



*Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year*

from all the
Staff and Governors of
Lothersdale Primary School

School reopens
on
Tuesday 9 January 2024



~ 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.

Message from Mrs Tyson

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

As we approach the end of this term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have undertaken together over the past few months. It has been a time filled with growth, achievements, and the spirit of unity that defines our school community.

First and foremost, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated teachers, support staff, and, of course, our amazing pupils. Your hard work, enthusiasm, and resilience have made this term a success. Together, we have faced challenges, celebrated victories, and continued to uphold the values that make our school special.

I would like to update you on how some of our school development priorities have advanced during this first term:

1. Teaching and Learning

- Staff have adopted new curriculums for Geography, History, PSHE and the Arts. The impact of this is already evident, as children are engaged with their learning and demonstrating positive outcomes.
- The English curriculum has been rewritten and rolled out across school. All classes now use high quality texts to steer the teaching of English. This has been a great success so far, as we have seen significant improvements within writing outcomes.
- Parents and carers now receive printed copies of each curriculum overview, a class newsletter and core knowledge organisers, at the start of each new unit.

2. Targeted Academic Support

- Assessment procedures have been introduced and tightened to ensure that the progress of each child is effectively monitored and addressed accordingly.
- Pupil Progress reviews are conducted half termly.
- 'Point of Need' interventions introduced: all support staff work flexibly across school to support teaching staff to deliver same day interventions, allowing misconceptions to be addressed and gaps in understanding to be narrowed.

3. Wider Strategies

- Cultural capital curriculum introduced: all staff plan for immersive, enriching opportunities to compliment the existing curriculum. Each class receives a school trip or school visitor, each half term.
- Pupils' personal development is championed through the new PSHE curriculum, themed curriculum days and pupil voice groups, such as school council.
- Appointment of a 'Poet-in-residence' to enhance study of the arts.

As we move into the new term, there will be greater focus on the following areas:

- Continued monitoring of curriculum and pupil outcomes in reading, writing and maths.
- Development of outdoor provision for EYFS and KS1.
- Launch of 'Nessy', 'Precision Teaching' and 'Clicker 8' programmes to support children with specific learning needs.
- Introduce metacognitive practice as part of a 'Lothersdale Behaviour for Learning' curriculum.

I am excited to embark on these projects and update you on the progress of these at the end of the Spring term.

As we eagerly anticipate the Christmas break, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. May this festive season bring joy, love, and peace to your homes. It is a time to cherish the company of loved ones, reflect on the year gone by, and look forward to the possibilities that the new year holds.

For our pupils, take this opportunity to recharge your energy, explore new interests, and spend quality time with family and friends.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your unwavering support throughout the year. Your partnership is invaluable, and we are grateful for the trust you place in us to nurture and educate your children.

As we bid farewell to 2023, let's approach the new year with optimism, determination, and a commitment to making it even more successful than the last. Our journey together continues, and I am excited about the possibilities that the future holds for our school community.

On behalf of the entire school staff, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May the coming year be filled with prosperity, good health, and countless moments of happiness.

Enjoy a well-deserved break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

Warmest regards
Melanie Tyson

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SESSIONS				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Year 3 & Year 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Year 3 & Year 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am
-	-	Year 4 TIMES TABLES 8.20 to 8.45am	-	-
<p>These clubs are for selected groups or pupils. All pupils attending these clubs must be registered for safeguarding and health & safety reasons. Please note: the sessions start promptly at 8:20am so that children can complete the relevant tasks without disruption from any late arrivals. Late arrivals beyond 8:25am will not be able to attend the session. In this instance, please ensure that your child is supervised until the start of the school day. Many thanks for your support.</p>				

Lothersdale	
REC	LEXI and PETRA
Y1	VESPER and GEORGE
Y2	FRANKIE H and ELLIOTT L
Y3	LUCY K and ADAM
Y4	BOHDAN and PHOEBE
Y5	JUDE and CHARLOTTE
Y6	HENRY and NATTY
SCHOOL COUNCIL	

