

SPRING TERM • ISSUE 16 • FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 2017

Lothersdale Legends

This week's Lothersdale Legends
have been awarded to:

Reception - Oliver Rodgers

Year 1 - Noah Schepisi

Year 2 - Nel Ambrose-Joul

Year 3 - Freddie Ward

Year 4 - James Hirst

Year 5 - John Smith

Year 6 - Ezra Gallagher

* YEAR 6 AWARD *

This week's Year 6 Award goes to
BEN HALL

Save the Date!

- Tue 7 Mar 2017 - 9.00am ~ Parent Forum ~ Class 1 and Class 2
- Wed 8 Mar 2017 - 9.00am ~ Parent Forum ~ Class 3 and Class 4
- Wed 8 Mar 2017 - LSA Meeting & Social Event ~ Raygill Lakeside Café & Bar ~ 7.30pm
- Tue 28 Mar 2017 - 2.00 to 5.30pm ~ Parent Consultations
- Thu 30 Mar 2017 - 2.00 to 8.00pm ~ Parent Consultations
- Mon 3 Apr 2017 - Year 6 Crucial Crew
- Wed 5 Apr 2017 - 6.30pm ~ South Craven School Information Evening for Y6 parents
- Thu 6 Apr 2017 - Easter Lunch
- Fri 7 Apr 2017 - Break up for Easter
- Mon 24 Apr 2017 - School closed for Staff Training
- Tue 25 Apr 2017 - School re-opens for the summer term

Deadlines & Reminders for w/c 16 January 2017

- Mon** - Class 4 visit to Murton Park ~ to be in school for 7.50am
- Deadline for the return of the Year 4 Languages Fair reply slip
- Tue** - Class 4 Tag Rugby with Hedley Verity
- Thu** - Class 1 walk in Lothersdale Woods with Year 6 (wellies and waterproofs needed!)
- Fri** - No Class 3 Swimming Lesson
- Swimming Gala (Y3/4 & Y5/6 ~ selected pupils ~ to be in school for 8.40am)
- No Extended Schools' Football
LSA Cinema Night

EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 16 JANUARY 2017				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ball Games 3.15 - 4.00pm	Woolcraft 3.15 - 4.15pm	Drama KS1 & KS2 3.30 - 4.30pm	Supersports 3.15 - 4.15pm	NO FOOTBALL CLUB

Health & Safety

Norovirus

Please note that the Norovirus (vomiting and diarrhoea) is particularly prevalent in local schools at present and we would like to reiterate the importance of ensuring children are not brought into school if displaying any of the associated symptoms:

- suddenly feeling sick
- projectile vomiting
- watery diarrhoea

Some people also have a slight fever, headaches, painful stomach cramps and aching limbs. The symptoms appear one to two days after you become infected and typically last for up to two or three days.

At present no Lothersdale School children have been absent from school with this virus.

Please note that the Norovirus is highly contagious and hand gels are not effective against this virus. **Children who have Norovirus symptoms must remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea to stop the spread of the infection to other children and staff.**

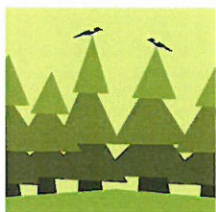
We have sent out a poster via bookbags today, which provides tips on how to reduce the spread and treat symptoms of the Norovirus and would be very grateful if you could support us in trying to stop the virus coming into school.

School Vehicle Access Gate

May we once again remind parents/carers that access into school via the main vehicle entrance is not permitted unless you have prior consent from school. Parent and pupil access is via the pedestrian gate only. The vehicle access gate is locked by the member of staff on early morning playground duty at 8.45am and this gate remains locked for the remainder of the school day unless access is approved by the school office.

If you do have prior consent from school to enter via this gate then please ensure it is locked behind you when coming on to, and leaving, the playground. This gate is locked for your child's protection and is part of the school's health and safety procedures. Unfortunately it has come to our attention that parents/carers are using this entrance as a pedestrian entrance and the gate has been left open and unlocked after 9.00am, leaving the school vulnerable to vehicles accessing the playground unannounced. We would be grateful if you could support the school in adhering to our school policy and procedure in this matter. Many thanks.

What's Happening in the Classroom and Beyond?



Class 1 ~ Walk in the Woods ~ Thursday 19 January 2017

Class 1 will be taking a walk around Lothersdale woods again next Thursday and our Year 6 pupils will be helping to look after them during the visit. Please ensure children are equipped with wellington boots and waterproof clothing on Thursday morning.

Class 1 ~ Come Dine With Me ~ Wednesday 1 February 2017

Thank you for returning the reply slip, and making payment, for the Come Dine With Me lunch on Wednesday 1 February 2017. Please note that the deadline has now passed and Mrs Varley has placed her food order for this lunch ~ we are therefore unable to accept any late replies.

