

AUTUMN TERM • ISSUE 15 • FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER 2017



Best wishes from the staff and governors ~
we wish you all a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

School reopens
on
Tuesday 9 January 2018

~ Thank You ~

Staff and Governors would like to thank parents/carers for the tremendous support they have given school throughout the year.

Thank you also to parents/carers and children for the kind gifts they have received at the end of term ~ they are greatly appreciated.

Deadlines & Reminders for w/c 8 January 2018

- Mon** - School closed for staff training
- Last day for contributions for Class 3 swimming lessons Spring Term 1st Half
- Tue** - School re-opens at 9.00am
- Return of any outstanding Christmas Concert feedback forms
- Last day for payment of contributions for the Class 1 & Class 2 Bear & Butterfly visit, along with any outstanding consent forms
- Cinderella pantomime in school
- Extended Schools Activities restart
- Fri** - Class 3 Swimming Lesson
- Swimming Gala practice for Y5/6 (selected pupils)

EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 8 January 2018				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Gymnastics 1 3.15 - 4.15pm	Get Groovy 3.15 - 4.15pm	Drama KS1 & KS2 3.30 - 4.30pm	Supersports 3.15 - 4.15pm	French 3.15 - 4.00pm
Gymnastics 2 4.20 - 5.20pm	Woolcraft 3.15 - 4.15pm			Football 3.15 - 4.15pm



Christmas Party Day ~ Thursday 21 December 2017

Our children had a wonderful Christmas Party day yesterday. They spent the morning being extremely creative designing their Christmas party hats.



Children in Class 4 decorated the Christmas biscuits made by Mrs Varley and we would like to thank Mrs Varley and Mrs Townsend for working so hard to make the amazing party lunch. After the fabulous party lunch all the children gathered in the hall to show off their party hat creations.

The party hat winners were:

Reception ~ Chloe Driver
Year 1 ~ Chloe Dixon
Year 2 ~ Courtney Pitchfork
Year 3 ~ Isaac Chapman
Year 4 ~ Millie Oddy
Year 5 ~ Nicolas Weekes
Year 6 ~ Erin Wilkinson



Party games then followed to round off a very exciting day!

Christmas Concert Feedback Forms

Thank you to all those parents/carers who returned the Christmas Concert Feedback forms and for the kind comments. If you have not yet returned the feedback form and still wish to do so, please send into school on Tuesday 9 January 2018. Many thanks.

Class 1 & Class 2 Visit to see 'Bear & Butterfly' at Skipton Town Hall ~ 19 January

The deadline has now passed for the return of the Bear & Butterfly consent form and we still have outstanding consents. Please ensure the consent form is returned to school on Tuesday 9 January 2018 to enable your child to take part in this visit. The deadline for contributions has also now passed and the school has only received 41% of contributions to date and requires 80% of contributions to make it viable. If you have not yet made a contribution but still wish to do so, then please ensure your contribution is made via ParentPay by Monday 8 January 2018. No child will be excluded if his or her parents/carers do not contribute but, if insufficient voluntary contributions are received (for this trip, less than 80% of the cost) then regrettably this visit will be cancelled.

Class 3 Swimming Lessons ~ Spring Term & Swimming Gala Practice (Year 5/6 selected pupils)

Please note that Class 3 swimming lessons will resume on Friday 12 January 2018 and a letter has been sent out via bookbags today for parents/carers of children in Class 3 and Class 4 who have been selected to swim in the Swimming Gala on Friday 19 January. Please ensure those children selected from Class 4 have their swimming kit in school for the practice session Friday 12 January.

Reading Plus, Year 6 Numeracy Plus, Year 6 Spelling Group & Class 3 Homework Sessions

Please note that if your child(ren) take part in any of the above sessions, they will start again from Tuesday 9 January 2018.

Extended Schools Activities ~ Spring Term First Half

Extended Schools Activities will start on Tuesday 9 January 2018. Activity lists are available to view in the main reception area. For safeguarding purposes please ensure that you check the lists in advance to confirm your child is booked onto a club.

Gymnastics Clubs

To avoid any confusion, please ensure you check your ParentPay account to confirm which club your child will be attending in the New Year. Places on the earlier club went extremely quickly and we have previously had children remain in school for the first club at 3.15pm when they have been booked on to the later club.

French Club

Please note that the timings for French Club have now changed and the club will finish at 4pm and not 4.15pm as stated on the activity sheet.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day ~ 22 December 2017



Once again everyone looked fantastic today in their Christmas jumpers and the total amount raised for Save the Children from the last two Friday collections is £100.96. Thank you to all our parents/carers who supported this worthwhile cause.

