

SPRING TERM ■ ISSUE 19 ■ FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2024

*Well done to this week's*

## Lothersdale LEGENDS

Reception ~ **Leo**

Year 1 ~ **Reggie**

Year 2 ~ **Elliot W**

Year 3 ~ **Hugo**

Year 4 ~ **Peter**

Year 5 ~ **Emily**

Year 6 ~ **Violet**



### 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.

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD CLOSURE

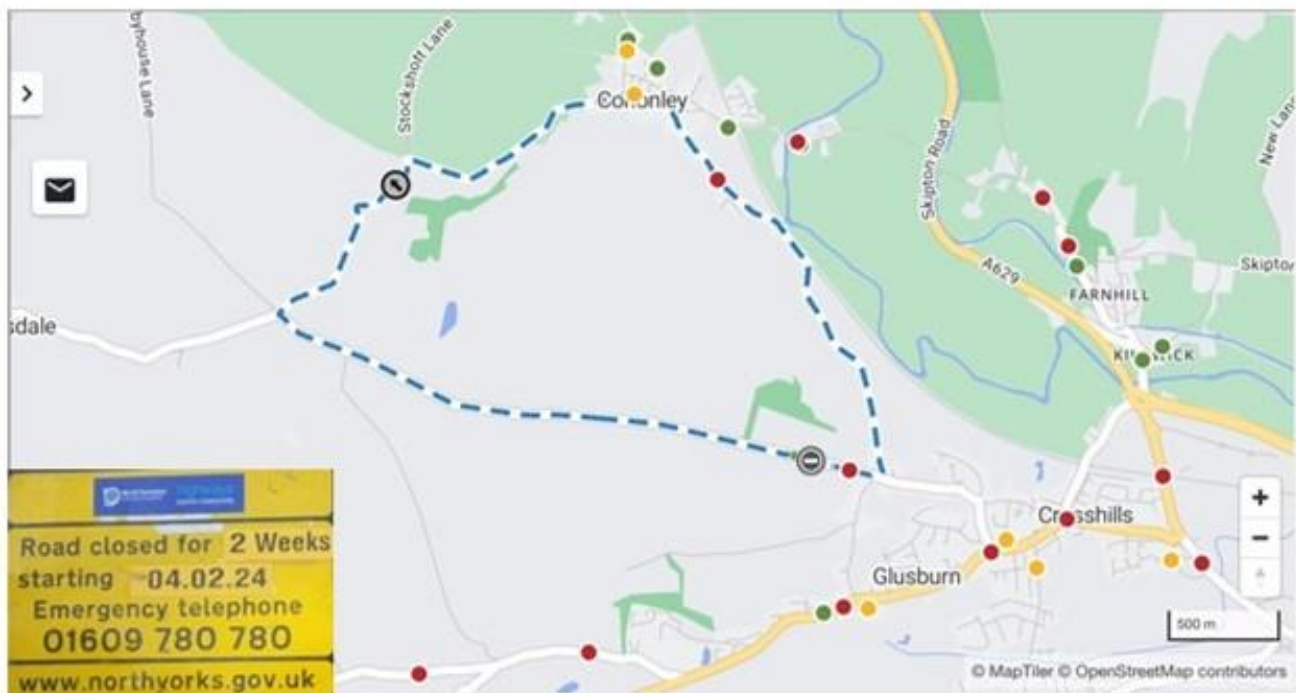
**Monday 5 February to Friday 16 February 2024**

You will have seen from the signage displayed at the bottom of Lothersdale Road coming into Cross Hills, that the road is due to be closed from Sunday 4 February to Friday 16 February 2024 and diversions will be in place.

As this is one of the main routes into the village, and the closure will impact both villagers and school traffic, we have contacted North Yorkshire County Council to confirm if the road will be permanently closed during this period, or open between certain hours. They have confirmed the route will be blocked off and only emergency vehicles will be allowed through.

The works being carried out are repairs to the drainage systems. These systems are critical in draining rainfall from the road surface for the safety of road users and longevity of the road surface. The drainage works will consist of new drainage pipe / new drainage system installation or the repair of existing drainage systems.

The road closure will have an impact on school traffic from 5 February to 9 February prior to half-term. Please therefore allow more time during this period whilst following an alternative route to school.





EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ SPRING TERM 2024 ~ FIRST HALF					HAVING	FUN	GETTING	FIT
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b> <b>WEEKLY TIMETABLE</b> Class 1 – Monday & Friday Class 2 – Monday & Thursday Class 3 – Tuesday & Friday Class 4 – Tuesday & Friday <b>Lothersdale</b> 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 <b>SCHOOL COUNCIL</b>			
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				
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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								
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. <b>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.</b>								

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.
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#### W/c 5 FEBRUARY 2024 ~ MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

- Mon** - Young Voices Concert  
**Tue** - Safer Internet Day  
**Wed** - Well-being Day  
       - Class 1 visit to Lothersdale Park & Woods  
**Thu** - Class 3 Stone Age Workshop in school  
**Fri** - School Council Valentine's Bake Sale for Shelterbox  
       - Tree Planting  
       - Last Class 3 swimming lesson this academic year

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.
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#### Parent Forum ~ Friday 26 January 2024

Thank you to those parents who attended the workshop, held on Friday 26 January. It was wonderful to meet with you all and share developments of the school, gather contributions for future projects and receive invaluable feedback.

During the meeting, I suggested that I would like to create a working party of parents that meet regularly to discuss and inform a new incentive, centred around metacognition. If this is something that you would like to take part in, please register your interest here:

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We hope that the workshop provided valuable insights and information. Thank you for your presence and engagement. We look forward to more opportunities to work together in building a strong school community.





