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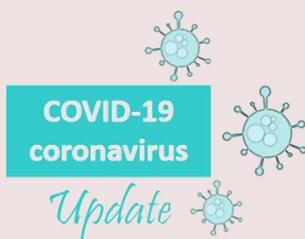
Wednesday 5 January 2022 to Friday 8 April 2022

February half-term:

Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February 2022

School returns on Monday 28 February 2022

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.



Covid rates are still extremely high in our area and all schools have been told to put in place measures to help reduce the further spread of the virus. For primary schools, the advice continues to be based around good personal hygiene and ventilation. In addition to the government suggested steps, we will continue with the regime we implemented at the end of last term, namely:

- Keeping children in class bubbles as much as possible to reduce contacts between different groups
- Having split playtimes and lunchtimes
- No whole-school gatherings such as assemblies
- Only essential visitors admitted to school
- Staff to wear face coverings in communal areas of school

In a small school with a small staff, there is only so much we can do to avoid mixing and contacts, but we will strive to do what we can to help reduce the spread and to hopefully avoid a situation like at the end of last term where several children were absent because of Covid. Hopefully these measures will only be needed in the short term, but we will have to wait and see what happens when the situation is reviewed nationally in a few weeks' time.

All staff will be testing routinely at least twice each week.

From Tuesday 11 January 2022, confirmatory PCR tests are to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results. This means that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. Please remember that symptoms may not be limited to the three symptoms which have been used by the government since the beginning of the pandemic, as there are countless reports of other symptoms being indicators of Covid infection, such as sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, headaches, nausea, sickness and/or diarrhoea. If a household member tests positive, the current government advice is that anyone in the household, who is not displaying any symptoms, must do daily LFD tests for seven days whilst there is still a positive case in the household (children under 5 are not being advised to participate in this daily testing). **If this is applicable, we would be grateful if you could ensure the tests are done every morning prior to coming to school.**

WATER BOTTLES: please ensure your child has a school water bottle in school every day next term. The school is still working under Covid regulations and therefore it is extremely important that all children have their school water bottles in school to avoid any cross contamination. Please help us to keep your children safe.



FOOD ALLERGY WARNING

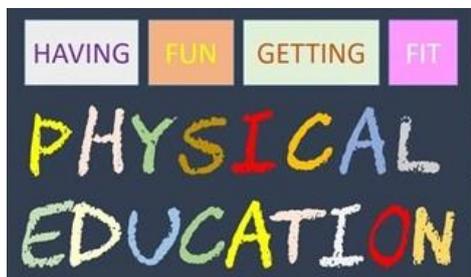
Please remember Lothersdale Primary School is a Nut Free Zone

DEADLINES & REMINDERS FOR w/c 10 January 2022

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. Thank you.

Fri - Class 3 swimming

Sat - **Deadline for online submission of application for a primary school place for September 2022**



WEEKLY TIMETABLE	
Class 1 – Monday & Friday	
Class 2 – Monday & Thursday	
Class 3 – Tuesday & Friday	
Class 4 – Tuesday & Friday	



Y1	HUGO and PIPER
Y2	THEO and EMILY
Y3	JUDE and SOPHIE
Y4	VIOLET and ERIC
Y5	MAISIE and ERNIE
Y6	ISLA P and OSCAR



Class 1	Class 2
Rec ~ Elliott	Y1 ~ Harry P
Rec ~ Isobel	Y2 ~ Lily
Class 3	Class 4
Y3 ~ Lucie	Y6 ~ Courtney
Y4 ~ Natty	Y6 ~ James



CLASS 4			YEAR 4	
MONDAY 8.30 to 8.55 am	WEDNESDAY 8.30 to 8.55 am	FRIDAY 8.30 to 8.55 am	TUESDAY 8.30 to 8.55 am	THURSDAY 8.30 to 8.55 am

For Safeguarding and Health & Safety reasons, please email the school office to register your child on any, or all, of the above sessions

EXTENDED SCHOOLS' ACTIVITIES ~ SPRING TERM 2022 FIRST HALF				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Soccer Tots 3.15 to 4.15pm	Street Dance 3.15 to 4.15pm	Drama EYFS/KS1 3.15 to 4.15pm	Supersports 3.15 to 4.15pm	Football 3.15 to 4.15pm
		Drama KS2 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.



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Class 1 Phonics Pack

A pack was sent home via bookbags yesterday containing this term's phonics.

Year 4 & Class 4 ~ Reading Plus

Reading Plus will restart next week from Monday 10 January 2022 for children booked on to the early morning sessions in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.



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 Tuesday 1 February 2022, if you have not already made a payment.

Class 3 and Class 4 Tag Rugby ~ Tuesday 11 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!



Drop Off Box

Please note that parents/carers are currently unable to come into school at present. A drop off box is therefore available inside the main entrance door for any items (eg. bookbag, PE/swimming kit) needed to be brought into school during the school day. Please contact the school office first so that we are aware and then, once at school, open the main entrance door and place the item in the box - it will be then taken to the recipient.



LSA Movie Night

The LSA Movie Night has, unfortunately, had to be postponed due to the current COVID guidance in place and the measures adapted in school.

The ParentPay account for payment for this event will remain open and a date will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

LSA Vintage Teacup Workshop

Please note that refunds have been made following the cancellation of the above workshop as follows:

Children on school dinners : a refund has been made into your child's school meal account.

