

SPRING TERM ■ ISSUE 17 ■ FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 2024



No Lothersdale Legends this week due to the disruption caused by the adverse weather conditions.



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.



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.



PARKING

Please support our village and school communities by parking sensibly on the roads near school. We remind all parents/carers that parking is not allowed on the yellow zigzags outside school at any time. The white keep clear markings must be kept clear at school drop off and pick up times to support the traffic flow through the village. If a car cannot get passed safely, then neither can an emergency vehicle!

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our village a safe place.

Message from Mrs Tyson

Dear Parents and Carers,

Winter Conditions

Thank you to all staff, parents and carers for their support, understanding and flexibility this week, whilst we navigated the adverse weather conditions. We recognise the inconvenience and adjustments that such situations may bring, and we truly appreciate your patience as we work to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff.

We would like to extend our sincere apologies for the inconvenience caused by the unexpected closure of school on Thursday - this decision was not made lightly, and it was driven by the concern for the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff. Unfortunately, the adverse weather conditions had resulted in low staffing levels, making it difficult to ensure a safe and productive learning environment for everyone.

We understand the impact that this closure may have had on your daily schedule and appreciate your understanding in these exceptional circumstances.

Parent Forum ~ Friday 26 January 2024

I look forward to seeing you on Friday 26th January at 2.00pm for our scheduled Spring Parent Forum. I look forward to sharing with you the school development priorities for the next term, our recently drafted school vision and working with you to discuss future projects. If you are available to attend, please RSVP via the link below or QR code, by Wednesday 24th January. Once you have responded, an agenda will be sent to you. Thank you.



<https://forms.office.com/e/WpZMY1jntR>

Mrs Turvey

It is with a heavy heart that I share some news regarding our beloved Mrs Turvey, our esteemed musician-in-residence.

Due to health reasons, Mrs Turvey will be unable to continue her role for the remainder of the academic year; her final day will be Tuesday 23rd January. We understand the significant impact that she has had on our children, and the entire school community, and we share your disappointment in her absence.

Mrs Turvey has been an integral part of our school community for many years, bringing her passion for music and her exceptional talent to enrich the musical experiences of our children. Her dedication and creativity have left an indelible mark, and she will be sincerely missed during her absence.

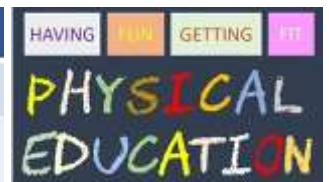
We are working diligently to ensure continuity in our music programs, and the staff team is committed to maintaining the high standards set by Mrs Turvey. We appreciate your understanding and support during this challenging time.

We extend our thoughts and well-wishes to Mrs Turvey during her recovery and express our gratitude for the positive impact that she has had on our school community.

Mrs Tyson
Headteacher

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

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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 *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:*

- Thu 1 Feb 2024** - Class 3 Stone Age Day Workshop (*see below*)
- Fri 9 Feb 2024** - School Council Valentine's Day Bake Sale (*see below*)
- Thu 22 Feb 2024** - National Child Measurement Programme ~ Rec & Year 6 ~ 1:15pm
- Tue 19 Mar 2024** - Parent Consultations ~ 2 to 6pm
- Wed 20 Mar 2024** - Parent Consultations ~ 2 to 6:30pm

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 22 JANUARY 2024

- Mon** - French Day ~ *children to come to school in red, white and blue instead of school uniform*
- Wed** - Deadline to complete the Spring Term Parent Workshop attendance form
- Thu** - KS2 Performing Arts Workshop (*selected pupils*)
- Fri** - RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch
- Deadline to purchase your Wonky Bar for the LSA Golden Ticket Competition (*see below*)
- Spring Term Parent Workshop at 2pm
- 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.*

French Day ~ Monday 22 January 2024



We are looking forward to a day of cultural exploration and enjoyment on Monday, 22 January 2024, when we host our **French Day** in school. We encourage all children to come to school dressed in red, white, and blue – *the colours of the French flag (no English football kits please!)* – to enhance their learning of France.

