

AUTUMN TERM • ISSUE 13 • FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2017

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This week's

Lothersdale Legends

have been awarded to:

Reception ~ Tess Bateman
Year 1 ~ Niamh Cutler
Year 2 ~ Noah Schepisi
Year 3 ~ Joseph Wilson
Year 4 ~ Millie Oddy
Year 5 ~ Richard Pickles
Year 6 ~ Morgan Brookes

★ YEAR 6 AWARD ★
WILLIAM OUTHWAITE

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Deadlines & Reminders for w/c 11 December 2017

- Tue** - Christmas Concert at South Craven School starting at 6.15pm ~ entry by ticket only ~ please ensure you bring confirmation of your seat reservations.
- Children in Classes 1 and 2 can come into school in their Christmas jumpers/tops ready for the Christmas concert! (one less bag!)
- Wed** - Please return Christmas Concert costumes belonging to school (*where applicable*)
- Fri** - Deadline for receipt of donated gifts for Keighley Women's Refuge
- No school sweatshirt today ~ wear a Christmas or woolly jumper to school (*see below*)
- All Extended Schools' Activities finish today
- Numeracy Plus, Spelling Group & Homework sessions finish today
- Last Class 3 Swimming Lesson this term

| EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 11 December 2017 | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Construction 3.15 - 4.00pm | No Extended | Drama KS1 & KS2 3.30 - 4.30pm | Supersports 3.15 - 4.15pm | Lego Club 12.25 - 12.55pm |
| Running Club 3.15 - 4.15pm | Schools clubs today | | | Football 3.15 - 4.15pm |
| Gymnastics 1 3.15 - 4.15pm | due to the Christmas | | | |
| Gymnastics 2 4.20 - 5.20pm | Concert | | | |

What's Happening in the Classroom and Beyond?

Start of the School Day

Unsupervised Children

Please remember that a member of staff is not on the playground until 8.45am each morning. Children should not, under any circumstances, be left unsupervised on the playground prior to 8.45am. If you wish to leave your children at 8.45am, please ensure a member of staff is present prior to leaving the school grounds.

May we remind parents/carers that, if you are on the school playground with your children until the bell goes at 8.55am, it is your responsibility to supervise your children and ensure they are behaving responsibly on the playground.

Late arrivals

This is a polite reminder that children are expected to be on the playground for **8:55am** so that we can get all children into school and ready for registration at **9:00am**. A number of children are regularly arriving late at school in the morning and this is having an impact on the pace of learning in some classes at the start of the day.

If your child arrives late, you must report to the main reception area with your child to ensure Mrs Ellison is aware that your child is on-site and she can annotate the register accordingly.

End of the School Day

May we remind parents/carers that extended school clubs finish next week, Friday 15 December, and to ensure that arrangements are in place to collect children promptly at 3.15pm during the last week of term.

Christmas Concert at South Craven School ~ Tuesday 12 December 2017



Our Christmas Concert will take place next Tuesday, 12 December 2017 at 6.15pm and all the children are really looking forward to performing all their songs and accompanying percussion. A map of the South Craven site, indicating the location of the Fells Hall Theatre, is attached to this newsletter for your

information. Parking is available in both P1 and P2 areas on the map.

Important Notice: Please note that perimeter security fencing has now been erected around the South Craven School site and special arrangements have been made to allow us access to the Fells Hall Theatre. There will be no access into the theatre until 6.00pm and we would therefore kindly ask that you do not arrive at the auditorium any earlier than this for health & safety reasons, as space is limited in the entrance hall to the theatre.

Please remember to bring your seat reservation(s) with you as this is a ticket only event.

Wheelchair access: please note that wheelchair places in the auditorium have been allocated to those parents/carers who have sent in a request and due to space constraints, we may not be able to accommodate wheelchairs on the night without prior notification. Please contact Mrs Ellison via school email (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) as soon as possible if you or your relative will require this facility.

Concert costumes: please note that children will go home after the concert in their costumes. We would be grateful if you could ensure that all school costumes are returned to school on Wednesday 13 December 2017.

Children in Classes 1 and 2 can come to school in their Christmas jumpers or tops on the day of the concert.

