

AUTUMN TERM • ISSUE 13 • FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2020

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This week's

LOTHERSDALE LEGENDS

have been awarded to:

Reception ~ **Jamie**
 Year 1 ~ **Evelyn**
 Year 2 ~ **Lucy**
 Year 3 ~ **Chloe Dr**
 Year 4 ~ **Archie**
 Year 5 ~ **James**
 Year 6 ~ **Martha**

★ **YEAR 6 AWARD** ★

This week's Year 6 Award goes to

JOSEPH W

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Deadlines & Reminders for w/c 14 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** - **NO EXTENDED SCHOOLS' ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK!**
- 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)
 - [Deadline for bringing in gifts for Keighley Women's Refuge \(by 9.30am\)](#)
 - [Deadline for sending in raffle ticket stubs and money for the LSA Christmas Raffle](#)
 - [Whole School Pantomime Dance Workshop](#)
 - 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**
- [Christmas Lunch](#)
 - [LSA Raffle Draw](#)
 - ~~Year 3 ~ Amazing Arithmetic Booster Session ~ 3.10 to 3.45pm (selected pupils)~~ **CANCELLED**
- Wed**
- 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)
- Thu**
- [Christmas Party Day – Non-School Uniform!](#)
 - [Deadline for ordering an LSA Calendar](#)
 - 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)
 - [Christmas Party Lunch](#)
 - 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**
- [Christmas Jumper Day ~ no school sweatshirt today ~ wear a Christmas Jumper to school to support Save the Children. Deadline for contribution via ParentPay towards Save the Children Charity.](#)
 - [School finishes at 3.15pm for the Christmas Break](#)

EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 14 DECEMBER 2020**Monday****Tuesday****Wednesday****Thursday****Friday**

NO EXTENDED SCHOOLS' ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK.
Children must be collected promptly at the end of the school day, unless booked into LOOSC or attending Booster Sessions.

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

The staff and children at school are growing increasingly excited about Christmas, and we are in full swing with preparations and activities in school.

I must say this is not the way I thought I'd spend my first Christmas at Lothersdale when I was appointed last March. I would have imagined a traditional Nativity and other Christmas shows, with a live audience of proud parents; I would have hoped for a busy, bustling Christmas Fair with loads of people (all standing around, really close to each other!); I would have liked a whole-school Christmas lunch and party with children from all year groups socialising together. Alas, this was not to be.

Rest assured, we will ensure that Christmas week in school is lots of fun for the children - we are still having Christmas lunch and parties, just in our own little bubbles. As well as all the Christmas frivolities, we are still teaching and learning in class, almost as normal.

I know many parents will be growing more and more anxious about the Christmas holiday and worrying that their children might yet develop symptoms and end up having to self-isolate over the holiday. I share this concern and, having been in isolation over October half term, like many of you, I long for a relaxed break with the chance to get out and about. I have 3 daughters in secondary school and each day I dread receiving a phone call from one of them saying they've been sent home with symptoms or because a friend has tested positive. All we can do at Lothersdale School is continue with our strict routine of social distancing, frequent hand washing, ventilating the building and crossing our fingers. We remain open until 3.15pm on Friday 18 December, and we will be continuing with the curriculum all week to ensure children do not miss any more of their vital education, with a few fun activities thrown in!

I have attached a guide to Netflix to this week's Friday News which you may find useful if you are concerned about the type of material your children may be able to access whilst relaxing over the Christmas holiday.

Have a happy and safe weekend.



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.

Staffing Update ~ Miss Russell

Congratulations to Miss Russell who will be celebrating her wedding just after we break up next week! We wish her all the very best and hope she has a wonderful day.



We will also be saying a temporary 'goodbye' to Miss Russell, who will be working from home in the New Year due to her pregnancy, followed by maternity leave.

If any parents/carers would like to contribute to the collection in school, please forward to Mrs Ellison in the school office in a clearly named envelope by Tuesday 15 December 2020.

Booster Sessions ~ Amazing Arithmetic ~ Tuesday 15 December 2020

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Year 3 Amazing Arithmetic booster session has had to be cancelled. Children who were due to attend this session should, therefore, be collected from school at the normal time on Tuesday.