It could be red shorts, blue T-shirt and white socks. 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.

KS2 Performing Arts Festival ~ Thursday 25 January 2024

Good luck to our KS2 children ~ Felicity, Natty, Millie, William, Sophie W, Jude H-K, Phoebe, Edward, Laila, Maisie ~ who are taking part in the South Craven Cluster Performing Arts Festival at South Craven School next Thursday, with children from our cluster primary schools.

Big Garden Birdwatch

The Big Garden Birdwatch is the world’s largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

This year’s event takes place from 26 to 28 January 2024. Please click on the link below for more information on how families can take part.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch?>



At school we will encourage children to bring binoculars and bird books from home (or borrow a pair from school) and take part in spotting over Lothersdale School during playtimes.

Class 1 will help the local wildlife by making bird cakes (as have children attending LEGENDS) to encourage more avian visitors!

Current popular birds include the robin, blackbird, jackdaws and sparrows. We look forward to seeing more blue-tits and great-tits as we move into spring and hope they nest at school again.



BIRD CAKE RECIPE AND INSTRUCTIONS





You will need:


- Good quality bird seed
- Raisins
- Peanuts
- Grated cheese
- Suet or lard
- Yoghurt pots
- String
- Mixing bowl


Important notes: Not suitable for children with nut allergies. Note that bird seed, including peanuts bought for birds, is not suitable for human consumption.


RSPB Step-by-step guide

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1. Carefully make a small hole in the bottom of a yoghurt pot. Thread string through the hole and tie a knot on the inside. Leave enough string so that you can tie the pot to a tree or your bird table. Mrs B's Top Tip!!!! If you do not have yogurt pots, in Class 1, we often just roll and shape the mixture into fat balls instead.
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2. Allow the lard to warm up to room temperature, but don't melt it. Then cut it up into small pieces and put it in the mixing bowl.
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3. Add the other ingredients to the bowl and mix them together with your fingertips. Keep adding the seed/raisin/cheese mixture and squidding it until the fat holds it all together.
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4. Fill your yoghurt pots with bird cake mixture and put them in the fridge to set for an hour or so.
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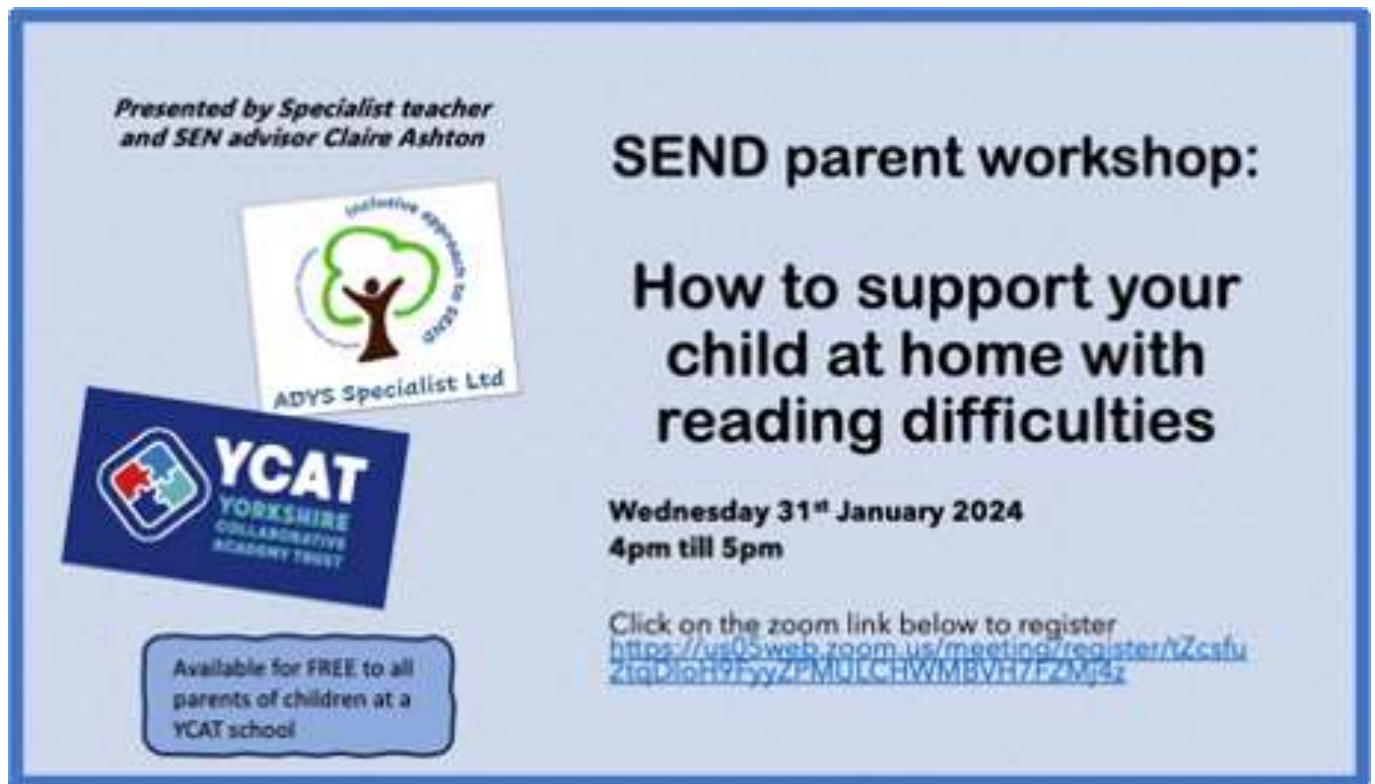
5. Hang your speedy bird cakes from trees or your bird table. Watch for greenfinches, tits and possibly even great spotted woodpeckers.

