

AUTUMN TERM ■ ISSUE 2 ■ FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2020

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This week's

Lothersdale Legends

have been awarded to:

Reception ~ **ALL** pupils for
making a fabulous nest in the woods

Year 1 ~ **Annabelle J**
Year 2 ~ **Emily D**
Year 3 ~ **Violet**
Year 4 ~ **Jonty**
Year 5 ~ **Charlotte**
Year 6 ~ **Alfie**

ô **YEAR 6 AWARD** ô

This week's Year 6 Award goes to
MILLIE

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**Deadlines & Reminders
for w/c
21 September 2020**

It would be really helpful if requested reply slips/payments etc. could be returned by the stated deadlines to enable us to process the paperwork effectively this week.

- Mon** - Class 4 visit to Murton Park – return of outstanding consent form & payment of contribution
Fri - Class 1 Bedtime Story (see Class 1 page for further details)

EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 21 September 2020				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soccer Tots 3.15 – 4.15pm	Get Groovy 3.15 – 4.15pm	Drama KS1 3.15 – 4.15pm	Art Club 3.15 – 4.15pm	Y5/6 Football 3.15 – 4.15pm
	Y3/4 Football 3.15 – 4.15pm	Drama Club KS2 3.15 – 4.15pm	Supersports 3.15 – 4.15pm	

Please do not come onto the school playground - the member of staff/activity provider will unlock the main gate and bring the children out at the end of each session to ensure a safe handover to parents/carers. Please remember to keep your distance.

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

We have now completed week 2 of term and for the vast majority of children it is as if they have never been away from school. I continue to be hugely impressed by your children and their attitude to school. Most classes have been assessing children this week so we can find out where there are gaps in their learning caused by the extended absence from school; we can then plan to fill those gaps through structured intervention programmes and whole-class teaching over the coming weeks and months. All the teachers have spoken about how hard the children have worked this week and we could not be prouder of them all.

I have loved speaking with parents/carers on the playground before and after school and I am very grateful for all the encouraging comments and the very kind welcome to the Lothersdale community which you have given me. Unfortunately, we still cannot invite parents in to the building but if you ever need to chat to me, please feel free to approach me on the playground or phone Mrs Ellison in the office and she will put you through to me. At this time of year, we would usually open the doors to parents/carers and invite you in to meet the teachers and learn about the curriculum and the routines of your child's class. This is particularly important if your child has moved up to a new class but unfortunately, we are not allowed to do it this year. As an alternative, each teacher is going to prepare a presentation which can be uploaded to the school website. Each presentation will include a short video welcome and tour of the classroom as well as a presentation; this will give you essential information about the work your children will be doing in class as well as the normal weekly routines, including homework. If, after viewing these, you have any questions or concerns, you are always free to talk to the teachers after school if you need to. I know the red and white cones and chains can be a bit off-putting but, as you know, the staff are all very approachable and happy to talk to you.

We have made a wealth of changes to procedures in school in order to keep up with the latest government advice on managing Coronavirus in schools. One such change is the reduction in paper which we are sending home; please ensure that we have up-to-date email addresses for all parents/carers so that you do not miss out on any important information from school. In order to help you understand some of the changes, Mrs. Ellison has written more about this later on in the newsletter.

This week the teachers and I have been discussing how best we can support the education of your children if we have to close a class because of a positive test for Covid-19. In order to help us plan, I shall be sending out a questionnaire to give you the opportunity to feed back in more detail about your experience of home learning, if you so wish. Many schools are in this situation now and I want us to be fully prepared because it could easily happen to us.

Here's a brief reminder of Covid-19 procedures:

- if a child or adult in a class tests positive, they would have to self-isolate for at least 10 days, along with the rest of their household
- the rest of the class would have to remain at home and self-isolate for 14 days from the date of the first symptoms
- siblings in other classes would continue to come to school - so long as they did not display symptoms
- other family members would not have to self-isolate - so long as no one in the household displayed symptoms

I hope you all enjoy a fun family weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

Best Wishes



COLUM GROGAN

**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.



Whole School ~ 2020/2021 Influenza Programme

Letters have been emailed to parents/carers of all pupils today regarding the Growing Healthy Team's 2020/2021 Influenza Programme. Please ensure you have submitted your online consent by Sunday 18 October 2020 at the latest to enable your child/children to take part in this programme. We will let you know the date the team are scheduled to visit Lothersdale as soon as this has been

confirmed.

South Craven School Primary Cluster Events

Sadly South Craven School is unable to hold the cluster events this term due to the safety of staff, visitors and pupils during the Covid crisis. This means that the Cross Country event and the Football Tournaments will not be taking place this year.

