

We miss seeing all the children in school but keep working hard at home!



We must keep on protecting each other.



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STAY ALERT · CONTROL THE VIRUS · SAVE LIVES

Thank you to all our parents/carers for your continued support with home learning.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following pupils who have celebrated their birthdays this week, whilst school has been closed:

**EVIE M
MARTHA
ERNIE
WILLIAM**

Please find detailed below Headteacher updates for your information. If you have any queries regarding any of the content below, please contact the school office.

Dear Parents/Carers

Enforced School Closure ~ Week 3

It has been a busy week of home learning and school learning this week.

I do hope that children at home are coping with the isolation which can come from not seeing their friends in person. I hope also that the daily Zoom calls are providing a positive link for the children. As I have said before, the reason for the daily contact is two-fold, and is split evenly between:

- educational benefits - to ensure that children's learning continues, and we are able to deliver curriculum objectives in order to ensure progress.
- emotional / mental health benefits - we can't always see how unusual or difficult situations affect our children, but by ensuring contact and a chance for a chat, we hope to help them realise that they are not alone and that they still very much belong to our school community.

I know that many Zoom calls have been beset by technical issues, my own included, and for this, I apologise. Unfortunately, the internet connection to school is not very stable and can cause problems with video conferencing. We are looking at options for improving this, but as we are in a relatively remote position, the potential cost is proving to be extremely high.

I am really pleased to hear from all teachers in school that the level of engagement from children has been very high so far during this lockdown period. It is great testament to the efforts of everyone in our community: staff, children and especially busy working parents. I know how difficult it is working from home and trying to manage the schoolwork demands for young children; please remember to ask if you need extra information from us or if you'd like something explaining further to help you.

From next week, all staff in school will be undertaking twice-weekly Lateral Flow Covid tests. This is welcome news for me, as it will help us with our primary aim to keep children and staff safe within school. Many Covid cases are asymptomatic, which means adults could bring the virus into school without even knowing it. With the new testing regime, such cases should be discovered early, and we can then take steps to prevent the spread of the virus within the school.

I hope you all have a good weekend.



COLUM GROGAN

KEY WORKER AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN PROVISION

Thank you to those of you who have requested Key Worker provision in school this week. Please remember to complete the weekly request form (emailed out every Wednesday) by Thursday morning to enable us to arrange staffing and cater for school lunches. If your child has been offered a childcare place then please note the following:



- The school is still operating under Covid measures and it is even more important that parents/carers continue to adhere to the school's policies and procedures if your child is attending school during the national lockdown period.
- You must continue to check your child's temperature before coming to school and keep your child at home if they show any sign of Covid symptoms. If you or any of your household show any signs of symptoms or test positive, school must be informed immediately. Equally, if they have been in contact with someone who has a positive Covid result outside the household or support bubble, this must also be reported to school immediately in the normal way.
- The school's one-way system is in operation but we will only be using the main school entrance during the national lockdown period. Parents/carers must enter the school site via the main vehicle entrance and exit from the playground via the pedestrian access as per the current arrangement. Please note that **parents/carers must wear face masks whilst on the school site (including the playground).**
- Your child will be looked after by a skeleton teaching staff throughout the day and not taught in classes. This means that your child may not be with their usual class teacher or teaching assistant. The children will be split into two 'bubble' groups (Class 1/Class 2 and Class 3/Class 4) and will work independently on their work packs. Teaching staff will be on hand to support them with their work packs if required, as you would be doing if they were at home.
- Your child should arrive at 8.45am and must be picked up at 3.15pm unless you have made a prior arrangement with school.
- If your child is scheduled to attend school but is ill (not Covid), please let us know via the school telephone number or school email as normal so we can complete the register accordingly.
- Your child should arrive in school uniform with clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather – please ensure they have hats and gloves in the cold weather.
- If you have indicated your child will be bringing a packed lunch, please ensure they remember to bring it on the day.
- All children must bring in their school water bottles and their work packs daily.
- All children must bring in their PE kit as we will be doing PE sessions during the week.
- If bad weather is forecast or prevents the school from opening, then the school's Winter Plan arrangements will continue as under normal circumstances.
- No visitors or parents/carers will be allowed in the school building unless by prior arrangement.

