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Lothersdale Legends

This week's Lothersdale Legends
have been awarded to:

Reception - **Maisie Oddy**
Year 1 - **Charlotte Stirling**
Year 2 - **Alfie Burgess**
Year 3 - **Bethan Kernot**
Year 4 - **Layla Kirkley**
Year 5 - **Amelia West**
Year 6 - **Amelia Kirkley**

* YEAR 6 AWARD *

This week's Year 6 Award goes to
LILY RAMSDEN

Save the Date!

No new dates to record this week.

Deadlines & Reminders for w/c 30 January 2017

- Mon** - 9.00am til 12 noon ~ Mrs Ellison is out of school on staff training
Wed - Reception ~ Come Dine With Me (pre-booked)
Fri - Class 3 Swimming Lesson

EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 30 JANUARY 2017				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ball Games 3.15 - 4.00pm	Ukulele Club 10.20 to 10.50am Glee Club 12.30 - 1.00pm Woolcraft 3.15 - 4.15pm	Drama KS1 & KS2 3.30 - 4.30pm	Supersports 3.15 - 4.15pm	Football 3.15 - 4.15pm

Staffing Update

We are really pleased to be able to continue with additional adults in school this term to support teaching and learning arrangements in all classes.

Class 1 - Miss Maltby

Class 2 - Mrs Murray and Mrs Jeremy

Class 3 - Mrs Kingham and Miss Duncan

Class 4 - Mrs Robinson and Mrs Jeremy

South Craven Teachers

Miss Fretwell will continue teaching languages in Classes 1 and 2 until half-term and Miss Hickman will support the maths curriculum in Class 4 from half-term until the end of the summer term.

Pupil Voice



Lothersdale School Council Eco Team ~ Big Schools Garden Bird Watch

On 16 February 2017, class by class will be taking part in the RSPB Big Schools Garden Bird Watch. Also this weekend there will be a Big Garden Bird Watch where you can find many different birds. We have attached a tick list and a birdwatch biscuits and bird cake recipe to this newsletter ~ don't forget to enter your results onto the RSPB website, have fun! *Please note that you can download the colour version of the tick list from the newsletter on the school website to help you better identify the birds, or find it on the rspb birdwatch website!* Website details are rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

By Nyima and Gracie in Year 6

Safeguarding

Pick Up Arrangements

Thank you for supporting our safeguarding arrangements by continuing to inform school when pick up arrangements alter. Staff are always vigilant in ensuring that they know the adults who are collecting the children at 3.15pm, or after extended school clubs, and your telephone calls and emails, even when last minute, ensure there are no misunderstandings at the end of the day.

Extended Schools

May we remind parents/carers to inform school if your child is not taking part in an extended school session so that the register can be noted accordingly. This is particularly important as it helps us to ensure that all children are accounted for if they do not attend the session.

Swimming Gala Finals

Once again, well done to all the children who took part in the Primary School Cluster Swimming Gala on Friday 20 January. This week we were thrilled to learn that seven of our pupils ~ Ben Hall, Layla Kirkley, Lily Long-Prior, Evie Parker, Hannah Shelton, Dominica Taylor and Amelia West ~ have been selected to take part in the Swimming Gala Finals on Tuesday 7 March, at which they will be representing the South Craven Cluster. Letters will be sent out to parents/carers with further details next week.

KS2 Performing Arts Festival at South Craven School

After school on Thursday 27 January 2017, some children from Class 3 and Class 4 joined other local primary schools at South Craven School for a Performing Arts Festival. Everyone participated well and thoroughly enjoyed the dance, music and drama workshops. Mrs Fawcett was very impressed by all the children's enthusiasm and the high standard of their behaviour.

Reception and Year 1 ~ Come Dine With Me ~ Wednesday 1 February 2016

Children in Reception and Year 1 are looking forward to seeing their parents/carers who are booked on to the Come Dine With Me lunch on Wednesday. Please arrive in school at 11.55am.

Superheroes Reading Challenge

Well done to all our children who were able to show us that they have read at least 3 times this week (unfortunately a few children forgot their reading diaries and bookmarks today and couldn't be included in the class figures):

Class 1	100%	(congratulations Class 1 for your super effort!)
Class 2	90.1%	
Class 3	90%	
Class 4	92%	



Thank you for supporting your children in this week's challenge - we are aiming for 100% next Friday!



Happy Chinese New Year ~ Year of the Rooster

This week the whole school learnt about the origins of Chinese New Year the stories and traditions associated with this special festival.

We heard about the story of Nian, a frightening beast that legend depicts visited towns and villages at the time of the new moon. One year a wise man taught the people how to scare him away by wearing red, making loud noises and burning torches - the villagers did this and he was never seen again! Today Chinese people remember the story by wearing lots of the colour red, holding family celebrations, having firework displays and giving children and young people gifts of money.



Valentine's Day Lunch ~ Tuesday 14 February 2017

Thank you for returning the reply slips (children currently on pack ups) for the Valentine's Day Lunch taking place on Tuesday 14 February 2017. Mrs Varley has now placed her food order for that week and we are unable to accept any late replies.

Extended Schools Activities ~ Ukulele

UKULELE CLUB



Unfortunately Mrs Turvey was not in school on Tuesday due to illness and Ukulele Club did not take place.

Mrs Turvey will therefore arrange for the children booked on to this club to make up extra time over the forthcoming weeks to compensate for this missed session.



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

One volunteer ~ 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.