Keighley Women's Refuge ~ Christmas Campaign



A massive thank you to those parents/carers who have kindly donated Christmas gifts for families, who are spending their Christmas in the 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.

Governing Body Update

Parent Governor Election ~ Ballot

Thank you to all those parents/carers who cast a vote in the recent Parent Governor Election. 178 parents/carers were eligible to vote and 110 votes were cast. The results are as follows:

Amandine Driver ~ 27 votes

Ruth Smith ~ 66 votes

Alan Weekes ~ 17 votes

We would like to say thank you to all the candidates for expressing an interest in this vacancy and welcome Ruth Smith, who has now been elected to represent The Governing Body of Lothersdale Primary School as a Parent Governor.

School Meal Menu ~ Spring Term 2018

Next term's school meal menu is attached to this newsletter for your information. Please note that Mrs Varley has made some amendments to this menu and it can also be viewed on the school website.

Pupils on Pack Ups ~ Friday Lunch

If your child is currently on pack-ups and is registered to have a Friday lunch next term, the cost will be £23.00 for the spring term (up to and including 23 March 2018), payable via the normal pupil meal account on ParentPay, or £2.30 per week, payable in advance. Please ensure you inform the school office at least 2 weeks in advance if your child would like to have Friday lunches.

Pupils on Packed Lunches

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

School Meals ~ Class 3 and Class 4

The cost of school meals for children in Class 3 and Class 4 from 9 January 2018 will continue to be £2.30 per meal (£11.50 per week) for all children.

For parents/carers who wish to pay up to the end of term (Thursday 29 March 2018), the cost will be £110.40 per child payable via ParentPay.

For parents/carers who wish to pay up to the end of half-term (Friday 9 February 2018), the cost will be £55.20 per child payable via ParentPay.

Alternatively, parents/carers can pay weekly (£11.50) 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

May we remind parents 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.

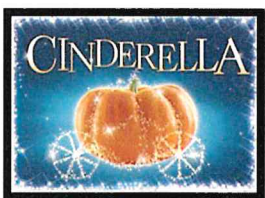
Where parents are entitled to working tax credit during a four week "run on" period immediately after their employment has ceased, or after they have started to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school meals.

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.

Cinderella ~ Tuesday 9 January 2018



May we remind parents that the deadline for payment of contributions towards the pantomime performance was Friday 8 December 2017. If you have not already made a contribution and would still like to do so, please make your payment via ParentPay. 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 performance.

Primary School Admissions Deadline ~ September 2018 Intake

Please note that the online common application form for a primary school place in September 2018 must be submitted by no later than 15 January 2018. *Please note - if you live outside North Yorkshire you should contact your home authority to obtain their information regarding school admissions.*

Up-to-date Pupil Contact and Medical Information

Please could parents/carers ensure that all pupil contact information is up-to-date. If you have recently changed your address, or are due to change your address, please contact the school office for a change of address form. It is also 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

School Meal Menu ~ Spring Term 2018

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



Skipton Tennis Centre ~ Holiday Programme January 2018

Please find attached holiday programme for w/c 1 January 2018, for your information.



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

Please remember we are linked up with Christ Church 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 8 Jan 2018 - School closed for Staff Training
- Tue 9 Jan 2018 - School reopens
 - Pantomime performance in school by West End in Schools
- Mon 15 Jan 2018 - Deadline for the submission of application for a primary school place in September 2018
- Fri 19 Jan 2018 - Class 1 & Class 2 Visit to see Bear & Butterfly at Skipton Town Hall
- Wed 31 Jan 2018 - Y5/6 Performing Arts Workshop at SCS (selected pupils)

Community Events:

- Fri 22 Dec 2017 - Aurora Uplifting Voices (Lothersdale's new choir) ~ Aurora Family Choir will be singing outside the Hare & Hounds in Lothersdale at 7pm.
- Sun 24 Dec 2017 - Christmas Carol Parade setting off from the Hare and Hounds to Christ Church Lothersdale for the Crib Service at 6.00pm. Bring torches or lanterns and sing all the way to the church! . Meet at the Hare & Hounds at 5.30pm.
- Mon 25 Dec 2017 - Christmas Day Family Communion Service at Christ Church, Lothersdale at 10.00am
- Tue 26 Dec 2017 - Annual Boxing Day Walk ~ meet at The Fold at 1.30pm. Will take approximately one and a half to two hours and there will be snack stops en route. Finish back at the village for mulled wine and mince pies. Organised by Helen and Craig Marshall ~ 01535 637046. This walk is enjoyed by children, adults and dogs alike and everyone is welcome to come along!

