

AUTUMN TERM ■ ISSUE 14 ■ FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2023

Well done to this week's

Lothersdale LEGENDS

Reception ~ Jensen

Year 1 ~ Meredith

Year 2 ~ Oscar

Year 3 ~ Ruby

Year 4 ~ Theo

Year 5 ~ Sophie

Year 6 ~ Millie



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.

Lothersdale

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 18 December 2023 - NO EXTENDED SCHOOLS' ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Mon** - Deadline for bringing in Women's Refuge gifts by 9:30am
- Deadline for bringing in LSA Rainbow hamper donations
- Tue** - LSA Christmas Raffle – deadline for returning raffle ticket money and stubs
- All children to bring a packed tea to school
- Christmas Concert at Skipton Town Hall at 6.15pm ~ entry by pre-booked ticket only. Please ensure you bring your ticket with you to gain entry
- A collection for Manorlands Hospice will take place at the Christmas Concert
- Wed** - Christmas costumes to be returned to school (where applicable)
- LSA Christmas Raffle Draw
- Christmas Lunch
- Thu** - Class 1 visit to Christ Church, Lothersdale
- Christmas Party Day with Party Lunch (NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM)
- Fri** - No school sweatshirt today ~ wear a Christmas jumper to school
- No Class 3 swimming lesson
- School finishes at 3.15pm for the Christmas break

Message from Mrs Tyson

Dear Parents and Carers

We had an absolutely delightful and furry surprise on Tuesday this week – a visit from none other than Blackberry Donkeys! Bandit and Maurice trotted their way into our hearts, bringing joy and smiles to our children on this special end-of-term treat!

The school grounds were filled with laughter and excitement as the children had the fantastic opportunity to pet and interact with these charming donkeys. But that's not all – there were donkey rides too!

A huge thank you to [Blackberry Donkeys](#) for making our day extra special. The joy on the children's faces was priceless, and it truly added a magical touch to the end of this term.

We hope your little ones had a blast and that they come home with stories filled with donkey adventures!



Christmas Craft Afternoon

Thank you to everyone that joined us for the Christmas Craft Afternoon, today. It was truly heartwarming to see so many smiling faces and creative spirits come together to celebrate the festive season.

Each class set about making their own decorations: Class 1 crafted beautiful salt dough decorations, Class 2 worked on charming pom pom baubles, Class 3 brought adorable pom pom Santas to life, and Class 4 showcased their artistic talents with embroidered felt decorations.

Your participation not only added to the merriment of the occasion but also created lasting memories for both the children and our school community. Thank you all so much for attending.



I do hope you and your families have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming the children back next week for the final week of the term!

Best wishes
Melanie Tyson

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.

Extended Schools' Activities ~ Autumn Term

All extended schools' activities have now finished for the autumn term. Please ensure all children are collected promptly at the normal pick-up time next week unless they are booked in to attend LEGENDS after school sessions.

Save the Children ~ Christmas Jumper Day ~ Friday 15 December and 22 December 2023



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

All staff and children looked very festive in school today for the first of our Christmas Jumper Days. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to Save the Children via your child's School Gateway account.

Remember no school sweatshirts again next Friday ~ wear a Christmas or woolly jumper to school to save children's lives. If you have not yet had chance to make a donation, and your child came to school in their Christmas jumper today, or intends to wear a Christmas jumper next Friday, please donate £1.00 by Friday 22 December 2023 towards the Save the Children charity. Many thanks for your support.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT **Skipton Town Hall** **Tuesday 19 December 2023**

Our Christmas Concert will take place at Skipton Town Hall next Tuesday, 19 December at 6.15pm. The children have all worked hard in rehearsals this week and are really looking forward to performing their class and whole school songs for you.

Please remember that all children will need to bring in a packed tea on Tuesday morning to eat at Skipton Town Hall prior to the performance.

Up to two tickets have been allocated to each family for both parents/carers to attend (excluding Year 6). At the time of writing, a limited number of extra tickets have been offered to remaining year groups on a first come first serve basis via your School Gateway account. Tickets will be sent out via bookbags on Monday 18 December ~ please bring your entry ticket with you.

Please remember to bring some money if you would like to make a donation to Manorlands Hospice. LSA Raffle tickets will also be on sale.

Concert costumes: please note that children will go home after the concert in their costumes (where applicable). We would be grateful if you could ensure that all school costumes are returned to school on Wednesday 20 December 2023.

MOBILE PHONES AND PHOTOGRAPHS

We would respectfully ask that all mobile phones are switched off to avoid any distractions and that photographs are not taken during the performance.

Photographs have been taken of children, who are able have their photos placed on our website and social media sites, throughout the dress rehearsals and parents/carers will be able to view these via our Friday News or Facebook page.

Photos / Videos / Social Media

Please remember that we have a number of children in school who, for security reasons, cannot be photographed. 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.

Welcome to the Lothersdale SCHOOL OFFICE

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

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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>

Keighley Women's Refuge Christmas Gifts

Please remember to bring your gifts into school by 9.30am on Monday 18 December 2023 if you haven't already done so.

Mrs Mitchell is kindly taking them to the Refuge along with Christ Church donations on Monday morning. Many thanks for your support.

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



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/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.



LSA Bingo Night ~ Monday 11 December 2023

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the LSA Bingo Night on Monday. The children had a fantastic time and you helped raise approximately **£255.00** towards school funds.



LSA Christmas Raffle

Please remember to bring in prizes for our raffle, which will be drawn on Wednesday 20 December 2023.

Ticket stubs and money should be returned to school by Tuesday 19 December at the latest. Tickets will be on sale at the Christmas Concert if you have not yet had chance to buy any.

Look out for our next LSA fundraising event in January 2024!



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:

- Tue 19 Dec 2023** - Whole School Christmas Concert at Skipton Town Hall ~ 6:15pm
- 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 (please book your child's place by Wednesday 3 January 2024)
- 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

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.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN LOTHERSDALE:

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.



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