

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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Deadlines & Reminders for w/c 16 December 2019

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.

- Mon NO EXTENDED SCHOOLS' ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK!
 - Deadline for the return of the Extended Schools reply slip (free clubs)
 - Class 4 ~ Reading Plus at 8.30am
 - Deadline for dropping off gifts for Women's Refuge Christmas Campaign
 - Class 4 ~ Reading Plus at 3.15pm to 4.00pm (see below)
 - LSA Wreath Making Workshop in school at 7pm (pre-booked)
- Tue Year 6 ~ Spelling Plus at 8.30am (selected pupils)
 - Christmas Lunch
- Wed Class 4 ~ Reading Plus at 8.30am
- Thu Class 3 & Class 4 ~ Kids Yoga Session (selected pupils) ~ 8.30 to 9.00am
 - Class 4 ~ Numeracy Plus at 8.30am
 - Christmas Party Day & Lunch ~ NON UNIFORM DAY
- Fri No school sweatshirt today ~ wear a Christmas jumper to school (see below)
 - Class 4 ~ Reading Plus at 8.30am
 - No Class 3 Swimming Lesson
 - School finishes at 3.15pm for the Christmas break

EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 16 December 2019				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Please note there are NO extended schools' activities next week. Children must be				
		om every day next w		
	Lot	hersdale Out of Sch	ool Club.	

Headteacher
Updates
from
Mrs Robinson

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.

Pupil Reports ~ New Format

At the end of term we will be sending home pupil reports. This short report is designed to follow on from parent consultation discussions and provide further information on the effort and progress that your child has shown during the term. This year we are trialling a new format and I will be asking for feedback at the parent forums in the spring term. The new format includes information on all subjects in the curriculum, which we have tried to present in a 'parent-friendly'way!

Class Topic Areas for the Spring Term Curriculum

The curriculum topics in each class for next term are as follows:

- Class 1 ~ Winter in the woods, People who help us and Life Cycles
- Class 2 ~ <u>Science/Geography</u> Our Environment and Climate Change, <u>D&T</u> Cookery, <u>Class Topic</u> Our Local History, <u>Art</u> Sculptures, <u>R.E.</u> Muslim Festivals 'A Child's View'.
- Class 3 ~ <u>Science</u> Electricity and light, <u>History</u> Victorians, <u>Geography</u> Local area, <u>Art</u> Lowry, <u>Computing</u> Creating a database
- Class 4 ~ <u>Science</u> Forces, <u>Geography</u> Brazil, with a focus on trade and rivers, <u>Computing</u> - Programming

More details about the content of each topic area will follow at the start of next term

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.

Christmas raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Raffle this year - to those of you who donated prizes and/or bought tickets. The raffle was drawn on Wednesday morning, with 42 prizes up for grabs, and the winning numbers can be found on the noticeboard on the front page of the school website. Please call into the school office to claim your prize if you are one of the lucky winners. It is hoped we will be able to confirm the total amount raised at all the recent LSA Christmas event next week. Thank you for all your support!

Christmas Concert at SCS ~ Tuesday 10 December 2019

Thank you to everyone for coming along to support the children in their Christmas Concert on Tuesday evening. The children were fantastic and put on a brilliant performance \sim we are all very proud of them! We have received lots of very kind and positive comments about the concert from parents/carers/grandparents, which are very much appreciated by all the staff and children.











Our collection raised an amazing £470.00 towards Manorlands Hospice in Oxenhope, so a big thank you to parents/carers and family members for contributing towards this worthwhile cause. If you did not manage to make a donation on the night and would still like to do so, please hand your donation in to the school office by Monday afternoon at the latest.



We would also like to say a big 'thank you' to South Craven School for allowing us to use the Fells Theatre and their ticketing system for this event and for all their support leading up to, and during, the concert.

<u>Concert costumes</u>: if you have not yet returned your child's school Christmas costume, we would be grateful if you could ensure it is returned to school on Monday 16 December 2019.



Christmas Concert Programme
We have a number of spare
programmes left over from the
concert on Tuesday ~ please pop
into the office if you would like
an extra copy as a memento.

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.

Extended Schools' Activities ~ Autumn Term

This term's extended schools' activities finished today, 13 December 2019, and all children should be collected promptly from school at 3.15pm during the last week of term, unless they are booked into Lothersdale Out of School Club.

Extended Schools' Activities ~ Spring Term

Please return completed forms to school on <u>Monday 16 December 2019</u> if your child wishes to take part in any free clubs. <u>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 Sunday 5 January 2020 to secure your child's place on his/her chosen activity.</u>

Extended Schools Activities ~ Art Club

This term the art club was focused on the autumn season finishing off with the anticipation of Christmas with all the excitement it brings.

