

SPRING TERM • ISSUE 15 • FRIDAY 6 JANUARY 2017

Happy New Year!

Lothersdale Legends

This week's Lothersdale Legends
have been awarded to:

Reception - **Woody Smith**
Year 1 - **Charlotte Stirling**
Year 2 - **Lana Kirkbride**
Year 3 - **Katie Lyell**
Year 4 - **Nancy Pickard**
Year 5 - **Evie Kellett**
Year 6 - **Harry Pickard**

* YEAR 6 AWARD *

This week's Year 6 Award goes to
SAM WOODHEAD

Save the Date!

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| Wed 3 Feb 2017 | - Come Dine With Me ~ Reception |
| Mon 6 Feb 2017 | - Scholastic Book Fair ~ 8.45 to 9.15am |
| Tue 7 Feb 2017 | - Scholastic Book Fair ~ 8.45 to 9.15am and 3.00 to 3.45pm |
| Wed 8 Feb 2017 | - Scholastic Book Fair ~ 8.45 to 9.15am |
| Tue 14 Feb 2017 | - Valentine's Day Lunch |
| Fri 17 Feb 2017 | - School breaks up at 3.15pm for half-term |
| Mon 27 Feb 2017 | - School re-opens |
| Wed 15 Mar 2017 | - Come Dine With Me ~ Year 1 |
| Thu 27 Apr 2017 | - Come Dine With Me ~ Year 2 |

Deadlines & Reminders for w/c 9 January 2017

- Mon** - Last day for returning the Reception Come Dine With Me reply slip & payment
- Last day for returning the KS2 Performing Arts Reply Slip (selected pupils)
- Class 4 Parent Consultations
- Tue** - Class 4 Tag Rugby starts with Hedley Verity
- Class 4 Parent Consultations
- LSA Meeting in school at 7.30pm ~ everyone welcome to attend
- Fri** - Class 3 Swimming Lesson
- Swimming Gala practice for Y5/6 (selected pupils)
- Sun** - Deadline for the submission of online application form for a primary school place for September 2017

EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 9 JANUARY 2017				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ball Games 3.15 - 4.00pm	Woolcraft 3.15 - 4.15pm	Drama KS1 & KS2 3.30 - 4.30pm	Supersports 3.15 - 4.15pm	Football 3.15 - 4.15pm

What's Happening in the Classroom and Beyond?

Winter Weather

Now that we are experiencing cold winter weather, please ensure all children come to school in a warm coat, hat and gloves to ensure they are suitably dressed for playing outside.

School procedures

As we are starting a new term we take this opportunity to remind parents/carers about our school procedures:

The start of the school day

School registration takes place at 9.00am and we would be grateful if parents/carers could ensure that all children are on the school playground to enable them to line up in their respective classes when the bell goes at 8.55am.

Communication/Queries

Our weekly newsletter can be found on the school website along with this half-term's extended schools' activity form and notes to parents/carers. If you have any queries, please use the school website as your first port of call instead of telephoning school. Due to the busy school office environment, it is not always possible for Mrs Ellison to get back to you in the time frame required.

Illness/Absence/Medical Appointments

If your child will not be in school for registration due to illness, other absence or medical appointments, please ensure you contact the school office by 8.45am at the latest on the day to enable the register to be noted accordingly.

If you leave a message on the school answer machine, please ensure you provide a reason for your child's absence.

We would be grateful if you could inform the school office if your child has a medical appointment ~ this also applies if you are collecting your child during school time so that Mrs Ellison is aware of the time you will be coming into school to collect your child.

Please note that, in order to prevent the spread of the sickness virus around school, we would be grateful if you could avoid sending your child into school if they have been sick at home the night before or on the morning of school.

Making Contact with Class Teachers before school

Lothersdale Primary School is very proud of its 'open door policy' and its strong relationship with parents/carers and families. Throughout the year there will be times when parents/carers need to talk to teachers before school when something has 'cropped up' e.g. their child is upset about something. It is very important to us that these matters are followed up quickly and we would request that parents/carers follow the procedures below. These are in preference to waiting until the class teacher collects his/her class from the playground at 8:55am, as this can result in the teachers being late for registration and delay the start of lessons. Also, between 8:45 and 8:55am, class teachers are talking to their teaching assistants about the morning lessons and we would ask parents/carers to avoid requesting to speak to teachers at this time.