### **Class 3 Stone Age Day Workshop ~ Thursday 1 February 2024**

What a fantastic day the children in Class 3 had on Thursday! They made a flint axe head (out of a bar of soap!), used a bow and arrow to hunt their food, and became archaeologists by digging for artefacts. They even dissected 'human poo' to find out all about the Stone Age diet!

The whole day was a huge success with the children immersing themselves fully in their learning. All the children looked amazing in their Stone Age costumes too. A huge thank you to Craven Museum for the loan of a discovery box containing fascinating artefacts for the children to admire. Try visiting the local museums with your children to further enhance their knowledge of this topic.







On Wednesday, we welcomed Rachael Hill from the Dogs Trust, who brought along her toy dog to help her demonstrate to the children about being safe around dogs.

All the children took part in workshops throughout the day and we would like to thank Rachael for coming along and engaging the children in this important topic.



### Young Voices Concert ~ Monday 5 February 2024

On Monday, our Young Voices Choir will be attending the Young Voices Concert at Manchester AO Arena.

We hope they all have a fantastic time and look forward to hearing all about it.

### Wednesday 7 February 2024 ~ Class 1 visit to Lothersdale Park and Woods

Weather permitting, children from Class 1 will be going over to the park and woods next Wednesday. Please ensure the children have their wellies school and hats, coats and gloves etc., for the weather conditions on the day.



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

Next Friday, the School Council will be holding their Valentine's Bake Sale in school.

Please bring baking donations into school on the morning of Friday 9 February and ensure children have some change in their bookbag to make a purchase if they wish.

All proceeds will go towards Shelterbox. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Local Tree Planting ~ Friday 9 February 2024

All children will be taking part in our local tree planting initiative next Friday, 9 February 2024. Children will need to have wellies, over-trousers and a warm coat in school on Friday. They can bring gardening gloves if they wish (please ensure they are named so they can be returned if they go astray!). Trowels and spades will be provided.



This is a Woodland Creation Offer from the Forestry Commission. The aim is to make better, sustainable environmental and economic use of the land that was unprofitable for grazing sheep. This offer benefits nature and for the farm, like water storage (less flooding in winter, less drought in summer) and better water quality (cooler & cleaner) as well as providing shelterbelts for the livestock from wind and sun and more mixed forage.

Thank you to Jon Grey for getting the school involved in this local initiative. We just hope the weather is on our side next Friday!

Welcome to the  
Lothersdale

# SCHOOL OFFICE

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

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!

	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 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>

## Class 3 Swimming Lessons ~ Contributions Deadline



Please note that the deadline for payment of voluntary contributions towards your child's swimming lessons is today, Friday 2 February 2024. Swimming is an important part of the curriculum but, unfortunately, the school receives no extra funding for swimming and relies on parental contributions to enable the children to take part in this activity.

To date, we have received £1,825.20 in contributions towards this activity, but are still £1,260.40 short of the total the school requires to make this activity viable. If you have not yet made a payment, and still wish to do so, please ensure payment is made by close of play today. Unfortunately, any shortfall will have to be taken out of the curriculum budget. Many thanks in advance for your support.

## Dolce ~ Menu Change

Please remember to pre-order meals again for next Wednesday and Thursday due to the menu changes made by Dolce. As mentioned in our previous communication, any pre-orders are automatically cancelled on the system if a menu change has been implemented.






## YCAT Catering

A letter was emailed to parents/carers this week from the Trust's CEO regarding the new school catering arrangements commencing 19 February 2024.

We would be grateful if parents/carers of children currently in Class 3 and/or Class 4 could ensure that school meal payments are up-to-date, and accounts cleared, by Friday 9 February so that there are no financial implications to school when the changeover occurs over half-term.

## Pre-admissions Register of Interest

The school Pre-admissions Register of Interest List for a potential reception place at Lothersdale Primary School is starting to fill up for next year's September 2025 admission group. It is important that parents/carers register their interest for a reception place for their child as soon as possible (even if you live in the village) to enable us to determine potential numbers and the impact it will have on the future school roll. Please be aware that entering your child's name on this list does not constitute the offer of a Reception place.

LOTHERSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL		Admission Year	Entry Date	Date of Birth Range	No. of Places Available	Registrations of Interest received to date
		2025/2026	Sept 2025	1.9.2020 to 31.8.2021	15 (tbc)	6
		2026/2027	Sept 2026	1.9.2021 to 31.8.2022	15 (tbc)	2
		2027/2028	Sept 2027	1.9.2022 to 31.8.2023	15 (tbc)	0
		2028/2029	Sept 2028	1.9.2023 to 31.8.2024	15 (tbc)	0

If you have not yet registered your interest for your child on any of the above school lists, please download a copy of the school's register of interest form available from the school website or, alternatively, contact Mrs Ellison, in the School Office, via email on [lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) as soon as possible for a form. If you have friends or relatives of children who also fall within the above categories, we would be grateful if you could pass on this information.





**Thank you to those of you who have supported our LSA Golden Ticket Competition.**

Wonky Bars have now been handed out via class teachers and, if you have been lucky enough to win a Golden Ticket, please bring your winning ticket into school on Monday, 5 February.

Prizes will be awarded to each Golden Ticket winner.

Good Luck everyone!



**School Events:**

- 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** - School Council Valentine's Day Bake Sale
- 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
- Thu 22 Feb 2024** - National Child Measurement Programme ~ Rec & Year 6 ~ 1:15pm
- 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
- Tue 19 Mar 2024** - Parent Consultations ~ 2 to 6pm
- Wed 20 Mar 2024** - Parent Consultations ~ 2 to 6:30pm
- 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
- 22 to 24 May 2024** - Year 4 Residential visit to Eshton Grange