In the first half of the autumn term we produced some beautiful art work using different techniques and styles. We created oil and wax pastel rubbings using various leaves and produced beautiful continuous line drawings of dry flowers and seed heads. We explored the use of watercolours and painted autumnal leaves. Our finished work was then compiled together into an autumn project book to keep. In the second half of the autumn term we made some highly creative and very original collages using dried leaves of different shapes. We also created water colour paintings of autumnal sky with wintery trees blowing in the wind. The technique we used here was black and brown ink dropped and blown through a straw to create the random clusters of branches and black felt tip drawing to finish it off. As December approached we combined the theme of autumn with coming Christmas. We made salt dough hedgehogs and baked them to create special little ornaments to keep. Each hedgehog got its own home when we learned how to make simple origami boxes and decorated them with tissue paper and straw to create a little nest to place them in. It could not be a proper Christmas without paper snowflakes so we made several beautiful snowflakes using discarded scrap paper and for our final session will be making yarn angels to take home to add to your own Christmas display. Thank you to all the children who attended art club this term. It's been a real pleasure to work with you! Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year 2020. From Denisa Francis.

Save the Children ~ Christmas Jumper Day ~ Friday 13 & 20 December 2019

Everyone looked fantastic today in their Christmas jumpers and so far you have raised £62.29 for Save the Children. This will provide a child with a month's supply of high-energy peanut paste, helping them recover from malnutrition. Please remember



to wear your Christmas jumper again next Friday and bring in your donation of £1.00 if you haven't done so already. If we can raise £100 it will buy the essentials a family fleeing conflict in Syria need to survive the winter cold. Many thanks.

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.

Class 1 Visit to Christ Church ~ Wednesday 11 December 2019

Class 1 walked up to the church on Wednesday morning and met Reverend Collings and Mrs Chris Mitchell. The children did a wonderful job helping them set up the nativity scene under the altar. Reverend Collings read the Christmas Story to the children and then the children performed their concert piece in front of Reverend Collings and Chris Mitchell. All the children were brilliant walking up to the church and back to school after such a long day on Tuesday.

Class 3 Updates from Miss Gallagher & Mrs Murray

Please find detailed below Class 3 updates from Miss Gallagher & Mrs Murray. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance.

Class 3 Swimming Lessons ~ Spring Term

Please note that the deadline for the return of the reply slip was last week, Friday 6 December 2019, and we still have a number of replies outstanding. We would be grateful if you could ensure outstanding reply slips are sent into school on <u>Monday 16 December 2019</u>. Please note that the deadline for payment of voluntary contributions towards your child's swimming lessons for the spring term first half is <u>Monday 6 January 2020</u>.

Assembly - Wednesday 11 December 2019

One of our year 4 pupils, Jarvis, put on an assembly on Wednesday 11th December about our government and its parties. Jarvis has been very interested in politics and put together a PowerPoint to share his interest. Firstly, he explained the important words to do with his topic including election, constituency, vote and MPs. Then he moved to explain about the different parties and their policies. He discussed in detail the Conservative, Labour, Green and Liberal Democrat parties and what they proposed in their manifestos about the future. Brexit also came up and all the important elements that the parties have been discussing, including the importance of saving our NHS. Jarvis wanted to hold his assembly because on Thursday 12th December the General Election took place. We thank Jarvis for his assembly and we hope he continues with his interest in politics. Written by Freddie, Year 6

Jarvis is currently fundraising for a trip to the children's model UN Conference in Rome next May. This is an opportunity for children to act as an ambassador for a country, and learn skills to negotiate peace and communication between neighbouring countries. Jarvis, and his best friend, have decided to do this and he is desperate to attend. He has achieved a place, but it is pretty expensive and he needs to fundraise in order to get there! He has set up his own fundraising page and if anyone would like to support him in this wonderful opportunity, please visit the page for more information.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/jarvis-to-the-un-

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.

Class 4 Christmas Party Hats

Class 4 will be making their Christmas party hats on Wednesday afternoon - please can the children bring in their bits and pieces from home on Wednesday. All other classes will be making their hats on Thursday morning as usual.

Year 6 Numeracy Plus, Year 6 Spelling Group and Class 4 Reading Plus Sessions

Please note that if your child currently attends any of the above sessions they will take place as normal next week and children should continue to arrive at school ready to start their session at 8.30am.