Photography/Video Recording ~ Internet and Social Media

Whilst we want to allow you to record special moments in your children's lives e.g. participating in the Christmas concert, please remember that we have a number of children in school, who for security reasons, cannot appear on social media. We must therefore insist that any photos or videos that are posted on social media should not include pictures of any children other than your own, unless you have asked permission from the parents/carers of the children involved.



Class 3 Swimming Lessons ~ Spring Term

Please note that the deadline for the return of the reply slip was today, Friday 8 December 2017, and we still have a number of replies outstanding. We would be grateful if you could ensure reply slips are sent into school on Monday 11 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 Monday 8 January 2018.

Georgia's Grandad ~ Mr R Uttley MBE



Classes 3 and 4 were thrilled to welcome Georgia Walton's grandad into assembly on Tuesday. Mr Uttley was presented with an MBE by the Queen at Buckingham Palace on 7 November 2017 and he talked to the children about the award ceremony and his great honour at meeting the Queen and being presented with the award.

Mr Uttley was honoured for his services to the community of the Calder Valley where, amongst many community roles he

has held, he has worked for many years as a volunteer for the Mountain Rescue Service.

During the assembly we all talked about the importance of good citizenship and Mrs Robinson made the association with our very own Year 6 award where the staff honour the Year 6 child that has made a significant contribution that week to the life of the school. We join Georgia's family in feeling very proud of Mr Uttley and are very grateful to him for inspiring us all to think of others and how important it is to give something back to our communities.

Year 6 Numeracy Plus, Year 6 Spelling Group & Class 3 Homework Sessions

Please note that if your children currently attend any of the above sessions they will finish on Friday 15 December 2017. Children must therefore arrive at school at 8.55am as normal from week commencing 18 December 2017.

Reading Plus

Reading Plus sessions will continue as normal week commencing 18 December 2017 and children should continue to arrive at school ready to start their session at 8:45am.

Extended Schools Activities ~ Spring Term

Please note that the school does not run staff led extended school's activities during the first half of the spring term. Clubs run by external providers will start on Tuesday 9 January 2018 and finish on Friday 9 February 2018 and the extended schools activities form for the first half of the spring term has been issued via bookbags today.

Please return completed forms to school on Monday 18 December 2017 if your child wishes to take part in Woolcraft or Get Groovy.

Please do not return the form if your child is taking part in paid clubs as activity lists will be generated following the receipt of payment.

Please ensure payments are made via ParentPay by Thursday 4 January 2018 to secure your child's place on his/her chosen activity.

Please note that the activities will be removed from ParentPay once the deadline has passed and, unfortunately, we will be unable to add your child to an activity list after this date.

Activity lists will be available for you to view in the main reception area from Tuesday 9 January 2018.

Art Club ~ Spring Term Second Half

Please note that Denisa, who worked with Class 4 children on our milk bottle top project, will be returning to school after February half-term to run an Art Club for children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. This is provisionally scheduled to take place after school on Thursdays.

Save the Children ~ Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15 December 2017 & Friday 22 December 2017

No school sweatshirts on both these Friday dates ~ wear a Christmas

or woolly jumper to school to save children's lives and donate £1.00 on either Friday 15 or Friday 22 December 2017 towards Save the Children.



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.

Keighley Women's Refuge ~ Christmas Campaign

Please remember that this year's campaign is now up and running and the Refuge would be grateful if parents/carers could donate gifts for families who are spending their Christmas in the Refuge. Gifts can be placed under the Christmas Tree in the main school reception area ~ please ensure gifts are clearly marked according to age and gender to enable them to be distributed to the correct recipients.

There are currently:

11 women ~ one aged 19, eight aged between 25-35, and two 50 year olds.

Girls ~ one 1 year old, two 2 year olds, one 3 year old, two 6 year olds, one 9 year old and three teenagers aged 14, 16 and 17.

Boys ~ one 1 year old, one 4 year old, one 5 year old and one 10 year old.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Governing Body Update

Parent Governor Election ~ Ballot

A letter, personal statements and a ballot paper was distributed to each parent/carers on Monday 4 December to enable you to cast your vote for a Parent Governor to the school's Governing Body. Please ensure you 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.

Bad Weather Procedures

Please find letter attached to this newsletter, which was originally issued to parents/carers on 10 November 2017, reminding you of the school's procedures in the event of bad weather.

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.