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/tZcsfu2tqDloH9FyyZPMULCHWMBVH7FZMj4z>



The flyer is for a SEND parent workshop. It features the text 'Presented by Specialist teacher and SEN advisor Claire Ashton' at the top left. Below this is the logo for ADYS Specialist Ltd, which includes a stylized figure and the text 'Inclusive approaches steps to success' and 'ADYS Specialist Ltd'. To the left of the main text is the YCAT logo, which says 'YCAT YORKSHIRE COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST'. The main text on the right reads 'SEND parent workshop: How to support your child at home with reading difficulties'. Below this, it says 'Wednesday 31st January 2024 4pm till 5pm'. At the bottom right, it says 'Click on the zoom link below to register' followed by the same URL as above. At the bottom left, there is a blue box with white text that says 'Available for FREE to all parents of children at a YCAT school'.

Class 3 Stone Age Day Workshop ~ Thursday 1 February 2024

A letter was sent out today to parents/carers of children in Class 3 regarding the forthcoming Stone Age Day taking place in school on Thursday 1 February 2024, for your information.

National Child Measurement Programme ~ Reception & Year 6



NHS staff will be in school on Thursday 22 February 2024 to carry out height and weight checks on children currently in Reception and Year 6.



A letter was emailed on Thursday 11 January 2024 to parents/carers of children in Reception and Year 6. Please remember 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.

School Council Valentine's Day Bake Sale ~ Friday 9 February 2024

Please find attached flyer regarding the School Council's Valentine's Day Bake Sale on Friday 9 February 2024, to raise money for ShelterBox.

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**SCHOOL
COUNCIL**

Valentine's Day **BAKE SALE**



Friday

9 February 2024

Lothersdale Primary School will be raising money for ShelterBox on Friday 9 February 2024 by holding a Bake Sale in honour of Valentine's Day.

Any cakes, buns or biscuits are very welcome and the deadline for bringing them in is the morning of 9 February.

