Nut Free Zone





TIER 2

HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY 	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS 	RETAIL 	WORK AND BUSINESS 
<p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	<p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	<p>Open.</p>	<p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION 	INDOOR LEISURE 	ACCOMMODATION 	PERSONAL CARE 
<p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<p>Open.</p>	<p>Open.</p>	<p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS 	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS 	ENTERTAINMENT 	PLACES OF WORSHIP 
<p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	<p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	<p>Open.</p>	<p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING 	EXERCISE 	RESIDENTIAL CARE 	LARGE EVENTS 
<p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	<p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)





TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. Its main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-syncing and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.

AGE RESTRICTION
12+
If under 18, supervision of a parent or legal guardian required.



What parents need to know about

TIKTOK



AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as 'Parental guidance recommended'. When signing up to the app, it's possible to lie about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are light-hearted or designed to make people laugh. However there have been a number of videos reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and young teens engaging in sexually suggestive content. More recently, suicide-themed related videos have been widely circulated. Given the deluge of material uploaded to TikTok every day, it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be common to come across explicit and age-inappropriate content on the 'for you' feed when logging into the platform.



INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC

TikTok revolves around creating music videos through lip-syncing and dancing. Inevitably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the undeniably young user base, there is a risk that children may look to imitate the explicit language they hear or the suggestive actions they see when viewing others user's videos on the app.



TIKTOK FAME

TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable preoccupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known in-app as 'TikTok famous'. TikTok (and its predecessor musical.ly) has spawned its own celebrities - social media stars Loren Gray and Jacob Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, most budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.



ONLINE PREDATORS

As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user's videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.



ADDICTIVE NATURE

Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute visit into 45-minute visit.



IN-APP PURCHASES

Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from £0.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £93.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different emojis to reward content creators that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Safety Tips For Parents

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above the age limit to use TikTok, make sure you take the time to talk to them about what they are seeing on the app. Have an open dialogue, get them to give you their opinion on what is appropriate and model the correct behaviour. Go over why they shouldn't give out private information or identifiable photos and be positive and understanding. In the long run, getting them to think critically about what they're seeing goes a long way to keeping them social media savvy.



USE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Undoubtedly, the easiest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is set to private. This means only those users your child approves can view, like, and follow their content. Setting the account to private may clash with your child's goal of social media stardom, but it will keep their account secure from strangers. This setting can be enabled under the privacy and safety menu by pressing the ellipsis in the 'me' tab of the app. To be extra safe, there are additional controls available to toggle such as who can send comments and messages, among other options.



ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE

In the digital wellbeing section there's the ability to turn on restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out content that is not age appropriate although it should be noted that this isn't always 100% fool proof. When enabling restricted mode, parents should still be vigilant to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm moderating content is not infallible.



MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Even if it doesn't make you popular, keep a close eye on what your child is viewing and sharing on TikTok. Whilst the app has moderation tools, videos can still slip through the net so it's important to regularly check in on what they're watching. Understanding and learning the app yourself is a great way to get to grips with it. You could then even watch some videos with your child, turning it into a bonding opportunity also.



LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a relatively safe space for your child to express themselves. However, in case something does manage to slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report content that isn't appropriate and get them to come to you about what they have seen. TikTok allows users to report offenders and comments within the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.



MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child moderate their time on the app by making use of the digital wellbeing section. Under the screen time management option, you can limit the daily allotted time allowed on the app in increments ranging from 40 to 120 minutes. You can also lock this preference behind a PIN number which has to be inputted in order to then exceed the daily time limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without wasting away the day.



Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



FAMILY SAFETY MODE

TikTok Family Safety Mode allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's. It's a great way to oversee your child's digital wellbeing by giving you direct control over their safety settings and being able to remotely turn features on and off. This includes managing screen time, the ability to send and receive direct messages (and with whom) and the ability to restrict the appearance of content that might not be age appropriate.



SOURCES: www.tiktok.com

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