HAVING	FUN	GETTING	FIT
PHYSICAL EDUCATION			
WEEKLY TIMETABLE			
Class 1 – Monday & Friday			
Class 2 – Monday & Thursday			
Class 3 – Tuesday & Friday			
Class 4 – Tuesday & Friday			

DEADLINES & REMINDERS

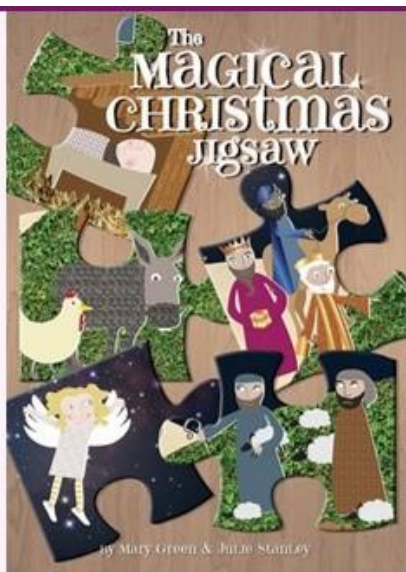
It would be really helpful if requested reply slips/payments etc. could be completed/paid by the stated deadlines to enable us to process the paperwork effectively this week. Thank you.

W/c 8 JANUARY 2024 - NO EXTENDED SCHOOLS' ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Mon** - Staff Training Day
- LEGENDS Holiday Club (please book your child's place by Wednesday 3 January 2024)
- Tue** - **School re-opens at 8:40am for the spring term**
- 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 CONCERT Skipton Town Hall Tuesday 19 December 2023

Thank you to everyone for coming along to support the children in their Christmas Concert on Tuesday evening. The children were fantastic and put on a brilliant performance ~ we are very proud of them all. Mrs Turvey has, once again, produced a superb Christmas Concert and we are very grateful for all her hard work, not only over the last few weeks of rehearsing, but over the whole term.

We have received very kind and positive comments about the concert from parents/carers, which are very much appreciated by all the staff and children.

We would also like to thank our parents/carers for supporting us again with our ticket allocation. We understand entirely that it is difficult not being able to bring along other family members, but we only have a certain amount of seating at our disposal to meet the Town Hall's health & safety requirements.

We also thank Skipton Town Hall for all their support leading up to, and during, the concert.

Our collection following the concert raised **£350.00** towards Manorlands Hospice in Oxenhope, so a big thank you to parents/carers and family members for contributing towards this worthwhile cause.

Concert costumes: thank you for returning concert costumes to school. If you have not yet had chance to return your child's school Christmas costume, we would be grateful if you could ensure it is returned to school on Tuesday 9 January 2024.

Photography/Video Recording ~ Internet and Social Media

Whilst we want to allow you to record special moments in your children's lives e.g. participating in the Christmas concert, please remember that we have a number of children in school whose photos cannot be circulated.



We must therefore insist that any photos or videos that are posted on social media should not include pictures of any children other than your own, unless you have asked permission from the parents/carers of the children involved.





Christmas Party Day ~ 21 December 2023

All the children had a wonderful Christmas Party Day yesterday.

We thank Miss Harding and Mrs Allen for working so hard to make the amazing party lunch, which we all really enjoyed and thought was delicious. After lunch, the children had fun listening to music and playing party games.





Christmas Presents for Keighley Women's Refuge

A massive thank you to those parents/carers who kindly donated Christmas gifts 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 ~ 22 December 2023



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Everyone looked fantastic again today in their Christmas jumpers and so far, you have helped raise a total of **£91.00** for Save the Children. If you still wish to contribute, and have not yet done so, please make payment via the SchoolGateway app today.

Extended Schools' Activities ~ Spring Term

All extended schools' activities will start again on Monday 15 January 2024. Information will be sent out w/c 8 January 2024 to enable you to book any activities.