Extended Schools Activities ~ w/c 14 September 2020

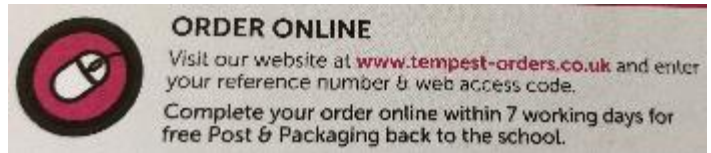
Football Club – please could all children participating in Mr Craven's football club on a Tuesday bring in a separate football kit to ensure that school PE kits remain in school for that week's PE sessions.

Arrangements for collecting your child from the extended schools' clubs will remain the same as the normal end of day procedures, except for the football clubs – please collect your child from the park after these sessions.

The Extended Schools' activity lists can be found on the school website under the 'Learning' tab: <https://www.lothersdaleschool.org.uk/child/activities-and-trips>

School Photographs

School photographs and order forms have been sent out to all parents/carers via bookbags today. If you wish to purchase your child's photograph please follow the online ordering process detailed on the photo pack. Please ensure all photo orders are placed by Tuesday 29 September 2020.



Please do not return any photo orders to school.

Snacks

All children in Class 1 and Class 2 are provided with a free piece of fruit every day as a government initiative. The LSA (Lothersdale School Association) kindly fund the provision of fruit twice a week for children in Class 3 and Class 4. Please note that children can also bring one piece of fruit from home if they wish - no other food items are allowed in school eg. chocolate, crisps, yoghurt etc. We thank you for your support in keeping our children healthy.



Class 1 Updates
from
Mrs Bateman

Please find detailed below Class 1 updates from Mrs Bateman. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).



Bedtime Story Day! ~ Friday 25 September 2020

Class 1 (Reception) are having a Bedtime Story Day on Friday 25 September 2020. Please come to school in your PJs or onesie (you will still need your school shoes and coat). Mrs Bateman and Mrs Gallagher will be dressed in their PJs too and we will all read Mrs Bateman's favourite bedtime story!

Visit to Lothersdale Park and Woods



Our first trip out to Lothersdale park and woods was a great success and Mr Grogan came along too to help. All the children listened as I explained our woodland rules and they built a nest together - collecting lots of sticks!

Road safety is very important and we began to learn our STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK routine.

Class 2 Updates
from
Mr Craven

Please find detailed below Class 2 updates from Mr Craven. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).



Class 2 have had another brilliant week. All of the children are now really settled in and are working very hard. There are a lot of tired faces now and I think we are all ready for the weekend!



We had a brilliant walk over to the woods to build some bug houses and a house for our class bear, Cookie the Koala. This was a lovely opportunity for myself and the children to continue to get to know each other and have some fun. Fun it was and I was very impressed with some of the houses built and how they had used the different materials they had found in the woods.

Well done Class 2, I'm really looking forward to next week!

Class 3 Updates
from Miss Gallagher
& Mrs Daniell

Please find detailed below Class 3 updates from Miss Gallagher & Mrs Daniell. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).

Class 3 have been working very hard on their assessments this week – Miss Gallagher has been very impressed by the children’s attitudes and desire for learning.

This week we have also started our Viking topic and will be keeping you up-to-date this term with our Norse News!

Well done Class 3.

Class 4 Updates
from
Mrs Fawcett

Please find detailed below Class 4 updates from Mrs Fawcett. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).



What a purposeful week we’ve had in Class 4 – the children have worked their socks off again and have really impressed us with their recall of key knowledge and utter determination to succeed in all areas.



During the week, children have completed maths and English tasks, the results of which will enable us to tailor the curriculum to their particular needs. Times table and division facts recall is improving by the day; an area all children need to revisit regularly, ensuring rapid and accurate recall. Really well done so far; keep it up!



KIRF books have been sent out today, the next area of focus being decimal bonds to 1 for Year 5 and to 1 and 10 for Year 6; completed tasks are due back in school next Wednesday. The standard of homework has been

excellent so far, both accurately and neatly completed – we are thrilled with the determined approach we have seen.

We will have the weekly spelling test next Monday – Year 5 focusing on suffixes - remember to highlight the suffixes in your brown spelling books, and Year 6 working on ‘cial’ and ‘tial’ endings which sound like ‘shal’.

Following the check-up of the words on the Year 3/4 word list, children who have spellings to learn will have their personal list stuck in the back of their homework diaries on Monday. Please take time to practise these words at home alongside the weekly spelling patterns. There will be another check-up of the individual words the children have been learning during week commencing 28th September. Now the children are fully settled, Year 5 spelling sentence homework will start in the next couple of weeks.