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY CATERERS ~ MENU ~ SPRING TERM 2018

	WEEK ONE w/c 8 January 2018 w/c 29 January 2018 w/c 26 February 2018 w/c 19 March 2018	WEEK TWO w/c 15 January 2018 w/c 5 February 2018 w/c 5 March 2018 w/c 26 March 2018	WEEK THREE w/c 22 January 2018 w/c 19 February 2018 w/c 12 March 2018
M O N D A Y	Organic Beef Burger in Homemade Bun Peas & Sweetcorn Chipped Potatoes ***** Chewy Oat & Seed Bar Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt	V Quorn & Vegetable Fajita Broccoli & Sweetcorn Potato Wedges Herbie Bread ***** Rhubarb & Apple Crumble Custard Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt	V Margarita Pizza Veg Sticks Fruity Pasta Salad Garlic Bread ***** Grannies Crunch & ¼ Orange Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt
T U E S D A Y	Fish Fingers Tomato Sauce Carrot & Apple Salad Sticks Diced Potatoes Pitta Bread ***** Forest Fruits Flapjack Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt	Breaded Salmon Nuggets Tomato Sauce Broccoli & Sweetcorn Sauté Potato Oaty Brown Bread ***** Shortbread Finger & Yoghurt Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt	Bacon & Tomato Pasta Broccoli & Sweetcorn Wholemeal Bread ***** Apple Strudel & Custard Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt
W E D N E S D A Y	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing & Gravy Carrots & Savoy Cabbage Roast Potatoes Sliced Wholemeal Bread ***** Rice Pudding & Mandarins Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt	Roast Pork, Apple Sauce & Gravy Creamed Potatoes Savoy Cabbage & Swede Herbie Bread ***** Digestive Biscuit, Cheese & Grapes Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt	Beef Cobbler Medley of Vegetables Sweet Potato Mash Poppy Seed Bread ***** Date, Oat & Ginger Cookie with a glass of milk Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt
T H U R S D A Y	Mexican Beef Chilli & Rice Peas and Sweetcorn Sunflower Seed Bread ***** Chocolate Pear Fudge Pudding with Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt	Pasta Bolognese Peas & Carrots Tomato Bread ***** Orange Brownie & Custard Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt	Chicken Stir Fry with Noodles Cauliflower & Roast Carrots Crusty Wholemeal Baguette ***** Lemon Drizzle Cake & Custard Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt
F R I D A Y	Bangers & Mash with Onion Gravy Medley of Vegetables Sliced Wholemeal Baguette ***** Carrot Cake Muffin Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt	Chicken Korma & Rice Green Beans & Carrots Naan Bread ***** Treacle Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt	Battered Fish Peas Coleslaw Chipped Potatoes Sliced Wholemeal Bread ***** Raspberry Bun with Apple Wedge Fresh Fruit & Organic Yoghurt

■ Due to circumstances beyond our control, it may be necessary to change from the printed menu ■

SKIPTON TENNIS CENTRE NEW YEAR 2018

**10%
SIBLING
DISCOUNT!**

TRY LEARN PLAY ENJOY

TENNIS DODGEBALL TIGER-TIG ROUNDERS RUGBY
CRICKET FOOTBALL TUG-OF-WAR AND MORE ...

**GOT THE
AFTER
XMAS
BLUES?**

**COME & BOOST
YOUR ENERGY!**

**4-12
YEARS**

**JANUARY
2018**

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

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Friday

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Monday

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TENNIS CAMPS

9.00am - 12.00pm

£10/day

£40/5 sessions

TENNIS + MULTI-SPORTS or FOOTBALL

9.00am - 3.00pm

£15/day | £65/5 sessions

NEW! WIND DOWN FILM & GAMES

3.00pm - 5.00pm

£5/day | £20/5 sessions

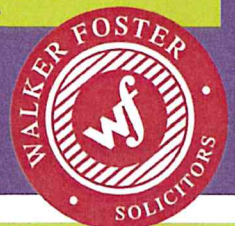
Registration and drop off is available from 8.30am.

Prices include all sports equipment inc. rackets plus drinks and refreshments.

If attending a full day, parents MUST provide a packed lunch.



**PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL FOR MORE
INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A PLACE!**



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