Extended Schools' Activities ~ Autumn Term



This term's extended schools' activities have now finished and all children should be collected promptly from school at 3.15pm next week, unless they are attending booster sessions or booked into Lothersdale Out of School Club.

Extended Schools' Activities ~ Spring Term First Half

The activity flyer including notes to parents/carers will be emailed shortly for extended schools' activities taking place next term. A copy will also be available to view on the school website.

FREE Clubs: Please email the school office (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) by Sunday 3 January 2021 to book a FREE activity place for your child. It would be helpful if you could include the name of the club(s) in the subject header to help us identify the replies easily. Activities will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

PAID Clubs: the deadline for payment for children taking part in paying clubs is Sunday 3 January 2021 to enable your child to continue with his/her chosen club. Your child's name will only be entered on the activity lists once payment has been made. The extended schools' accounts will be removed from ParentPay once the deadline has passed so it is important that payments are made promptly.

Please refer to the notes for your information. All extended schools' activities finish at half term, during the week ending Friday 12 February 2021.

The activity lists will be available to view on the school website on Monday 4 January 2021 (pm).

Please note that we are unable to add your child to an activity list once the deadline has passed and the lists have been distributed to providers and LOOSC. It is therefore important that you help us to avoid your child missing out on an activity by adhering to the stated deadline.

Lothersdale School Association ~ Fundraising Events

Thank you for continuing to support our Christmas Raffle by donating prizes or purchasing raffle tickets (or both!). Tickets cost £1.00 a ticket or £5.00 per strip.

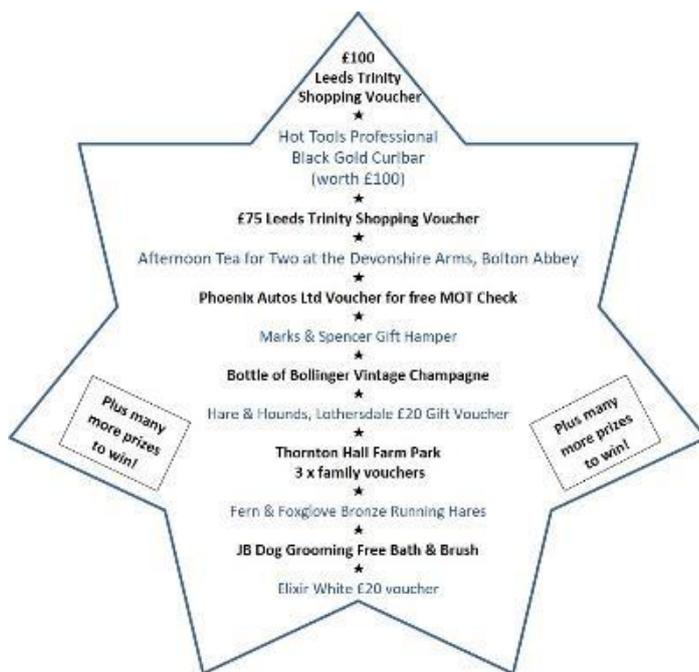


Please keep one half of each strip and return the other half for the prize draw. Write your name and telephone number on each ticket you are returning and return to school in a sealed envelope addressed to the LSA.

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.

Please ensure all sold tickets, money and unsold tickets are returned to school by close of play on Monday 14 December 2020. 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) this week. 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 Thursday 17 December 2020.

Many thanks for your support.

Christmas Jumper Day ~ Friday 11 December & Friday 18 December 2020

The children (and staff!) looked wonderful today in their Christmas jumpers ~ please see the photos at the end of the newsletter. Many thanks to those of you who have already made a donation – we have currently raised **£120.00**.



No school sweatshirt again on Friday 18 December. Wear a Christmas or woolly jumper to school to save children's lives and donate £1.00 via ParentPay on Friday 18 December 2020, if you have not already donated.

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. So far you have raised **£129.50** towards our chosen charity – last year we raised an amazing **£750** so please ask family and friends if they would like to donate as well. If you have not yet made a donation and still wish to do so, please make your payment via your ParentPay account and we thank you in advance for your support. This charity payment will remain open on your ParentPay account for the rest of the academic year to enable you to continue to make donations throughout the year and hopefully allow us to raise as much as we did last year.