Friday News Online

Please remember that if you do not receive a hard copy of the Friday News, or mislay the copy sent home every Friday, the newsletters can also be found on the school website for your information.

School Website

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

New Postings on our Website this week:

Friday News

Bad Weather Procedures: Information ~ School Office ~ Forms & Letters

LSA Christmas Fair ~ Saturday 2 December 2017

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to support last Saturday's Christmas Fair in school.



We would like to thank the LSA for all their hard work organising the event and to all those who volunteered to help out, not only on the day, but behind the scenes as well.

We can confirm that a fantastic **£1,100.69** was raised towards school funds and we must give special thanks to Santa, for taking time out of his very busy schedule to visit the children. We would also like to thank the Co-op in Cross Hills for donating the food for refreshments and to all those who provided prizes for the raffle.

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed towards making the Christmas Fair a huge success.

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



Lothersdale Park ~ New Children's Play Equipment ~ Exhibition on 14 December 2017
Congratulations to Lothersdale Parish Council, who have been successful in their bid to procure funding of £42,408 via Yorventure to enable them to completely renovate the children's play area in Lothersdale Park. Matched funding from Lothersdale Parish Council and Lothersdale Parish Trust means that the children will benefit from a completely new play area, which will include a new roundabout (that meets disability requirements), a new basket swing and multi-coloured surfacing.

Work will commence on site in January 2018 and it is hoped the project will be completed by the end of February 2018.

If you would like to view the plans and ask any questions, an exhibition will be held in Lothersdale Club House at 6.30pm on Thursday 14 December 2017.

Christ Church Lothersdale Café Church ~ Sunday 17 December 2017



Christ Church Lothersdale welcomes you to their Café Church Service on 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.

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

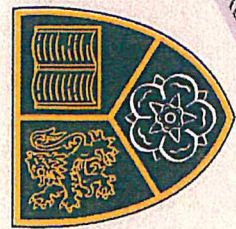
Please note there may be circumstances in which these dates are subject to change:

School Events:

- Tue 12 Dec 2017** - Whole School Christmas Concert at South Craven School ~ 6.15pm
- Fri 15 Dec 2017** - Last Class 3 Swimming Lesson this term
- Y6 Numeracy Plus, Y6 Spelling Group and Class 3 Homework sessions finish today
All Extended Schools Clubs finish for the Autumn term today
- 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

