

SPRING TERM • ISSUE 15 • FRIDAY 6 JANUARY 2023



Welcome back to school for the  
*Spring Term*

**SPRING TERM DATES:**

**Wednesday 4 January to Friday 31 March 2023**

February half-term:

Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023

School returns on Monday 20 February 2023

## HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION



### 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.

WELLBEING Warriors	
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

### EXTENDED SCHOOLS' ACTIVITIES ~ SPRING TERM 2023 FIRST HALF

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Yoga 8.15 to 8.55am	Dance Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	Drama 3.15 to 4.15pm	Supersports 3.15 to 4.15pm	Mixed Football 3.15 to 4.15pm
Multisports 3.15 to 4.15pm	-	-	-	-

The member of staff/activity provider will bring the children out to the playground at the end of each session to ensure a safe handover to parents/carers.



## HEADTEACHER *update*

Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to wish a very Happy New Year to our entire school community, and I hope that you have been able to enjoy some downtime and family time over the festive period.

The return to school this week has been very positive and it is very encouraging to see the children quickly settling back into familiar routines. I have been particularly pleased to see how well those classes who have seen changes to teachers have settled. It is lovely to welcome back Mrs Knight from her maternity leave and to formally welcome Miss Baker to our school.

I would like to reiterate our intention to maintain the very high attendance levels that we usually achieve at Lothersdale School, and I would ask that parents do their best to send their children into school if they are well enough to come in. However, we are also aware that there are very high levels of infection circulating throughout the area. We have received advice from the Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire, which we will send out in a separate letter.

The health advice echoes all the messages we received during Covid: wash hands regularly, cough or sneeze into a tissue where possible and dispose of it; stay at home if unwell – especially with a high temperature. Please take the time to read the letter when it arrives - thank you.

Let's hope we can all remain happy and healthy this term. I also hope we don't need to invoke the Winter Plan, which was sent out yesterday; I know the children love the snow, but it causes a real headache for the rest of us!

Best wishes  
Colum Grogan

### School Staff *update*

#### Welcome!

We welcome Mrs Knight back from her maternity leave and she will continue to teach children in Class 3 on a Monday to Thursday. Mrs Aldren will teach Class 2 on a Monday and continue to teach Class 3 on a Friday.

We extend a warm welcome to Miss Baker, who will be teaching children in Class 4. Mr Grogan will continue to support Year 5 teaching and Mr Craven will be supporting Miss Baker in a mentor role.

#### Class Structure from January 2023

Class	Year Group	Teacher	Support Staff
1	Reception	Mrs Bateman	Mrs Gallagher
2	1 and 2	Mrs Aldren (Mon) Mr Craven (Tue-Fri)	Miss Thompson & Mrs Pickard
3	3 and 4	Mrs Knight (Mon-Thu) Mrs Aldren (Fri)	Miss Laycock
4	5 and 6	Miss Baker	Mrs Hill & Mrs Binns

#### Additional Teaching

Mr Grogan will be supporting teaching arrangements in Class 4.

Gerry Harrison will continue to teach PE in all classes on a Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Turvey will continue to teach music to all classes in school on a Tuesday.

## DEADLINES & REMINDERS

w/c 9 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** - Extended Schools' Activities start
- Deadline for completing and submitting the online form regarding the Online Safety Session in school on Wednesday
- Tue** - Class 3 & Class 4 Tag Rugby
- Wed** - Parents' Online Safety Information Session in school at 6pm
- Fri** - Class 3 swimming lesson
- Sun** - Deadline for online submission of application for a **primary school** place for September 2023

## 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.*

### Change to the start of the School Day

We will be slightly altering our school morning routines with effect from Monday 9 January 2023.

At 8:40am, two members of staff will come onto the playground and ring the bell. Children are not required to line up or stand in their class places until they hear the bell; they will then be directed into school as usual.

Children who arrive at school earlier than 8:40am may stay with their parents and carers or friends on the playground, but please be aware that staff vehicles may still be entering and parking on the school playground before 8:30am; children must be closely supervised by parents/carers at this time. Staff will continue to monitor the gates – they will lock the double vehicle gate at 8:45am and ensure all pedestrian gates into school, and internal gates on the playground, are securely closed in line with the school's policies.

Parents/Carers are responsible for ensuring all gates are securely closed if you and your child arrive late or you are picking up/dropping off a child for an appointment etc.

Children who come to school much earlier to attend Yoga, Reading Plus and other class-based activities will continue to do so as usual.

### Save the Children ~ Christmas Jumper Days ~ December 2022

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Jumper Days in school. You have helped raise a total of **£141.00** for this worthwhile charity. Many thanks for your support.



#### Class 3 Swimming Contributions

Class 3 swimming lessons have now restarted for this half-term. Please note that the deadline for payment of voluntary contributions towards your child's swimming lessons is Friday 3 February 2023, if you have not already made a payment.