HOME LEARNING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE

Work packs

We will endeavour to ensure requested work packs are available for parents/carers to collect from the parent shelter every Friday afternoon ready for Monday morning. In certain circumstances (e.g. snow resulting in school closure) there may be a delay in staff producing the work packs until the Monday, therefore please do not come up to school to collect the work pack unless you have had a text to say it is ready for collection.

Please ensure work packs are collected as soon as possible ~ unfortunately they are getting damp/wet if left over the weekend due to the current weather conditions. Please use the hand sanitizer provided prior to handling the boxes/packs and, to help us ensure the packs remain as dry as possible, please make sure the lids are secured on the boxes prior to leaving.

If you have a specific question about teaching and learning, please feel free to email the teachers direct using these email addresses:



- Mrs Bateman - lothclass1@ycatschools.co.uk
- Mr Craven - lothclass2@ycatschools.co.uk
- Miss Gallagher - lothclass3@ycatschools.co.uk
- Mrs Fawcett - lothclass4@ycatschools.co.uk

Please do not use these email addresses for anything other than home learning – all other queries should be directed to the school via the main school office email (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) as normal.

The teachers will be online during the school day and will be able to respond to any questions about the learning tasks from children or parents/carers as soon as possible. Please note that there may be a longer response time on the days the teachers are timetabled to be in school to support the children of key worker and vulnerable children. Please do not email teachers after 5 p.m. or at the weekends as some teachers do not know when to switch off and feel compelled to respond to requests and queries out-of-hours - thank you.

Online Learning: Zoom Lessons

Daily Teacher Zoom Calls						
Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
11.30 - 12.00	11.00 - 11.30	10.30 - 11.00	10.00 - 10.30	9.30 - 10.00	9.00 - 9.30	9.00 - 9.30



The daily Zoom calls provide an opportunity for your child’s class teacher to briefly introduce the day’s learning and maybe show an example of the work being taught; it may be a chance for a sing-a-long and some daily phonics; it may be a chance for the teacher to provide feedback for work which children have completed; or it may be a chance for children to ask questions about the work that has been set.

Physical Activities for Home Learners

Remember to keep your children physically active during lockdown to help with mental health and concentration levels to complete their home learning activities. Here are a few links below to help your children keep active during the lockdown:



[Disney Shake Up Games](#) | [10 Minute Shake Up](#) | [Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) These are for younger children and would be ideal to do between work sessions to reinvigorate them and get ready for the next lesson.

[The Daily Mile at Home](#) | [The Daily Mile UK](#) As many schools have taken on the daily mile, this link is for The Daily Mile (UK) and there are 15 weekly challenges that children can do with their other family members.

[Chance to Shine](#) are offering active sessions via its portal. There are sessions for at school in the playground, in the classroom and many ‘At Home’ ideas, perfect for lockdown and don’t require any real equipment. It is free to sign up to and has lots of classroom lessons all designed to follow the National Curriculum. Please sign up if you haven’t already and help to keep your kids active during lockdown.



<https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe> Joe Wicks has brought back ‘PE with Joe’ to keep children active following school closures in place until mid-February. The sessions called PE with Joe are [streamed live on Wicks’ YouTube channel](#) at 9am three days a week. They will be 20-minutes, half the length of the last lockdown session.

REMOTE LEARNING online

The school has subscribed to several online learning platforms and, if they are not currently using them in conjunction with class work packs, pupils in Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4 can continue to utilise these platforms at home.

Passwords and login details were provided to you and your children during the last lockdown to enable you to access these platforms.

Oxford Owl ~ Class 1

Mrs Bateman has issued user name and password information to all parents/carers of children in Class 1 this week and you are now able access resources on the Oxford Owl platform via the web address below.