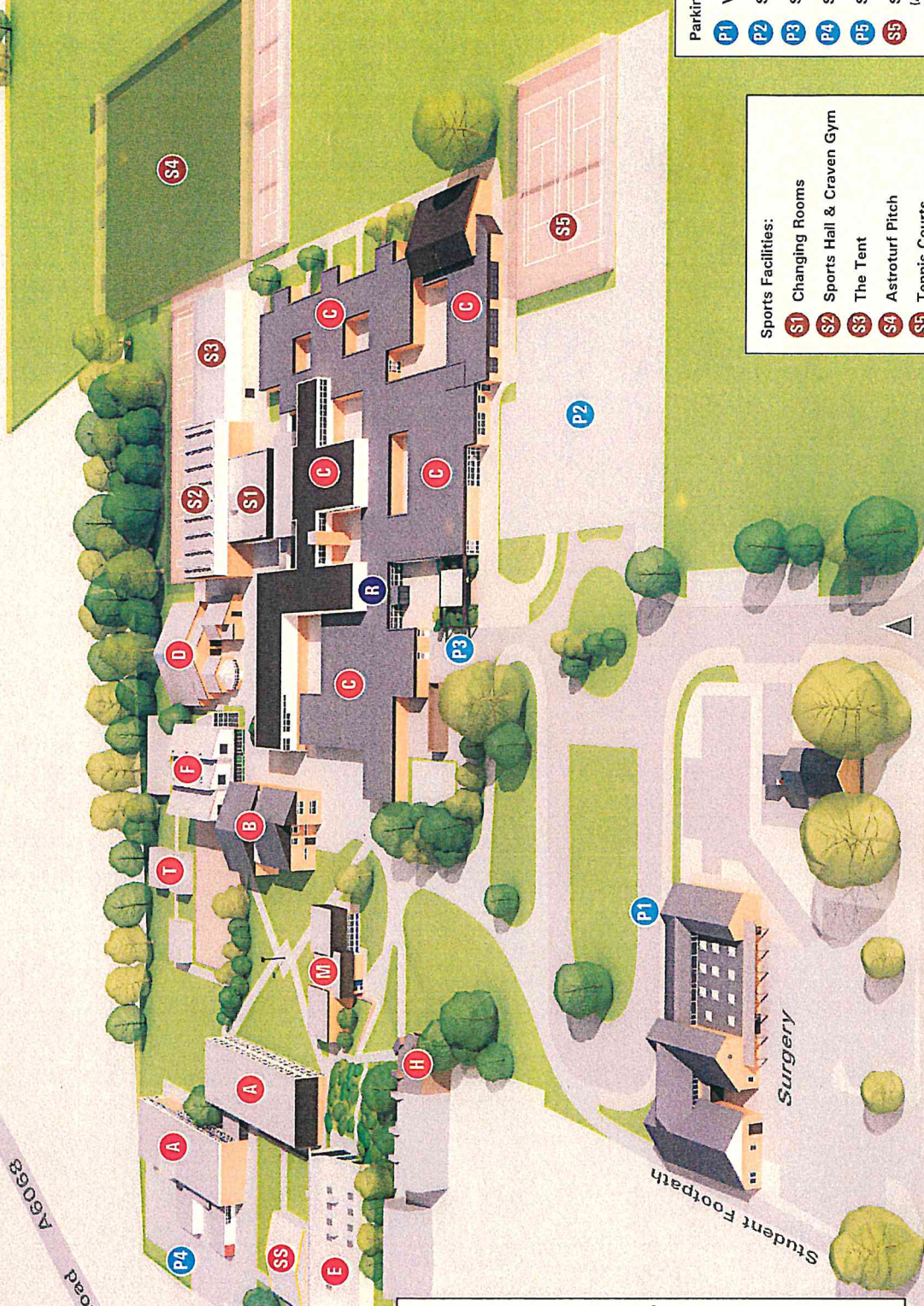
Community Events:

- Thu 14 Dec 2017** - Lothersdale Club House at 6.30pm ~ an exhibition of the new play area in Lothersdale Park



South Craven School

Keighley Road A6068
 Fieldhead Drive



- A** Airedale Building: English, Learning Support, Airedale Hall & Gym
- B** Bronte Building: Maths, Languages
- C** Craven Building: Craven Hall & Sixth Form, Art, Design, Science, Human Studies
- D** Dales (Science)
- E** ETASC (Engineering, Technology & Skills Centre)
- F** Fells Building & Hall, Learning Resource Centre
- H** The House
- M** Music Block
- SS** Sunshine Studio (Drama)
- T** T Buildings
- R** Reception (Craven)
 All visitors must sign in at Reception on arrival

- Parking:**
- P1** Visitors
 - P2** Staff Only
 - P3** Staff & Deliveries Only
 - P4** Staff Only
 - P5** Staff Only
 - S5** Special events only (All car parks are open for special events)

- Sports Facilities:**
- S1** Changing Rooms
 - S2** Sports Hall & Craven Gym
 - S3** The Tent
 - S4** Astro turf Pitch
 - S5** Tennis Courts

← to Keighley Road/Cross Hills Holme Lane Main Entrance To Surton →



Mrs J Robinson
(Headteacher)

10 November 2017

Lothersdale
Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Winter Plan ~ School Procedures

Every attempt will be made to keep the school open in bad weather, however if the conditions are so bad that staff cannot make it to, or from, school, or there is a potential health and safety risk in travel; the decision will be made to close the school.

If school is unable to open in the morning due to bad weather, we will try to let parents/carers know by **7.30am** by the following methods:

- Send a text to parents/carers
- Send an email to parents/carers
- Post a message on the front page of school website.

If school is open but pupils are struggling to get in due to the weather, then parents/carers **must contact the school office** to let staff know when they will be able to get in to school.

In the unlikely event that the school is unable to remain open during normal school hours we will use the text/email/website and telephone to alert parents/carers. Please note that in this situation the Out of School Club will also be closed.

During bad weather parents/carers should always ensure that school is open **before** leaving their children at the Out of School Club.

We thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

J. Robinson

MRS J ROBINSON

Headteacher

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