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 another busy week involving lots of festive fun! We have been creative and crafty making Christmas trees, puddings, angels and learning how to make multicoloured paper chains. Our fiddliest job was learning how to cut out snowflakes. This took some concentration and real care with scissors. The hard work paid off and the children were surprised and delighted by the shapes they made!



On Wednesday (and the highlight of the week) we walked through the village and up to church. The children all wore costumes so they could perform a socially distanced Nativity for our special audience of one - Chris. She really enjoyed our singing and acting! We also gave her a special Christmas card made by the children and some paper craft angels to decorate church. We helped her with a very special job. Each child had a character or piece of decoration to add to the Nativity scene under the alter table. The children did this very carefully and really enjoyed helping Chris to get church ready for the Christmas celebrations.



Well done Class 1, we were proud of your enthusiasm and your kind, sensible behaviour.



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 been continuing their learning of the different sentence types this week. We have been learning all about commands and we are going to use these next week to write some instructions.

We have continued to develop our knowledge of multiplication using arrays. The arrays have enabled us to see the link between multiplication, equal groups and repeated addition. This is always tricky learning as there are lots of steps but all the children are working incredibly hard to master it.

We have also been discussing the Christmas story and how we celebrate Christmas and the reasons behind it. This has been quite eye opening to some.

I can't believe it is already the final week of term. All the children in Class 2 really have worked so hard this half term and I am very proud of each and every one of them. The Christmas party is well deserved this year.

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).

All the children in Class 3 worked so hard at their end of term assessments last week – we are all so proud of the progress the children are making in these difficult times. Please keep up the hard work.

This week, Class 3 have been taking part in 'Rewind to Christmas' which was produced by Cross Hills and District Fellowship of Churches. The activities provided were fantastic and all children have had the opportunity to learn more about how Christians celebrate Christmas and how these celebrations may differ around the world. The session provided a wonderful craft activity and the children have a colourful tea-light holder to take home with them.



Additionally, this week Class 3 have recorded their Christmas performance and I cannot stress how immensely proud I am of every single child. Please have a look at the Class 3 page on our website for the full video. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Turvey, our wonderful music teacher, who has gone above and beyond to plan a wonderful showcase of music talent throughout the whole school yet again. Despite the current pandemic, she can still pull off a fantastic Christmas show!

Although we have done some fun things this week in class, the children have continued to work extremely hard in maths as we carry on with our division topic. Next week, along with our regular curriculum, we will be making Christmas crafts and having fun at our Christmas party on Thursday.

Please remember to stay safe and have a wonderful weekend.

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).

Another busy week has flown by. We have continued our work on direct speech and have linked this to a piece of writing entitled 'My Happiest Day'. If the children would like to, they have the opportunity to enter their work into the Rotary Writing Competition – the entry form and details can be found on the Class 4 page of the website; entries must be submitted by Tuesday 15th December 2020. Good luck!

We have started our art work focusing on WW2 propaganda, first revising our knowledge of the different pencil types, the next step being colour mixing using watercolours.

Next week, as there is no spelling pattern check-up, spellings will focus on consolidation of the Year 3/4 and 5/6 key word lists. Please continue to work through individual course pathways on Spellzone and complete exercises on Reading Plus too. Maths CGP homework books have been handed out today.

We are all looking forward to the pantomime, Christmas lunch and Christmas party next week. Children have been reminded to bring in any 'additional extras' they would like to add to their customised Christmas hat which we shall be making on Wednesday next week.

Congratulations to Katie, Harry and Aiden 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).

ParentPay Accounts

Please ensure that all ParentPay accounts are up-to-date and a zero or credit balance remains on school meal accounts when school closes on Friday 18 December 2020. ParentPay has informed us that we currently have 9 accounts showing a debt amount and we would be grateful if parents/carers could keep a close check on their accounts over the next week to ensure a credit balance remains and any outstanding contributions are made if possible.

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 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 ~ Netflix

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:

- 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





Save the Children



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**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

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