Class 3 ~ Swimming Lessons

Please note there will be no class swimming lesson on Friday 20 January 2017 due to the Craven Cluster Swimming Gala.

Year 4 Languages Fair at South Craven School ~ Wednesday 8 February 2017

A letter has been sent out today to Year 4 pupils regarding the Languages Fair taking place at South Craven School on Wednesday 8 February 2017. Please ensure the completed reply slip is returned to school on Monday 16 January 2017.

Class 4 ~ Visit to Murton Park ~ Monday 16 January 2017

Children in Class 4 will be spending the day at the Yorkshire Museum of Farming at Murton Park, near York, on Monday 16 January 2017. Please remember they will need to come to school dressed as evacuees and it is suggested that girls wear a dark coloured skirt/pinafore and jumper or cardigan and long socks and boys wear dark coloured shorts, shirt and tank top or jumper, long socks and a flat cap.

Children will need to be in school at 7.50am as the coach will leave school promptly at 8.00am. They will return to school at approximately 4.45pm. All children will require a packed lunch (no glass bottles please), come dressed as detailed above and ensure they have outerwear and footwear appropriate for the weather conditions on the day.

In the event that there is a delay on the return journey, we will keep parents/carers up-to-date via the text message system. If your child is booked into Lothersdale Out of School Club, please ensure staff are aware that he/she needs to be brought round to school at 7.50am on Monday.

Primary School Cluster Swimming Gala ~ Friday 20 January 2017

Good luck to our school swimming team who will be taking part in this year's Primary School Cluster Swimming Gala at Craven Pool next Friday.

Today it has been confirmed that parents of those children competing are welcome to watch the gala at the pool next week. We are always very proud of the support we get from our parents at competitive cluster school events, as our supporters always demonstrate excellent spectatorship and also recognise that whilst Lothersdale School children are competing, all children involved are trying their best and deserve their support too.

Extended Schools Activities ~ Football ~ Friday 20 January 2017

Please note that there will be no after school Football Club on Friday 20 January 2017 due to the LSA Cinema Night.



Superheroes Reading Challenge

On Monday the whole school will be 'super-powering into reading' with our 'Superheroes' Reading Challenge'. We are asking all children to read 'at least' 3 times a week at home. These reading sessions need to be recorded in children's reading diaries and initialled by an adult. (Children in Year 5/6 may read independently as long as this is supervised. Reading sessions this weekend will be included in the challenge).

To mark the start of the challenge each child in school will receive a special book mark. Then, on a Friday, children in Year 6 will be awarding those children, who have read 3 times at home, a special sticker to place on their bookmark. They will then be able to move their own individual superhero up the buildings on our whole school display where they will collect their super powers in the main school corridor. The challenge will initially run for the next five weeks and those children who complete the challenge will be rewarded at the end with a certificate and small prize. Please support your child by spending just 10 minutes, three times a week, reading. We all want our children to develop a love of reading and this essential lifelong skill.

Scholastic Book Fair ~ Parent Helpers

Please note that we would like parent helpers to support us at the Scholastic Book Fair, which takes place during week commencing 6 February 2017, as follows:

Two volunteers ~ Monday 6 February - 8.45 to 9.15am

Two volunteers ~ Tuesday 7 February - 8.45 to 9.15am

Two volunteers ~ Tuesday 7 February - 3.00 to 3.45pm

Two volunteers ~ Wednesday 8 February - 8.45 to 9.15am

This will involve taking money and recording purchases made at the above sessions. If you are able to help out at any of the above dates/times, please contact Mrs Ellison in the School Office as soon as possible so that the rota can be prepared.

Recycled Christmas or Birthday Cards

Logan MacNamara in Year 3 is doing a recycling project to raise money for Manorlands Hospice and would like to know if anyone has any old Christmas or birthday cards they could bring into school for him. The project will not come to fruition until later this year but if you could bring in any old used cards that would be great. There will be a collection box in the entrance hall.

Valentine's Day Lunch ~ Tuesday 14 February 2017



Please see the attached menu regarding the Valentine's Day Lunch, which will be held in school on Tuesday 14 February 2017, for your information.

Children currently on packs ups ~ if your child currently has a packed lunch you will have received separate information and a reply slip sent out via bookbags today. Please complete the reply slip and return to school by

Tuesday 17 January 2017 if your child(ren) would like to have the Valentine's Day Lunch, to enable Mrs Varley to order the correct quantities of food.

School Office and Updates

URGENT ~ Outstanding Payments

Please note that the school currently has a significant number of unpaid items showing up on ParentPay. We would be grateful if all parents/carers could check their ParentPay accounts for any outstanding payments and ensure accounts are cleared as soon as possible. Whilst we appreciate that some of the requested payments are 'voluntary contributions', the school is very grateful for parental support in this area to enable us to continue to offer your children a rich, enhanced curriculum.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

May we remind parents/carers 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.