Sporting Events

Please find detailed below information regarding sporting events taking place out of school. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

South Craven Cluster Swimming Gala ~ Wednesday 8 January 2020

Our Y5/6 swimmers took part in the swim session with Class 3 today in preparation for the Primary School Cluster Swimming Gala on Wednesday 8 January 2020. Children will be notified on Monday if they have been chosen to represent Lothersdale in the Swimming Gala team on 8 January 2020.

School Office
Information

If you have any queries regarding any of content below, please contact the school office.

Beauty and the Beast Pantomime ~ Tuesday 7 January 2020

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have contributed towards our annual pantomime, taking place in school on Tuesday 7 January 2020. The children always love the pantomime and it's a lovely activity for them to return to after Christmas. The school has now received 69% of contributions to date but still needs at least 85% to make it financially viable.

If you have not yet made a contribution and still wish to do so, please ensure payment is made as soon as possible to enable us to administer the costs effectively. No child will be excluded if his or her parents/carers do not contribute, but if insufficient voluntary contributions are received then regrettably, this event will not go ahead.

Primary School Admissions ~ September 2020

Online applications are currently being made via the Local Authority for reception places at Lothersdale Primary School for September 2020. The online common application form must be submitted by no later than <u>15 January 2020</u>. 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
Christmas Concert Photographs
LSA Christmas Raffle Prize List

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.



Falling Stars Theatre Production of Sherlock Holmes and the Beast of Pinhaw Friday 13 December 2019

The Falling Stars Theatre production of 'Sherlock Holmes and the Beast of Pinhaw', will take place on Friday 13 December 2019 at 7.30pm in Lothersdale Village Hall.

Tickets £10 via ticketsource.co.uk/falling-stars-theatre or telephone 07816 269690

Christ Church Lothersdale Christmas Café Church ~ 15 December 2019

Christ Church Lothersdale welcomes you to their Christmas Café Church Service on Sunday 15 December 2019 at <u>Christ Church</u>, <u>Lothersdale</u>. Breakfast 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.



Events at Christ Church Lothersdale over the Christmas period:

Tuesday 17 December 2019 ~ The Big City Swing Band

'Swing into Christmas' at 7.30pm ~ an evening of Christmas music, seasonal stories, poems and songs, with Lothersdale's amazing Swing Band playing their own style of Christmas music. Seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards. Sunday 22 December 2019 ~ Carol Service with Brass Band at 10.45am

<u>Tuesday 24 December 2019</u> ~ Join us for a Christmas Eve Parade ~ bring torches or lanterns, dress up if you like 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. <u>Wednesday 25 December 2019</u> ~ Christmas Day Family Communion in church at 9.00am.

Christmas Presents for Keighley Women's Refuge



Please remember that <u>Monday 16 December 2019</u> is the deadline for bringing gifts into school for Keighley Women's Refuge. Many thanks to those parents/carers who have already donated gifts for the women and children, who will be living in the refuge over the Christmas period. We

have sent out flyers today with all the details you will need if you would like to support the Women's Refuge this Christmas.

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:

Mon 16 Dec 2019 - LSA Christmas Wreath Workshop in school at 7pm (pre-booked)

Tue 17 Dec 2019 - Christmas Lunch

Thu 18 Dec 2019 - Christmas Party Day ~ non-school uniform day

Fri 20 Dec 2019 - Save the Children: Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 20 Dec 2019 - School breaks up at 3.15pm

- School closed for Staff Training Mon 6 Jan 2020

Tue 7 Jan 2020 - School reopens

Tue 7 Jan 2020 - Pantomime performance in school: Beauty and the Beast Wed 8 Jan 2020 - Primary School Cluster Swimming Gala (selected pupils)

Fri 10 Jan 2020 - Class 3 Swimming Lessons restart

Wed 15 Jan 2020 - Deadline for online submission of application for a primary school place for September 2020

Community Events:

Sun 15 Dec 2019 - Christ Church Lothersdale welcomes you to their Café Church

Service on Sunday 15 December 2019 at Christ Church. Lothersdale. Breakfast 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.

Sun 22 Dec 2019

- Pocket Panto Production of 'Mother Goose' in Lothersdale Village Hall at 7.30pm. Adults £9 and Under 12s £7. Tickets available

from 01535 632790.

Sun 5 Jan 2020 - Christ Church Lothersdale welcomes you to their Café Church

Service on Sunday 15 December 2019 at Christ Church, Lothersdale. Breakfast 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.

Food Allergy Warning Please remember Lothersdale Primary School is a Nut Free Zone



EXTENDED SCHOOLS' ACTIVITIES ~ KS1 ART CLUB





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Lothersdale Primary School ensuring all pupils achieve their full potential