Class 3 Swimming Lessons

Class 3 swimming lessons will start again on Friday 12 January 2024. Please note that the deadline for payment of voluntary contributions towards your child's swimming lessons is Friday 2 February 2024.

Welcome to the
Lothersdale

SCHOOL OFFICE

SCHOOL OFFICE TERM TIME HOURS

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Tuesday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Wednesday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Thursday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Friday*	CLOSED	CLOSED

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Access into school (parents/carers/contractors/visitors) 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 emails will be checked on her return on Mondays. Urgent messages should be left on the school answer machine, which will be checked at intervals throughout the day.*

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

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>



LEGENDS Holiday Club ~ Monday 8 January 2024

School will be closed on Monday 8 January 2024 for Staff Training, but LEGENDS Holiday Club will be open for childcare. There are limited places available and booking and payment should be made via the SchoolGateway app by Wednesday 3 January 2024 to secure your child's place.

LEGENDS Holiday Club will be open from 8am to 6pm. Breakfast and a light snack will be provided but please send your child with a packed lunch.

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 2024

Online applications can now be made via the Local Authority for reception places at Lothersdale Primary School for September 2024. The online common application form must be submitted by no later than Monday 15 January 2024. Letters from North Yorkshire County Council regarding applying for a school place have been issued this week to all those families who are on the school's pre-admissions list for September 2024. If you are the parent/carer of a child, or know of a child, who is eligible to start primary school next September and whose name is not on the school's register of interest, please contact the school as soon as possible.



LSA Christmas Raffle



Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Christmas Raffle via donations and purchase of raffle tickets, which made £1,218.00 and, along with the £1,243.80 raised at the Christmas Fair, you helped to raise an amazing total of **£2,461.80** towards LSA funds.

Please see below for the list of raffle prize winners. Most of the prizes have been given out via school. If you, a relative or friend, have won a prize and have not received it, please contact the school office.

Look out for our next LSA fundraising event in January 2024!



	Winner	Ticket
☆☆☆ STAR PRIZES ☆☆☆		
Overnight stay in shepherd's hut at the Craven Arms, <u>Appletreewick</u>	Robyn Jardine	Blue 629
Rituals Experience for two (including lunch) at <u>Nadarra Spa</u> , Coniston Hotel and Estate	Anna Chapman	Purple 155
£100 voucher for The Hare and Hounds	Jenny Vardy	Green 296
£100 voucher for Billy Bobs, Skipton	Maisie Young	Blue 389
Food and Drink		
Free breakfast and tea for two (Saturday or Sunday) - <u>Raygill Fisheries Café</u>	Sunny Kaur	Orange 786
Afternoon tea for two <u>voucher</u> for Alexander's, Skipton	Jenny <u>Metclafe</u>	Green 679
£20 voucher for The Craven Arms, <u>Giggleswick</u>	Rachel North	Blue 462
£20 voucher for The Old School Tea Room, Hebden	Steph White	Yellow 413
Saturday brunch with mimosas for two at <u>Pheobes</u> , Skipton	Anita R	Red 427
£30 <u>voucher</u> -Le Bistro, Skipton	Rachel Gallagher	Red 406
£20 <u>The Flip Side</u> , Skipton	Yvonne Broadbent	Blue 257
£10 Voucher Coffee and Crumbs, <u>Kildwick</u>	Meredith Ingham	Blue 537
Afternoon Tea for two voucher-Devonshire Arms, Bolton Abbey	Fred Braybrook	Yellow 466
Kids		
1 x <u>two hour</u> free play at the <u>The Green Playhouse Barnoldswick</u>	Jenson	Orange 891
£25 voucher for holiday club - High Adventure, Cowling	Reggie	Orange 926
Family of four pass from Stump Cross Caverns, Pateley Bridge	Rachel Osborne	Pink 334
One free climb for Clip and Climb, Ilkley	Bohdan	Blue 344
3 free tuition lessons - Tailored Tuition, Skipton (worth over £100!)	Lisa Ellis	Green 554
£50 off a soft play package-Soft Tots	Alan Hardwick	Pink 542
<u>Self help</u> junior journal	Charlene Blacka	Blue 162
<u>3 hour</u> voucher-The performance Studios, Settle	Will Smith	Orange 632
Raven Tree Top Adventure gift	Baldwins	Yellow 667
Home & Motor		
£50 voucher-Craven Valeting	Julie Ellis	Yellow 844
Hair, Beauty & Fitness		
Reflexology voucher from Iain Harris Physio Solutions	Helen Marshall	Purple 132
<u>1 month</u> free full gym membership at <u>Cobbydale Forge</u>	Michelle Spriggs	Red 370
<u>1 month</u> free full gym membership at <u>Cobbydale Forge</u>	Lyn	Purple 565
3 free PT sessions at <u>Cobbydale Forge</u> (Lucas' dad Stu)	David <u>Gardt</u>	Pink 647
£20 gift voucher from Paceline cycles	Katie Wiggan	Pink 345
Gift Hamper- from Ready, Steady, Pedal	Adam Guy	Yellow 634
6 x free sessions at Skipton Tennis Club	Hazel Walsh	Blue 149
Free registration to a Tough Mudder event voucher-Tough Mudder <u>Uk</u>	Steve Boy	Pink 372
<u>Luxury</u> pedicure with gel polish-Tace at Elixir White	Mandy <u>Croskery</u>	Blue 366
£35 voucher, Unique Creative Hair, Oakworth	Gemma Hodgson	Yellow 451

