

SPRING TERM ■ ISSUE 16 ■ FRIDAY 11 JANUARY 2024



Welcome back to school for the
Spring Term

SPRING TERM DATES:

Tuesday 9 January to Friday 22 March 2024

February half-term:

Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February 2024

School reopens on Monday 19 February 2024

Message from Mrs Tyson

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to another vibrant and promising Spring term at Lothersdale Primary School! We hope you had a restful break and are ready for the exciting half term that lies ahead. Our dedicated team have been diligently preparing to make this term enriching and enjoyable for your children. From engaging lessons to special events, we have a range of activities planned to stimulate their curiosity and foster a love for learning.

Events

Date	Event
Monday 22 nd January	French Day
Friday 26 th January	RSPB Big Bird Watch
Wednesday 31 st January	Workshops from the Dogs Trust
Monday 5 th February	Young Voices Concert at Manchester AO Arena (KS2)
w/c Monday 5 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th February	Wellbeing Wednesday

We also have a range of immersion activities and school trips booked for individual classes. We will send further information on these themed curriculum days to you in due course.

French Day



We are thrilled to announce our **French Day**, which is taking place in school on Monday 22 January 2024. This is a non-uniform day, and we encourage children to come to school dressed in red, white, and blue – the colours of the French flag (*no football kits please*). Alternatively, they can opt for attire with a French theme, such as berets or mime costumes.

This promises to be a day of fun and learning where children will take part in French dance workshops and cookery lessons, along with practicing their speaking, reading, and writing skills in French.

We are looking forward to a day of cultural exploration and enjoyment.

Brownlee Medal Challenge



You may recall my letter last half term notifying you of the Brownlee Medal Challenge, which we will be taking part in throughout the Spring term. This has now officially launched, and we are asking pupils to notify us of any new activities they have undertaken. It would be wonderful to see photos, videos, medals and certificates of these activities to share with one another to inspire and motivate.

Bike / Toy Donation Appeal

I would like to appeal for your generosity and support. In the spirit of giving and sustainability, we are launching a campaign to collect old toys, electronic devices, and bikes that your children may have outgrown or replaced with new ones during the Christmas period. These donations will be used to enhance our school's resources and provide additional learning opportunities for all students.

If your family has recently acquired new toys, electronic devices, or bikes, we kindly ask you to consider donating the items your children no longer use.

By doing so, you not only contribute to the betterment of our school but also promote a culture of recycling and repurposing within our community.

The items of particular need are:

- Balance bikes, trikes, learner pedal bikes, for use in our EYFS and KS1 outdoor provision
- Electronic devices and games for recreational use in Legends club
- Board games, books and toys for use in Legends club

I appreciate that this is a bold ask but thought it would be sensible to appeal before you make any trips to the charity shop or donate to family or friends. Anything you can offer would be gratefully received and much appreciated – thank you.

Parent Collaboration

As always, we encourage open communication and collaboration between home and school, ensuring a supportive environment for your child's growth and development. As such, I would like to invite you all attend a parent workshop on Friday 26th January at 2.00pm, where we will look at key priorities for the Spring term and share thoughts, advice and collaborate together. I shall send a letter in advance, to allow you time to consider the agenda.

We look forward to working together to make this term a memorable and successful experience for our students. Here's to a fantastic Spring term filled with learning, laughter, and achievement!

Warmest regards
Melanie Tyson

HEALTH & SAFETY 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.



May we remind all parents/carers **not** to park in front of drives, access ways (this includes access to fields and the main school vehicle entrance), and white and yellow Keep Clear areas near school.

Unfortunately, a member of our school community had their car damaged by a 4 x 4 this week when pulled over to allow passing cars through. At the time, all white and yellow keep clear areas / zigzags were blocked by vehicles, which made cars meeting in narrow places very difficult.

Large vehicles and farm traffic regularly pass school and it is vital that there is a free flow of traffic through the village at key drop off and pick up times, particularly in case of emergency situations. It is therefore disappointing for the school to receive parking complaints when we are reliant on our school community adhering to traffic regulations. We would be grateful if this message could be passed to any family/friends who are also responsible for dropping off and collecting children from school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



FOOD ALLERGY WARNING



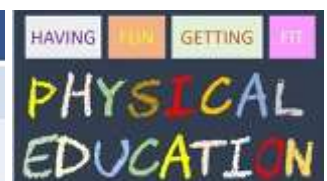
Please remember
Lothersdale Primary School is a
Nut Free Zone

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.

EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ SPRING TERM 2024 ~ FIRST HALF				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Gymnastics 3.15 to 4.15pm	Dance Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	Art Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	Supersports 3.15 to 4.15pm	Football 3.15 to 4.15pm
-	Young Voices Choir 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



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

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

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	-	-

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.

SAVE THE DATE	<i>Please note there may be circumstances in which these dates are subject to change. More information will follow at a later date about events listed below:</i>
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- Mon 22 Jan 2024** - French Day (see below)
- Thu 25 Jan 2024** - KS2 Performing Arts Workshop at South Craven School ~ 4 to 6pm
- Fri 26 Jan 2024**
 - RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch
 - Spring Term Parent Workshop at 2pm
- Wed 31 Jan 2024**
 - The Dogs Trust Class Workshops
 - SEND Parent Workshop via Zoom ~ 4 to 5pm (please see below)
- Fri 2 Feb 2024** - Deadline for payment of voluntary contributions towards Class 3 swimming lessons
- w/c 5 Feb 2024** - Children's Mental Health Week
- Tue 6 Feb 2024** - Safer Internet Day
- Wed 7 Feb 2024** - Well-being Wednesday
- Fri 9 Feb 2024**
 - Last Class 3 Swimming Lesson this academic year
 - School breaks up for February half-term
- Mon 19 Feb 2024** - School re-opens at 8:40am
- Fri 23 Feb 2024** - Class 2 Swimming Lessons start
- w/c 26 Feb 2024** - Chinese New Year
- Wed 28 Feb 2024** - Y5/6 Netball Festival at South Craven School
- Thu 7 Mar 2024** - World Book Day
- w/c 11 Mar 2024** - British Science Week
- Mon 11 Mar 2024** - Scholastic Book Fair in school
- Tue 12 Mar 2024** - Scholastic Book Fair in school
- Wed 13 Mar 2024** - Scholastic Book Fair in school
- Fri 15 Mar 2024**
 - Comic Relief Red Nose Day
 - Year 6 Crucial Crew
- Thu 21 Mar 2024** - Decorate an Egg Competition
- Fri 22 Mar 2024**
 - Last Class 2 Swimming Lesson this academic year
 - School finishes at 3:15pm for the Easter break

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 15 JANUARY 2024

- Mon** - Extended Schools' Activities start
- Deadline for online submission of application for a **primary school** place for September 2024
- Tue** - Class 3 & Class 4 Tag Rugby (*see below*)
- 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.



Extended Schools' Activities ~ Spring Term

All Extended Schools' Activities start again on Monday 15 January 2024.

The extended schools' flyer was emailed to parents/carers on Tuesday 9 January, and we would like to thank you for supporting us with the tight deadline for booking activity places for your children. At the time of writing, the activity list was still being prepared and it will be emailed out to all parents/carers today.

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. The Extended Schools' Activity flyer for Spring Term Second Half will be sent out towards the end of this half-term.

National Child Measurement Programme ~ Reception & Year 6

A letter was emailed on Thursday 11 January 2024 to parents/carers of children in Reception and Year 6 from the Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust, regarding this year's National Child Measurement Programme. This is an NHS led initiative and parents/carers can withdraw their children if they wish to do so. You do not need to do anything unless you wish to OPT OUT of this programme. Please follow the instructions in the letter if this is the case.



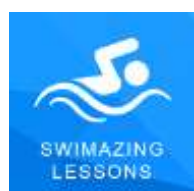
The National
Child Measurement
Programme

Children's Health Service App



All parents/carers can access information to support the health and development of children, young people and adults via an NHS app, which has been developed and managed by your Local Health Visiting and School Nursing Teams.

Please click on the appropriate link to access this free 0-19 children services APP offering lots of resources and links to promote healthy child development and local public health services.



Class 3 Swimming Lessons

Class 3 swimming lessons started again today and will run up to and including Friday 9 February 2024. Please note that the deadline for payment of voluntary contributions towards your child's swimming lessons is Friday 2 February 2024 if you have not done so already.



Class 3 and Class 4 Tag Rugby

All children in Class 3 and Class 4 will be playing Tag Rugby with Hedley from Wharfedale RUFC this term. 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!

