



*Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year*

from all the
Staff and Governors of
Lothersdale Primary School

School reopens
on
Wednesday 4 January 2023



~ Thank You ~

Staff and Governors would like to thank parents/carers for the amazing support you have given school again this year.

We have all had a very busy term leading up to Christmas and now hope all our families (and staff) have a wonderful Christmas break.

Thank you also for the kind gifts staff have received at the end of term ~ they are greatly appreciated.



FOOD ALLERGY WARNING

Please remember
Lothersdale Primary School is a
Nut Free Zone

SCHOOL PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

Please remember to let the school office know if a different family member or friend will be collecting your child from school. School staff can only let children go with a nominated adult if parents/carers cannot pick up for any reason.

Reminder: school starts at 8.45am

We would like to reiterate to all parents/carers that our school day begins at 8.45am, when children should be in school ready for registration. We regularly have a number of children who are arriving late and are registered accordingly. Our lessons are planned to a strict timetable and it is disruptive to the class if children are still arriving 10 minutes after lessons have started. We would be grateful if you could help us by ensuring your child is lined up on the playground by 8.40am ready to come into school.

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| Class 1 | Class 2 |
| Rec ~ Meredith | Y1 ~ Ronnie |
| Rec ~ Matilda | Y2 ~ Tobin |
| Class 3 | Class 4 |
| Y4 ~ Annabelle K | Y5 ~ William |
| Y4 ~ Charlotte | Y6 ~ Ernie |

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SESSIONS

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| Class 4 READING PLUS 8.25 to 8.45am | Year 4 READING PLUS 8.25 to 8.45am | Class 4 READING PLUS 8.25 to 8.45am | Year 4 READING PLUS 8.25 to 8.45am | Class 4 READING PLUS 8.25 to 8.45am |
| - | - | Year 4 TIMES TABLES 8.25 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.
At the end of the afternoon sessions, please wait in the main playground to collect your child as per the normal end of school routine.

HAVING FUN GETTING FIT

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

- Class 1 – Monday & Thursday
- Class 2 – Monday & Thursday
- Class 3 – Tuesday & Friday
- Class 4 – Tuesday & Friday

Lothersdale SCHOOL COUNCIL

| CLASS 2 | CLASS 3 | CLASS 4 |
|---------|----------|---------|
| RONNIE | BERKELEY | JACK A |
| ISOBEL | MILA | SUMMER |
| HARRY P | JACK W | OLIVER |
| LAILA | LUCY H | MATILDA |

HEADTEACHER *update*

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a happy / sad kind of week. Christmas at Lothersdale School is incredibly busy but a very happy place to be as the excitement grows in the children. The sadness came this week when we said goodbye to Mrs Fawcett, who, as outlined below, has been such an important part of our school for many years. She will be greatly missed by adults and children alike.

Before I sign off for the year, I would like once again to extend my admiration and thanks to the wonderful staff of our school. The dedication shown to the welfare and education of the children is always truly impressive, and everyone works incredibly hard to make this a very special place to be.

Thank you again to all parents and carers for your continued support, to the LSA for their hours of dedication and to the governing body for giving up their time to serve our school.

Merry Christmas.

Colum Grogan

Yesterday we said 'Bon Voyage' to Mrs Fawcett who is setting off on her travels in the New Year.



Mrs Fawcett started teaching at Lothersdale Primary School in September 2016 (following a successful teaching career at Kildwick Primary School) and she has been a highly respected and valued member of the staff team.

Her commitment to the education of pupils at Lothersdale Primary has been second to none and we have been very lucky to have had such a dedicated teacher.

All the staff, governors and pupils wish her all the very best in her future endeavours and will greatly miss her. Hopefully we may be able to persuade her to come back into school as a supply teacher in the future!

Have a wonderful time sailing around the world, Mrs Fawcett, and don't forget to send us a postcard or two!



**SORRY
YOU'RE
LEAVING**



DEADLINES & REMINDERS w/c 2 January 2023

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.

- Mon** - Bank Holiday
- Tue** - School closed for Staff Training
- Wed** - **School re-opens at 8.40am for the spring term**
 - No Extended Schools' Activities this week
- Fri** - Class 3 swimming lesson

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 Party Day ~ Thursday 15 December 2022

All the children had a wonderful Christmas Party Day yesterday. They spent the morning being creative and putting the finishing touches to their Christmas party hats.

We were all very grateful to Mrs Grosschmidt for working so hard to make the amazing party lunch, which we all really enjoyed and thought was delicious. After lunch, the children were able to show off their party hat creations as judging commenced in each class. The party hat winners were:



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|-----------|---|-----------|
| Reception | - | VESPER |
| Year 1 | - | ELLIOTT L |
| Year 2 | - | ADAM |
| Year 3 | - | ARAVON |
| Year 4 | - | SOPHIE |
| Year 5 | - | WILLIAM |
| Year 6 | - | ROSE |



Party games then followed in each class to round off a very exciting day! Please see the photo gallery attached to this newsletter.

LSA Christmas Fair ~ Article in the Craven Herald

Please check out the link below to read the online article about the LSA Christmas Fair in the Craven Herald – the article will also be available to read in next week's paper version.

[Lothersdale Primary School's Christmas Fair success | Craven Herald](#)

Online Safety Session ~ Wednesday 11 January 2023

A letter was emailed to parents/carers yesterday regarding the Online Safety Session taking place in school on Wednesday 11 January 2023 at 6pm. We will be sending out a link when school returns in January to all parents/carers, to ask you to complete attendance form to enable us to determine numbers.