Murton Park have been in touch, and have sent us templates to make labels, ration books and ID cards for our visit; we shall make these up in school and pass them onto the children when we arrive on the day.

We hope you have a great weekend; enjoy the sunshine, and we really look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Home Front Day at Murton Park, York

Thank you for returning the completed consent form regarding your child's class trip – we still have several consent forms outstanding and would be grateful if they could be returned on Monday 21 September. The school has received 57% of contributions towards this visit and require 85% to make it financially viable. If you have not yet made a contribution, and still wish to do so, please ensure payment is made by Monday 21 September. No child will be excluded if his or her parents/carers do not contribute but, if insufficient voluntary contributions are received, then regrettably this trip will be cancelled.

Year 6 Secondary School Application ~ September 2021

For families living in North Yorkshire who have a child born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010 and are due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2021, you can start to apply for a secondary school place for your child from 12 September 2020. You must submit your application by 31 October 2020.

All the information on how to apply is available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions. Families living outside North Yorkshire will need to contact their own home Authority to obtain the information regarding school admissions and to make an application to the Authority where they live.

School Office Information

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

Thank you to everyone for adapting to our new admin routines and for supporting us with changes to our admin procedures. This is helping us to continue to provide you with school information but also adhering to new guidance.

We are now two weeks into the new academic year and, as with all school administration, this is always a particularly busy time of year without the added pressures of working to new timetables and government legislation.

We therefore detail below the routines/changes we have made to help us ensure the school office continues to run as efficiently as possible.

- The school office hours remain the same - 8.00am to 12pm and 2pm to 4.00pm. If your telephone call is not answered during these hours, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can. If you need to contact school after 4pm, please note that we cannot guarantee your call will be answered and, in this instance, we would ask you to email the school office and we will endeavour to respond to your query as soon as possible, but note that this may be the next working day.

- Registers are now taken electronically in class and it is therefore important that **all absences are reported to the school office by 8.30am**. This will enable the office to record absences on the system prior to registration so that all teachers are made aware of who will be in class that day. We would ask that you continue to bring your children to school at the time slot of the oldest child so that classes can start on time. This will help avoid teaching staff waiting unnecessarily on the playground in a morning for late arrivals.
- We understand that it may be impossible in the current climate to avoid medical appointments in school time, however please let us know as soon as possible if your child will not be attending school due to a medical appointment. Please be aware that parents/carers will need to contact the school office if they will be bringing children into school later than normal, or picking up earlier than normal due to a medical appointment so that you can be met by staff at the school gate to drop off/pick up your child.
- If your child has forgotten to bring their bookbag/PE kit and it is essential you need to return to school with it, please ensure you contact the school office to arrange for a member of staff to come out to the main gate to collect it from you.
- All home/school correspondence will now be in electronic format and will be emailed out to parents/carers - we would therefore ask you to regularly check your emails if you don't already do so to keep yourselves up-to-date and meet any deadlines. We would ask that replies are also returned electronically. We understand that in some cases this may cause problems, particularly if you are not familiar with Microsoft Word or do not have a printer, however if you are able to email a quick reply this is perfectly acceptable. If you are able to print out the form and complete it by hand but do not have a scanner, then please take a photograph of the form with your mobile phone and return via email. If you are struggling to return any documents electronically, then please contact the school office for help and advice. This system will help us avoid any possible Covid transmission between home and school and ensure that our school 'bubbles' are maintained. Please note that it may not always be possible to confirm receipt of your email due to the volume of emails coming through the school office.
- Please note that the majority of our correspondence will be sent out via our Message Service which will end with the message *'This email/text was sent on behalf of Lothersdale Primary School via ScholarPack MIS'*. Please do not reply directly to these emails/texts as the mailboxes are not manned and the reply will not be received in school. All replies must be sent via the school office email (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).
- Please note that, moving forward, we will try to ensure letters etc are also available to view on the school website.
- Friday News will continue to be emailed to parents/carers and a copy placed on the school website but please note that, due to the volume of work coming through the school office, this may not be available until late on Friday or over the weekend.
- Please note that visitors/parents are not allowed in the school building for the foreseeable future.

We thank you in advance for supporting us whilst we navigate through new systems and working practices in these difficult times.

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.

**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

**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:

Fri 25 Sep 2020

- Class 1 Bedtime Story Day

Wed 30 Sep 2020

- Class 4 visit to Murton Park, York

Fri 23 Oct 2020

- School breaks up at 3.15pm for half-term

Sat 31 Oct 2020

- Deadline for online submission of application for a secondary school place for September 2021

Mon 2 Nov 2020

- School re-opens

Food Allergy Warning

Please remember Lothersdale Primary School is a Nut Free Zone





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*ensuring all pupils
achieve their
full potential*



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