### Class 3 and Class 4 Tag Rugby ~ Tuesday 10 January

From next Tuesday, all children in Class 3 and Class 4 will be playing Tag Rugby with Hedley from Wharfedale RUFC. Please ensure all children have outdoor kit and correct footwear in school for these sessions as it is highly likely they will get very muddy!





### Online Safety Session ~ Wednesday 11 January 2023

A letter was emailed to parents/carers on Thursday 15 December 2022 regarding the Online Safety Session taking place in school on Wednesday 11 January 2023 at 6pm. We would be grateful if you complete and submit the online form to enable us to determine attendance by Monday 9 January 2023. The link was sent out via text to parents/carers yesterday and we include the link and QR code here for those parents/carers who have not yet had a chance to complete the form. <https://forms.office.com/e/WRiv7Zf8hF>

### FairAchiever School Award

We are pleased, and very proud, to confirm that we have regained the FairAchiever Award. This is the final step in the Fairtrade Schools Award and shows that we have embedded Fairtrade into daily life. Our pupils understand the connections between themselves and farmers in some of the poorest countries in the world through the things they buy and are passionate about changing the system to make trade fair.



Staff and pupils have worked extremely hard over the years to gain each award and we thank Mrs Knight and her Fairtrade Friends for organising events and submitting evidence to renew our FairAchiever School status for another three years. Well done everyone! The certificate can be found at the end of this newsletter.



### Extended Schools' Activities ~ Spring Term

All Extended Schools' Activities start again on Monday 9 January 2023 and the activity list was emailed out to all parents/carers yesterday. A copy is also available to view on the school website.

**Please note that we are unable to add your child to an activity list now that the deadline has passed and the lists have been distributed to providers and LOOSC. The Extended Schools' Activity flyer for Spring Term Second Half will be sent out towards the end of this half-term.**

### Extended Schools – Pupil Attendance

Please note that failing to attend, or cancelling a club after one or two sessions, 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.

### Winter Plan ~ Bad Weather Procedures

A letter setting out the school's Winter Plan procedures in the event of bad weather was emailed to parents/carers on Thursday 5 January 2023. Please make yourselves aware of these procedures in the event of delayed school opening or full school closure now that we are in the throes of the winter season.

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>

### Primary School Admissions ~ September 2023

The deadline for applying to the Local Authority for reception places at Lothersdale Primary School for September 2023 is approaching. Please ensure applications are submitted by no later than Sunday 15 January 2023.



Please scan, or click, the QR code for further information on applying for a school place.

### Changes to the School Meal System



This week has seen a major change to our lunchtime routine, and we thank parents/carers for ensuring meals have been ordered for the children on time. The children have been adapting to our new touchpad system and everyone (staff included) has been supporting each other in ensuring the lunchtime experience is as calm and efficient as possible.

Children remain seated in their 'family groups' once they have collected their lunch and the older children have done a wonderful job helping the younger children at their tables and clearing away.

We must, of course, mention Mrs G, who has worked tirelessly in a small kitchen to ensure that all the children got their respective meals in the allocated timeframe. A big 'Thank You' from all of us!

### Action for Parents/Carers

***Dolce has alerted us to an issue with the school menu on the SchoolGrid system. The menu from w/c 23 January was incorrectly uploaded to the system and this has now been rectified. However, if you had already placed orders from this week, the choices you made will no longer be recorded. Please could you therefore revisit your SchoolGrid account to pre-book meals from this period to ensure your child receives a school meal. Dolce has apologised to us for the error, and we therefore apologise to those parents/carers for any inconvenience this may have caused.***

### 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](http://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.

#### **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:**

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|------------------------|--|
| <b>Wed 11 Jan 2023</b> | - Parents' Online Safety Session in school from 6 to 7pm   |
| <b>Sun 15 Jan 2023</b> | - Deadline for online submission of application for a <b>primary school</b> place for September 2023 |
| <b>Mon 16 Jan 2023</b> | - LSA Meeting in school at 8.30am ~ everyone welcome to attend                                       |
| <b>Mon 27 Feb 2023</b> | - Parent Forum in school at 8.45am   |
| <b>Thu 20 Apr 2023</b> | - LSA Bag2School Collection  |
| <b>Mon 8 May 2023</b>  | - Coronation Bank Holiday  |
| <b>Mon 12 Jun 2023</b> | - Parent Forum in school at 8.45am   |



**Awarded to  
Lothersdale School**

**On  
3rd January 2023**

**Next Renewal due:  
3rd January 2026**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Gidney".

**Michael Gidney**  
Chief Executive  
Fairtrade Foundation



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FOUNDATION  
[fairtrade.org.uk](http://fairtrade.org.uk)





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