Primary School Admissions ~ September 2017

Please note that the online common application form for a primary school place in September 2017 must be submitted by no later than 15 January 2017. *Please note - if you live outside North Yorkshire you should contact your home authority to obtain their information regarding school admissions.*

School Contact Information

Please remember that if you wish to contact a member of staff or have a general query, you can email us via lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk and your message will be passed on to the appropriate member of staff or dealt with accordingly. You can also use the contact form available on the school website.

Pupil Medical Information

It is 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

Lothersdale School Association

LSA Cinema Night ~ Friday 20 January 2017

Details were sent out via bookbags on Wednesday regarding next week's Cinema Night in school. Please note that your child's name will be added to the cinema list once payment has been made via ParentPay and these lists will be passed to school staff on Friday, so they are aware who is remaining in school. Please ensure that your child is collected promptly at 3.15pm if he/she is not staying for the Cinema Night. The deadline for the return of the reply slip and payment is Monday 16 January 2017 and we would be grateful if you could adhere to this deadline to avoid any disappointment. The payment will be removed from ParentPay after the deadline to enable us to confirm numbers for catering and safeguarding and we will be unable to accept any late replies after this date.

Next LSA Meeting & Social Event ~ Wed 8 March 2017 ~ Raygill Lakeside Café/Bar

Please note that the next LSA meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8 March 2017 at Raygill Lakeside Café & Bar (Raygill Fisheries), Lothersdale. Bernard and Amanda have kindly agreed to open up the café and bar for our meeting ~ drinks will be available at the bar and tea and coffee will also be served, so please ensure you have some money with you! Everyone is very welcome to come along to this informal evening, which is the perfect opportunity for parents/carers to get to know one another socially and to contribute any ideas towards school events.

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



Christ Church Lothersdale Café Church ~ 15 January 2017

Christ Church Lothersdale welcomes you to their Café Church Service on Sunday 15 January 2017 for Café Carols at Christ Church, Lothersdale. Breakfast (bacon butties, croissants, cereal, juice, tea, coffee) is served at 9.00am followed by church worship at 9.30am. Everyone is very welcome to come along and take part in this relaxed atmosphere.



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

Please remember we are now linking up with Christchurch 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:

- Sun 15 Jan 2017** - Deadline for the submission of application form for a primary school place for September 2017
- Mon 16 Jan 2017** - Class 4 trip to Yorkshire Museum of Farming, York ~ children to be in school at **7.50am**.
- Wed 1 Feb 2017** - Come Dine With Me ~ Reception
- Mon 6 Feb 2017** - Scholastic Book Fair ~ 8.45 to 9.15am
- Tue 7 Feb 2017** - Scholastic Book Fair ~ 8.45 to 9.15am and 3.00 to 3.45pm
- Wed 8 Feb 2017** - Scholastic Book Fair ~ 8.45 to 9.15am
- Tue 14 Feb 2017** - Valentine's Day Lunch
- Fri 17 Feb 2017** - School breaks up at 3.15pm for half-term
- Mon 27 Feb 2017** - School re-opens
- Wed 15 Mar 2017** - Come Dine With Me ~ Year 1
- Thu 27 Apr 2017** - Come Dine With Me ~ Year 2

Lothersdale Primary School
**VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH
MENU**

TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2017



*Sausage and Tomato Pasta
Sweetcorn
Peas
Garlic Bread*



*Valentine Biscuit
Fresh Fruit*

Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as **Norovirus**. See tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms

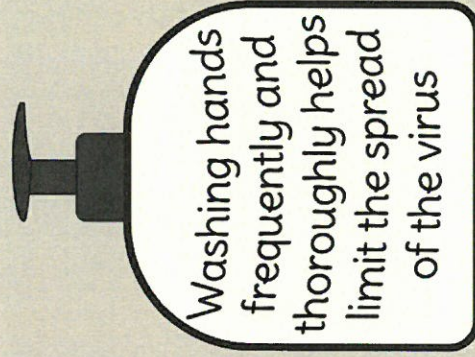
Keep kids home from school for



after symptoms have passed.
This is enough time to let the virus run its course

If your child already has a serious illness, or symptoms last longer than a few days, contact your GP to seek advice

Visit [nhs.uk/norovirus](https://www.nhs.uk/norovirus)

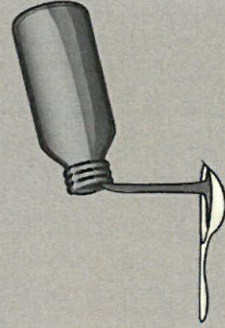


different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans.

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They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK

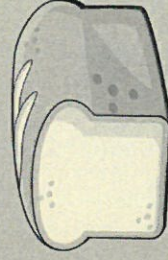
Home Treatment



Paracetamol is useful for fever or aches and pains



Give kids plenty of water to stay hydrated and replace lost fluids



If your child feels like eating, give them bland foods



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