Children on pack-ups with a sibling on school dinners : a refund has been made into the sibling's school meal account.

Children on pack-ups : a refund will be made directly into your bank account via ParentPay*

Free School Meals : a refund will be made directly into your bank account via ParentPay*

** Please note that the process for refunding direct into bank accounts via ParentPay has changed and this will be done as soon as possible, but there will be a delay before the refund shows up in your account.*

**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

Extended Schools' Activities List ~ Spring Term 2022 First Half

Welcome
to the
Lothersdale
**SCHOOL
OFFICE**

Telephone:
01535 632510
Email:
lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk

SCHOOL OFFICE TERM TIME HOURS

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00
Tuesday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00
Wednesday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00
Thursday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00
Friday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00

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.

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

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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>

We detail below a list of the most popular forms/information and their location, for ease of reference:

Form / Information	School Website Location
Agreement to Administer Medicine form	INFO / SCHOOL OFFICE / scroll to the Attachments at the bottom of the page
Bad Weather Procedures	INFO / SCHOOL OFFICE / scroll to the Attachments at the bottom of the page
Change of Address form	INFO / SCHOOL OFFICE / scroll to the Attachments at the bottom of the page
Extended Schools' Activities	LEARNING / EXTENDED SCHOOLS / scroll to the Attachments at the bottom of the page
Free School Meal Application Forms	PARENTS / SCHOOL LUNCHES / scroll to the Attachments at the bottom of the page
Friday News	HOME / LATEST NEWSLETTERS
Pre-admissions ~ Register of Interest Form	INFO / SCHOOL OFFICE / scroll to the Attachments at the bottom of the page
Pupil Leave of Absence during Term Time form	INFO / SCHOOL OFFICE / scroll to the Attachments at the bottom of the page
School Meal Arrears Procedure	PARENTS / SCHOOL LUNCHES / scroll to the Attachments at the bottom of the page
School Meal Menu	PARENTS / SCHOOL LUNCHES / scroll to the Attachments at the bottom of the page
School Term Dates	PARENTS / SCHOOL TERM DATES
School Uniform List	INFO / SCHOOL OFFICE / scroll to the Attachments at the bottom of the page

Please note that the location may differ when accessed via mobile devices

Primary School Admissions Deadline for September 2022 Intake

Online applications are currently being made via the Local Authority for reception places at Lothersdale Primary School for September 2022. The online common application form must be submitted by no later than **15 January 2022**.

School Meals and Packed Lunches

May we remind parents/carers to ensure you give the school office at least two weeks' **term time** notice if your child would like to switch to school meals or vice versa. Many thanks.

School Meals ~ Class 3 and Class 4

The cost of school meals for children in Class 3 and Class 4 from 5 January 2021 will continue to be £2.44 per meal (£12.20 per week) for all children.

For parents/carers who wish to pay up to the end of term (Friday 8 April 2022), the cost will be £153.72 per child payable via ParentPay.

For parents/carers who wish to pay up to the end of half-term (Friday 18 February 2022), the cost will be £80.52 per child payable via ParentPay.

Alternatively, parents/carers can pay weekly in advance (£12.20) via ParentPay. Please note that school meals **must** be paid for in advance and we would also ask parents/carers to refer to the school's School Meals' Arrears Procedure (available to view on the school website) to ensure that you are familiar with the school's course of action should you find yourselves falling behind with payments.

Please check your ParentPay accounts for credits/outstanding payments (eg illness, educational visits etc) and adjust your child's account accordingly when paying the above.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

Now that the new academic year has started, 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.

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.

Musical Theatre Classes at Glusburn Institute

Please find attached flyer regarding Musical Theatre classes for children aged 7+, for your 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:

- Sat 15 Jan 2022** - Deadline for online submission of application for a primary school place for September 2022
- Wed 19 Jan 2022** - LSA Movie Night - POSTPONED
- w/c 31 Jan 2022** - National Story-Telling Week
- Tue 1 Feb 2022** - Deadline for payment of contribution towards Class 3 Spring term swimming lessons
- Tue 8 Feb 2022** - Safer Internet Day 2022
- Fri 18 Feb 2022** - School breaks up for half-term
- w/c 21 Feb 2022** - Fairtrade Fortnight
- w/c 7 Mar 2022** - British Science Week
- Thu 5 May 2022** - LSA Bag2School Collection
- 25 to 27 May 2022** - Year 4 residential visit to Eshton Grange
- 14 to 18 Nov 2022** - Class 4 residential visit to Marrick Priory (*current Year 4 & Year 5 children*)



THEATRE WORKS ACADEMY

MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

WHERE: GLUSBURN INSTITUTE COMMUNITY AND ARTS CENTRE
WHEN: EVERY SUNDAY IN TERM TIME 9AM - 12PM
WHO: CHILDREN AGE 7+

Here at Theatre Works Academy we specialise in providing the very best musical theatre training for ages 7 - 16. Learn from two WEST END professionals who are currently working within the industry.

At Theatre Works Academy we teach all 3 disciplines; singing, dancing and acting to a very high standard. We believe that the combination of these three elements enable children to become versatile and well-rounded performers.

As well as teaching the art of performance, Theatre Works Academy is also a place where children can gain lifelong confidence, make lasting friendships and most importantly have lots of fun.

Our teachers are fully qualified, have DBS checks, safe guarding and first aid training.

CONTACT US TO BOOK A TRIAL CLASS

theatreworksacademy@hotmail.com





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



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