Winter Plan ~ Bad Weather Procedures

As the weather forecast has indicated there may be snow next week, please make yourselves aware of our Bad Weather procedures in the event of delayed school opening or full school closure. The letter and accompanying documentation were emailed to parents/carers last term.



SEND Parent Workshop ~ Wednesday 31 January 2024

ADYS Specialist Ltd (the YCAT SEND Advisor) is presenting a SEND workshop to parents/carers online all about how to support your children at home with reading difficulties. This will be FREE to any parent who would like to register for the 45-minute session with time for discussion afterwards.

If you are interested in taking part, please register for the course via the link below.

<https://us05web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsfu2tqDloH9FvyZPMULCHWMBVH7FZMj4z>

*Presented by Specialist teacher
and SEN advisor Claire Ashton*

SEND parent workshop:

**How to support your
child at home with
reading difficulties**

**Wednesday 31st January 2024
4pm till 5pm**

Click on the zoom link below to register
<https://us05web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsfu2tqDloH9FvyZPMULCHWMBVH7FZMj4z>

Available for FREE to all
parents of children at a
YCAT school

Welcome to the
Lothersdale **SCHOOL OFFICE**

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lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk

Access into school (parents/carers/contractors/visitors) is via prior appointment only, in line with the school's Health & Safety and Child Protection Policies.

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

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>

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

The deadline for submission of the online common application form for a Reception place in September 2024 is **Monday 15 January 2024**.

SCHOOL MEALS:

Lunch Orders

Please remember to book your child's school meal via your SchoolGrid account by 8:55am each morning. This week, a significant number of children expected a school lunch when no pre-booked lunch had been ordered for them and this put the school kitchen in a difficult position. No child will go without a school lunch but there may not be the usual choice, as children with pre-ordered lunches take priority.

Universal Free School Meals ~ Class 1 and Class 2 ~ School Census Day (Thursday 18 January 2024)

A letter was emailed yesterday to parents/carers of children in Class 1 and Class 2 regarding funding for Universal Free School Meals on School Census Day, Thursday 18 January 2024. We thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Dolce Themed Lunch ~ Diner Day ~ Thursday 18 January 2024

Please find attached menu for Dolce's USA themed 'Diner Day' lunch next Thursday, 18 January, for your information.

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

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.





Welcome to **LEGENDS**

SPRING TERM 2024

First Half



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

LEGENDS activity of the day!

plus arts & crafts, board games, construction and plenty of outdoor play!

Breakfast Club

7:30am to 8.40am ~ Registration, breakfast, adult led activities

After School Club

3:15pm to 3.30pm ~ Registration, fruit and drink

3:30pm to 4.30pm ~ Outdoor free play

4:30pm ~ short session finishes (*please collect promptly by 4:30pm*)

4:15pm to 5:45pm ~ Adult led activities (*includes a light tea at 4:45pm*)

5:45pm to 6:00pm ~ Tidy up time!

6:00pm ~ long session finishes (*please collect promptly by 6:00pm*)

* This could include Archery, Badminton, hula hoops, football, running etc



LSA Christmas Raffle Prizes

We still have unclaimed raffle prizes waiting for collection. If you have a winning ticket (the list was included in Issue 15 of the Friday News), please see Mrs Ellison in the school office.

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



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

Please find attached flyer below regarding Skipton Tennis Centre's Sunday Morning Sportathon for children aged 3 to 5 year's old, 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:

- 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



SUNDAY MORNING SPORTATHON

FREE MULTISPORTS FOR 3-5 YEAR OLDS

delivered by **Skipton Tennis Centre**

Continuing September 2023, sessions are held during term time at 9.30am on Sunday mornings and are **FREE OF CHARGE** for families living in Craven.

FUN Play Tennis and multi-skill activities as a family to encourage healthy, active lifestyles

LEARN New skills and games. Build PE confidence. Improve physical literacy and fundamental movements

WHEN? Each block runs term from September 2023

WHERE? Indoors in Sandylands Sports Hall, Skipton. Free parking available.

OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES ACROSS CRAVEN

"I've seen my child's **confidence grow** after receiving lots of praise and support when learning new skills. He has developed a **better attitude** and is now more willing to have a try when he finds an activity challenging. **This will definitely help him as he starts school.** It's also been **lots of fun** learning new games together."

**try
learn
play
enjoy**



Call, Text or WhatsApp
Andrea at
HomeStart Craven
07903 892108
to book a place



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Primary School



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ensuring all pupils
achieve their
full potential