Sainsburys Active Vouchers ~ 25 January to 2 May 2017

Once again we are collecting Sainsburys Active Vouchers for our school. Please remember to tell your children to place vouchers in the box in the main reception area and not via the class register/school office.

School Office and Updates

Office and Telephone Support ~ Monday 30 January 2017

Please note there will be no office/telephone support on Monday morning due to staff training. If your query is urgent, please leave a message on the school answer machine as teaching staff will pick up messages throughout the morning.

School Deadlines

May we remind parents/carers of the importance of returning reply slips and/or making payments by the requested deadlines. Despite text reminders, returned paperwork is still not making it back into the school office and it is becoming increasingly difficult for the administrator to maintain deadlines set by other providers.

We would be grateful if you could support the school in this matter. Many thanks.

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. Please ensure school is informed if your child has a head bump out of school. This information is vital if your child suffers a secondary head bump in school, as it enables the school to take extra precautions and allow for closer monitoring in this situation.

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

Class 3 ~ games for times tables

LSA Minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2017

Lothersdale School Association

Cinema Night ~ Friday 20 January 2017

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the LSA cinema night last Friday. The children all had a really good time and the film was a great success. Many thanks to the LSA for organising and running this event so well on the day.

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.



LSA Bradford Magic Circle Family Event ~ Saturday 1 April 2017

The LSA have, once again, arranged for Bradford Magic Circle to come along and showcase their magic at our family event on Saturday 1 April 2017. More information will follow nearer the time but please save the date in your diaries. The last event was held in November 2014 and was a huge success.

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 - Sunday 5 and 19 February 2017



Christ Church Lothersdale welcomes you to their Café Church Services on Sunday 5 February in the Village Hall and Sunday 19 February 2017 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 have linked 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:

- 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
- 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
- Wed 15 Mar 2017 - Come Dine With Me ~ Year 1
- Wed 22 Mar 2017 - Class 3 visit to Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
- Tue 28 Mar 2017 - 2.00 to 5.30pm ~ Parent Consultations
- Thu 30 Mar 2017 - 2.00 to 8.00pm ~ Parent Consultations
- Sat 1 Apr 2017 - LSA Bradford Magic Circle Family Event
- 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
- Thu 27 Apr 2017 - Come Dine With Me ~ Year 2
- Fri 12 May 2017 - LSA Bag2School Collection

Community Events:

- 8-11 March 2017 - Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society ~ Gypsy, A Musical Fable. To book, call 07763 816611 or online at www.ilkleyoperatic.co.uk. Laura, who takes our Wednesday after school drama session, will be performing in this musical and looks forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.



Starling

Look closely in winter and you'll see lots of different colours in this mostly black bird, including white spots.

How many have you seen all at once?

Male



Chaffinch

Male chaffinches have a pinky-orange breast, while females are more brown. Both have distinctive white bars in their wings, which you can see well when they fly. They usually prefer feeding on the ground or a birdtable.

How many have you seen all at once?

Female



Collared dove

Look for its black neck collar. It came 11th in the 2016 Birdwatch, after only colonising the UK in the 1950s.

How many have you seen all at once?

Male



House sparrow

Although still at the number one spot in the 2016 Birdwatch, results show that house sparrows have declined by 58% since 1979. The male has a grey head, black bib and brown streaky back, while the female is more brown all over.

How many have you seen all at once?

Female



Dunnock

The dunnock is a small streaky brown and grey bird. It feeds on the ground, flicking its wings nervously as it goes.

How many have you seen all at once?



Coal tit

Smaller than a great tit, with a black head and white stripe down the middle at the back.

How many have you seen all at once?

Male



Blackbird

Males are black and females brown, both with yellow beaks. Often feed on the ground on fruit, worms or insects.

How many have you seen all at once?

Female



Don't forget to submit your results at [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) or fill in the survey form from the pack and post it back to us!

For you

Birdwatch biscuits

You will need:

- 170g/6oz butter
- 170g/6oz brown sugar
- 170g/6oz caster sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 260g/9oz plain flour
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 85g/3oz oats
- 85g/3oz sunflower seeds

1. Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6.
2. Grease and line a baking tray.
3. Cream together butter, brown sugar and caster sugar.
4. Add the egg and vanilla extract, and beat.
5. Add flour, bicarbonate of soda and oats, and mix well, blending in sunflower seeds.
6. Knead to a smooth paste.
7. Form into 2.5cm (1 inch) rounds, spaced 2.5cm (1 inch) apart.
8. Bake in a preheated oven for 15 minutes, until golden brown.
9. Cool on a wire rack, and enjoy with your RSPB coffee whilst you take part in the Birdwatch.
10. Feed any leftover sunflower seeds to your birds.



Count the wildlife
that's counting on you

For the birds

Bird cake

You will need:

- Yogurt pots
- String
- Scissors
- Suet or lard
- Mixing bowl
- RSPB bird seed
- Raisins
- Grated cheese

1. Using scissors, make a hole in the bottom of the yogurt pot.
2. Thread string through the hole and tie a knot on the inside. Leave enough string so that you can tie the pot to your tree or a birdtable.
3. Allow the lard to warm to room temperature, cut it up into small pieces, and add to a bowl.
4. Add the other ingredients to the bowl, and mix them together with your fingertips.
5. Keep adding the seeds, raisins and cheese, and knead until it is all held together by the fat.
6. Fill the yogurt pot with the bird cake mixture, and put it in the fridge to set for an hour or two.
7. Hang your bird cakes from trees or your bird table. Watch out for greenfinches, tits, and even great spotted woodpeckers.

NB: Don't use raisins if you have a dog, as they are poisonous to them.



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