If you wish to speak to a class teacher, or Mrs Robinson, before school starts please either:

- Telephone school between 8:00 and 8:15am to arrange a short face to face meeting or telephone call with a class teacher or Mrs Robinson on the same morning before school between 8:30 and 8:45am.
- If the query is less important, please telephone school between 8:00am and 12.00pm and leave a message for a teacher to telephone you back on the same day and answer your questions or to make an appointment to meet in school.

Please also note that class teachers will normally be on the playground at the end of the school day and are available to talk to at this time as well.

School Uniform

May we remind parents/carers that traditional black school shoes should be worn by children in school as part of our School Uniform Policy. Please do not send children in black boots (this includes Doc Martins), trainers, fashion shoes or ballet style shoes as these are not regulated footwear suitable for everyday school life. A copy of our school uniform list is available to view on the school website.

Long Hair

May we remind parents/carers that children with long hair must have hair tied back in a ponytail/plait.

Student Placement ~ Class 1

Next week we welcome Miss Hannah Maltby into school. Hannah is a former Lothersdale pupil who will be working throughout the term with Mrs Bateman in Class 1 on a Monday and with Mrs Murray in Class 1 on a Friday.

Class 3

Class 3 really enjoyed their first swimming lesson of the New Year today.

Swimming payments - Please note that the deadline for payment of contributions for swimming lessons to 17 February 2017 was on 3 January 2017. Please check your ParentPay account for details if you have not yet submitted your contribution and still wish to do so. No child will be excluded if his or her parents do not contribute but, if insufficient voluntary contributions are received, then regrettably we will have to cancel this activity.

Class 4 ~ Parent Consultations ~ Monday 9 January & Tuesday 10 January 2017

Please remember that Class 4 Parent Consultations will be taking place next Monday and Tuesday. Your scheduled day and time will be as per the letter you received regarding the original consultation in November, unless you have already contacted the school office and arranged a revised time. Please ensure you arrive promptly for your consultation to avoid delays, as appointments are scheduled every 15 minutes.

Class 4 ~ Tag Rugby

Tag Rugby with Hedley Verity will start on Tuesday 10 January 2017 for Class 4. Children must have trainers/boots (plastic studs only) in school. We would also recommend that they have tracksuit bottoms as it is likely to be muddy!

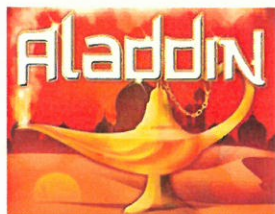
Extended Schools Activities ~ Spring Term First Half

Please note that Ball Games with Mr Craven and Woolcraft with Mrs Outhwaite and Miss Gallagher will start next week. Activity lists are available to view in the main reception area to enable you to check if your child is registered on either or both of these clubs.

Reading Challenge

Following the success of last year's Reading Challenge, we will be introducing a new Reading Challenge towards the end of next week, which will begin on Monday 16 January 2017. All children in school will be taking part and more information will be included in next week's Friday News.

Aladdin Pantomime Performance



The children had a wonderful start to the New Year in school when the West End in Schools' performance of Aladdin took place on Wednesday. The production was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children and staff, who joined in enthusiastically and had a great time. If you have not yet made a contribution and are able to do so, please check your ParentPay account for details as the outstanding amount will be shown on your account.

Reception ~ Come Dine With Me ~ Wednesday 1 February 2017

Parents/carers of children in Reception are invited to a "Come Dine With Me" Lunch in school on Wednesday 1 February 2017 and invitations and accompanying reply slips have been sent out via bookbags today. Please ensure the appropriate contribution is paid via ParentPay, and reply slips returned to school, by Monday 9 January 2017 as unfortunately places are limited to 20 due to the capacity of the school hall.