Gifts		
Soap Set from <u>Lathersdale Soaps</u>	Gemma Hodgson	Yellow 455
£25 M & S <u>Voucher</u> - Jenny Metcalfe	Sarah T	Red 414
TBC-Voucher Keighley and <u>Worthvalley</u> Railway	Max Williams	Green 409
£20 voucher - Blush Florists	Vanessa Town	Yellow 898
Gift set-Forget Me Not	Reedy	Orange 880
Gift set-Holistic House	Dom	Yellow 891
Head Torch-Angie Billington	Max Bridges	Yellow 834
Two free <u>pilates</u> sessions-Pilates Room, Skipton	Lexi Woodward	Orange 336
Gift bag and voucher-Brown Bag Café, Skipton	Jenny Smith	Orange 488
Brilliant Britain' from Jane Peyton	Janet Booth	Purple 67
Cath Kidson gift set	Robyn Jardine	Pink 638
Rainbow Raffle		
Pink box	Jack Allen	Orange 276
Red Box	Katie Fox	Yellow 677
Purple Box	Darren	Purple 142
Blue Box	Ronnie	Orange 827
Green Box	Mandy <u>Croskery</u>	Blue 369
Yellow box	Bohdan	Blue 343
Orange box	Fabi	Blue 355

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:

- Mon 8 Jan 2024**
- Staff Training Day
 - LEGENDS Holiday Club (please book your child's place by Wednesday 3 January 2024)
- Tue 9 Jan 2024**
- School re-opens at 8:40am for the spring term
- Mon 15 Jan 2024**
- Deadline for online submission of application for a **primary school** place for September 2024
- Mon 5 Feb 2024**
- Young Voices Concert at Manchester AO Arena
- Thu 18 Apr 2024**
- LSA Bag2School Collection

Community Events:

- Sun 24 Dec 2023**
- Christ Church Lothersdale ~ Crib Service ~ 6.00pm
- Mon 25 Dec 2023**
- Christ Church Lothersdale ~ Christmas Day Family Communion ~ 9.30am

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.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN LOTHERSDALE:

Sunday 24 December 2023 ~ 6pm

Crib Service at Christ Church, Lothersdale.

Monday 25 December 2023 ~ 9:30am

Christmas Day Family Communion at Christ Church Lothersdale.



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