All donations raised will help the people who have lost their homes and need sheltering.

Thank you

Natty Grey

On behalf of The Lothersdale School Council

Welcome to the
Lothersdale **SCHOOL OFFICE**

Telephone:
01535 632510
Email:
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>

SCHOOL MEALS:

Lunch Orders

Please remember to book your child's school meal via your SchoolGrid account by 8:55am each morning. No child will go without a school lunch but there may not be the usual choice, as children with pre-ordered lunches take priority.

Dolce Themed Lunch ~ Diner Day ~ Wednesday 24 January 2024

We have managed to reschedule our themed lunch, which will now take place on Wednesday 24 January 2024. The Diner Day menu has been uploaded to SchoolGrid. If your child would like to have this meal, please complete SchoolGrid as normal. Please note that if you have already pre-ordered meals, you will need to re-book a meal for Wednesday 24 January, as the original pre-order will have automatically removed itself from the system due to the menu change.

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.



The poster features a retro diner theme with a black and white checkered border. At the top, the word "Dolce" is written in a blue cursive font, with "DINER" in large white block letters on a red background. Below this, "DAY" is written in white block letters on a blue background, and "THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY 2024" is written in white on a blue background. The menu is divided into three sections: "Mains", "Sides", and "Desserts", each with a red cursive title. The "Mains" section lists: BIG CITY BURGER, ROUTE 66 NUGGETS (UG), HAND STRETCHED HAWAIIAN PIZZA, and BROOKLYN BAKED POTATO BAR (U) with a yellow star icon, and KETCHUP. The "Sides" section lists: AMERICAN FRENCH FRIES, BOSTON BAKED BEANS, SWEETCORN, STARS & STRIPES SALAD BAR, and FRESH BREAD (U). The "Desserts" section lists: ICE CREAM & WAFFLE BITES (U) with a yellow star icon, SNICKERDOODLE COOKIE (UG) with a blue star icon, and FRESH FRUIT. Illustrations include a burger, fries, an ice cream sundae, and ketchup/mustard bottles.

Dolce
DINER
DAY
THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY 2024

= Mains =

BIG CITY BURGER
ROUTE 66 NUGGETS (UG)
HAND STRETCHED HAWAIIAN PIZZA
BROOKLYN BAKED POTATO BAR (U) ✨
KETCHUP

= Sides =

AMERICAN FRENCH FRIES
BOSTON BAKED BEANS
SWEETCORN
STARS & STRIPES SALAD BAR
FRESH BREAD (U)

✨ *= Desserts =*

ICE CREAM & WAFFLE BITES (U)
SNICKERDOODLE COOKIE (UG) ✨
FRESH FRUIT

dolce



LSA Golden Ticket Competition

If your child would like to take part in our Wonky Bar Golden Ticket Competition, please order your chocolate bar(s) via your SchoolComms account by Friday 26 January 2024. Good Luck everyone!



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.

Wild Explorers

Please find attached flyer below regarding Wild Explorers half-term activities, for your information.



Wild Explorers

Where nature, fun and adventure collide!

A child-led, fun and nurturing holiday club set in beautiful woodland on the Broughton Estate.

We are an OFSTED registered outdoor holiday club where children can play, enjoy a campfire, woodland crafts, tools and much more!



Price

£30 per child per day
Childcare vouchers accepted

Age

Reception - Age 13

February Half Term

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

Birthday parties also available year round - email us for more info



Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

Location

Broughton Hall Estate



hello@wildexplorers.org.uk



www.wildexplorers.org.uk

School Events:

- Mon 22 Jan 2024** - French Day
- 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 Forum at 2pm
- Wed 31 Jan 2024** - The Dogs Trust Class Workshops
- SEND Parent Workshop via Zoom ~ 4 to 5pm
- 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
- Mon 5 Feb 2024** - Young Voices Concert at Manchester AO Arena
- 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
- Thu 18 Apr 2024** - LSA Bag2School Collection



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achieve their
full potential