Christmas Presents for Keighley Women's Refuge



A massive thank you to those parents/carers who kindly donated Christmas gifts or money to buy pyjamas for children who are spending their Christmas in the local Women's Refuge.

Your gifts will make a huge difference to these families over the Christmas period and your generosity is amazing at this busy and expensive time of year.

Once again, many thanks for your support.

Save the Children ~ Christmas Jumper Day ~ 16 December 2022

Everyone looked fantastic again today in their Christmas jumpers and we have raised a total of **£131.00** for Save the Children to date. If you still wish to contribute, and have not yet done so, please make payment via ParentPay. Many thanks for your support.



Extended Schools' Activities ~ Spring Term

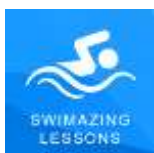
The activity flyer will be emailed out next week for clubs starting week commencing 9 January 2023.

The deadline for booking FREE clubs or PAID clubs will be Monday 2 January 2023.

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.

Extended Schools – Pupil Attendance

We have had a number of children who have requested a club place and then failed to attend at least 3 sessions, or cancelled a session after a couple of week's attendance. This has an impact on our funding and it is therefore important that children attend all the sessions they have been signed up for. If there are times when a child cannot attend a club after school ie., a dental appointment, *please ensure you inform the school office so that the absence can be recorded on the club register.* This will help avoid any possible safeguarding issues.



Class 3 Swimming Lessons

Class 3 swimming lessons will start again on Friday 6 January 2023. Please note that the deadline for payment of voluntary contributions towards your child's swimming lessons is Friday 3 February 2023.

Welcome
to the
Lothersdale
**SCHOOL
OFFICE**

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SCHOOL OFFICE TERM TIME HOURS

| | Morning | Afternoon |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| Monday | 8.00 – 12.00 | 1.00 – 4.00 |
| Tuesday | 8.00 – 12.00 | 1.00 – 4.00 |
| Wednesday | 8.00 – 12.00 | 1.00 – 4.00 |
| Thursday | 8.00 – 12.00 | 1.00 – 4.00 |
| Friday* | 8.30 – 10.30 | 3.15 – 3.45 |

REMEMBER TO KEEP PUPIL CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION UP TO DATE!

Visitor access into school 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 the office will be manned between the stated hours for urgent messages only*

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>

Changes to the School Meal System

The spring term menu is now available on SchoolGrid and you may have noticed that there are three meal choices available. As indicated in previous communications, the school has been working with Dolce to improve its school meal offer and a letter has been sent out today to all parents/carers with more details.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

May we remind parents that free school meals are available for children whose parents meet the relevant criteria. If you are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits and think you may qualify, please either ask Mrs Ellison for an application form or use the application form available via www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

The relevant criteria is based on receipt of:

- income support
- income-based job seeker's allowance
- income-related employment and support allowance
- child tax credit with an income of less than £16,190 and **not** in receipt of working tax credit
- support under part VI of the immigration and asylum act 1999
- guarantee element of state pension credit.

Where parents are entitled to working tax credit during a four week "run on" period immediately after their employment has ceased, or after they have started to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school meals.

Children who receive income support or income-based jobseeker's allowance in their own right are also entitled to free school meals.

Applications are usually processed the same day. If your child is entitled to free school meals you will receive a letter confirming the date when the meals will start. The school is also notified that your child is entitled to free school meals. In the meantime, you should continue to pay for free school meals until confirmation comes through. School may be able to arrange a reimbursement of any monies paid whilst your entitlement is being confirmed. If you are not entitled to free school meals you will be notified in writing.

Friday Office Cover Reminder

Please remember that Mrs Ellison does not work in the school office on a Friday. Mrs Pickard covers for very short periods in the morning and after school, to pick up urgent telephone calls and to manage pupil absence. Emails will not be checked until Mrs Ellison's return to school on Mondays and therefore it is important that absence is phoned in via the absence line and not via email on a Friday. Many thanks for your support.

Primary School Admissions ~ September 2023

Online applications can now be made via the Local Authority for reception places at Lothersdale Primary School for September 2023. The application must be submitted by no later than Sunday 15 January 2023.



Please scan, or click, the QR code for further information.

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:

- Tues 3 Jan 2023** - Staff Training Day
- Wed 4 Jan 2023** - School re-opens at 8.40am for the spring term
- Wed 11 Jan 2023** - Parents' Online Safety Session in school from 6 to 7pm
- Sun 15 Jan 2023** - Deadline for online submission of application for a **primary school** place for September 2023
- Mon 16 Jan 2023** - LSA Meeting in school at 8.30am ~ everyone welcome to attend
- Mon 27 Feb 2023** - Parent Forum in school at 8.45am
- Thu 20 Apr 2023** - LSA Bag2School Collection
- Mon 8 May 2023** - Coronation Bank Holiday
- Mon 12 Jun 2023** - Parent Forum in school at 8.45am

Community Events:

- Fri 16 Dec 2022** - Falling Stars Theatre 'Once Upon a Time' production at Lothersdale Village Hall
- Tue 20 Dec 2022** - Christ Church Lothersdale ~ Free Family Crafts & Activities ~ 10am to 12pm
- Sat 24 Dec 2022** - Christ Church Lothersdale ~ Crib Service ~ 6.00pm
- Sun 25 Dec 2022** - Christ Church Lothersdale ~ All Age Christmas Day Communion ~ 9.30am





HAPPY
CHRISTMAS
everyone!





Lothersdale Primary School
*ensuring all pupils
achieve their
full potential*



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