Reading for Class 3

Laptop or Chromebook

1. Go to www.getepic.com/students
2. Students enter class code
3. Click on their name and they're in!



iOS/Android

1. Download the Epic! app from the app store
2. Students open the Epic! app
3. Students enter class code
4. Click on their name and they're in!

**purple
mash**

simple

All subjects for
Class 2, Class 3 & Class 4

Log in:

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/lothersdale>

spellzone

Spelling for
Class 2, Class 3 & Class 4

Log in:

<https://www.spellzone.com>



Maths for
Class 2, Class 3 & Class 4

Log in:

play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/87514
<https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student/87514>



Reading for
Class 4

Log in:

<https://student.readingplus.com>



**Oxford
OWL**



Reading for
Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3

Log in:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>

Further recommended learning platforms

Further online learning platforms, recommended by North Yorkshire County Council, may also help supplement your child's home learning and these are listed below.



<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/this-terms-topics>

Blue Peter on YouTube



For entertainment outside of home-schooling hours, Blue Peter have launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter) at CBBC.

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and they are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances.

They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about their incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

If you think your child would be interested in this, please subscribe (it's completely free!) to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every Thursday, or on BBC iPlayer!

Keep your child safe online

Remember that it is important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage children to speak to you if they come across something worrying online.



These resources provide guidance for parents and carers to keep children safe online. They will, amongst other things, support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

- [Thinkuknow](#) by National Crime Agency-CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) provides resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online
- [Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as [guidance on keeping under-fives safe online](#)
- [Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP, providing support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations
- NSPCC has [guidance for parents and carers](#) to help keep children safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) provides tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also [report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

School Office Information

If you have any queries regarding any of content below, please contact the school office (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).

The school office will remain open as normal term-time during the period of enforced school closure. However, please note that this will also be dependent on any staff illness/period of self-isolation.

School contact during enforced closure

If you wish to contact the school please follow normal procedures and email via the office email address (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) or telephone 01535 632510.

ParentPay Refunds

Payments made for activities due to take place this half-term have now been refunded via ParentPay accounts.

School Website Updates

Remember to look on our School Website for further information on what is happening around school! New postings on our website this week are listed below:

Friday News

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.



The Library Service would love your children to help them to create a 'Top books to make you smile' chart which they could promote on the library social media during 1st-7th February to support Children's Mental Health Week.

Children can anonymously recommend their top three book choices via the survey below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XX2S6VF>

The survey should just take a couple of minutes to complete and should be completed before Wednesday, 27 January 2021 ~ it would be fantastic if lots of children recommended their top books!

Alongside this week's newsletter, we have also emailed the Reading Well for Children leaflet and an Empathy Reading booklist for your information. All of the titles can be borrowed from North Yorkshire Libraries free of charge and some titles are available as e-books and e-audiobooks from the digital library too. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries>

Join the library - if you are not already a library member you can join online here:

<https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/northyorkshire/join>.

Alternatively, simply download their free 'North Yorkshire Libraries' app from the App Store or Google Play where you can join the library, reserve books, and access their vast e-book catalogue.

News from Christ Church, Lothersdale



Join us for 'Live @ 4'
Sundays via ZOOM
4.00 pm – 4.30pm

January
10th 24th
February
7th 21st
March
7th 21st



facebook.com/ubscl
www.ubscl.org.uk



The churches of Sutton, Cowling and Lothersdale invite you to take part in short interactive online worship services via Zoom on Sundays from 4.00 to 4.30pm, which include quizzes, games, craft activities, bible stories and prayers, on the following dates: 24 January, 7 & 21 February and 7 & 21 March 2021.

If you wish to take part, please message via Facebook or the website as listed.

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:

Tue 20 Apr 2021 - Bag2School collection in the Parent Shelter ~ by 9.00am

Food Allergy Warning

Please remember Lothersdale Primary School is a Nut Free Zone





Lothersdale Primary School
*ensuring all pupils
achieve their
full potential*



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