The next Come Dine With Me lunches will be held on:

Wednesday 15 March 2017 for parents/carers of children in Year 1

Thursday 27 April 2017 for parents/carers of children in Year 2.

PE Sessions - Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4

A reminder of this half-term's PE timetable is as follows:

Class 1 - Mondays and Fridays

Class 2 - Mondays and Fridays

Class 3 - Thursdays and Fridays (swimming)

Class 4 - Tuesdays and Fridays

Classes 3 and 4 hope to have as many PE lessons as possible outside during the winter months. Please ensure children have suitable footwear and clothing in school on PE days. This may include dark coloured leggings or tracksuit bottoms, thermals/skins and trainers or football/rugby boots. The school PE hoody is also ideal in place of the school sweatshirt as your child's sweatshirt will then remain clean and dry for subsequent indoor lessons.

As space is limited in school we would prefer extra items to come into school and go home on these days.

Scholastic Book Fair

This year's Scholastic Book Fair will take place in school during the week beginning 6 February 2017 as follows:

Monday 6 February - 8.45 to 9.15am*
Tuesday 7 February - 8.45 to 9.15am* and 3.00 to 3.45pm
Wednesday 8 February - 8.45 to 9.15am*

Parents/carers and children are invited to come into school during these times to visit the Book Fair - please make cheques payable to "Lothersdale Primary School".

*Please note that pupils must be in their classrooms at 9.00am for registration. Parents/carers and pre-school children will be able to continue to browse between 9.00 and 9.15am.

If you are able to help out at any of the above dates/times, please contact Mrs Ellison in the School Office as soon as possible so that the rota can be prepared.

Outstanding Payments

Please note that the school currently has a significant number of unpaid items showing up on ParentPay. We would be grateful if all parents/carers could check their ParentPay accounts for any outstanding payments and ensure accounts are cleared as soon as possible. Whilst we appreciate that some of the requested payments are 'voluntary contributions', the school is very grateful for parental support in this area to enable us to continue to offer your children a rich, enhanced curriculum.

Pupils on Pack Ups ~ Friday Lunch



Please note that it's 'Fish Friday' this term. If your child is currently on pack-ups and would like to have 'Fish Friday' lunches, please ensure you inform the school office as soon as possible.

Pupils on Packed Lunches

May we remind parents/carers to ensure their child's pack up is clearly named to help us distribute at lunchtime. Many thanks.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

May we remind parents/carers that free school meals are available for children whose parents/carers 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 school meals until confirmation comes through. Schools 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.

Primary School Admissions ~ September 2017

Please note that the online common application form for a primary school place in September 2017 must be submitted by no later than 15 January 2017. *Please note - if you live outside North Yorkshire you should contact your home authority to obtain their information regarding school admissions.*

School Contact Information

Please remember that if you wish to contact a member of staff or have a general query, you can email us via lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk and your message will be passed on to the appropriate member of staff or dealt with accordingly. You can also use the contact form available on the school website.

Pupil Medical Information

It is 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

Lothersdale School Association

Next LSA Meeting ~ Tuesday 10 January 2017

Please note that the next LSA meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 January 2017. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

LSA Cinema Night ~ Friday 20 January 2017

The LSA will be holding a Cinema Night in school on Friday 20 January 2017 from 3.15 to 5.30pm. More details will follow next week.

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



Christ Church Lothersdale Café Church ~ 15 January 2017



Christ Church Lothersdale welcomes you to their Café Church Service on Sunday 15 January 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.



Keighley Women's Refuge (Bradford Women's Aid)

Please remember we are now linking up with Christchurch 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:

- Mon 9 Jan 2017 - Class 4 Parent Consultations
- Tue 10 Jan 2017 - Class 4 Parent Consultations
- Tue 10 Jan 2017 - LSA Meeting in school at 7.30pm
- Sun 15 Jan 2017 - Deadline for the submission of application form for a primary school place for September 2017
- Mon 16 Jan 2017 - Class 4 trip to Yorkshire Museum of Farming, York ~ children to be in school at 7.50am.

