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This week's

## Lothersdale Legends

have been awarded to:

Reception ~ Aravon Airlie  
Year 1 ~ Charlotte Paul  
Year 2 ~ Chloe Driver  
Year 3 ~ Matilda Rooke  
Year 4 ~ Oscar Newiss  
Year 5 ~ Harry Preston  
Year 6 ~ George Bateman

★ YEAR 6 AWARD ★

This week's Year 6 Award goes to  
GEORGE WALTON

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We hope you all have an exciting half-term break  
and look forward to seeing you again on  
**Monday 24 February 2020**

**Deadlines &  
Reminders for w/c  
24 February 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 ~ Reading Plus at 8.30am  
 - Deadline for the return of the Year 1 Come Dine With Me reply slip & payment  
 - Deadline for the return of the World Book Day Lunch reply slip (children on pack ups)
- Tue** - Year 6 ~ Spelling Plus at 8.30am (selected pupils)  
 - Class Reading Workshops ~ 9.05am to 9.35am (Class 2, Class 3 & Class 4)  
 - Class 3 & Class 4 ~ Tag Rugby sessions  
 - NO MULTISPORTS session after school due to Pancake Tea  
 - LSA Pancake Tea
- Wed** - Class 4 ~ Reading Plus at 8.30am  
 - Craven Swimming Gala Final (selected pupils)
- Thu** - Class 4 ~ Numeracy Plus at 8.30am (selected pupils)
- Fri** - Class 4 ~ Reading Plus at 8.30am  
 - Deadline for return of the Class 2 Skipton Castle consent form and contribution  
 - Class 3 Swimming Lesson  
 - School finishes at 3.15pm for the half-term break

EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 24 February 2020				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bird Watching 3.15 - 4.00pm	Gardening Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Drama KS1 & KS2 3.30 - 4.30pm	Yoga Club 8.30 - 9.00am	Football 3.15 - 4.15pm
Get Groovy 3.15 - 4.15pm	NO MULTISPORTS	Yoga 3.15 - 4.15pm	Art Club 3.15 - 4.15pm	
Reading Club 3.15 - 4.00pm	Woolcraft 3.15 - 4.15pm		Farming & Nature 3.15 - 4.15pm	
Tag Rugby 3.15 - 4.15pm			Supersports 3.15 - 4.15pm	

**The member of staff/activity provider will bring the children out to the main playground at the end of each session to ensure a safe handover to parents/carers**

**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:*

- Fri 3 Apr 2020** - Fairtrade Coffee Morning at Lothersdale Village Hall



*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.*

### Save the Children Christmas Jumper Donations

Please find attached a certificate from Save the Children congratulating all the children on the money they raised on our Christmas Jumper days. Once again, thank you all for your support.



Save the  
Children

### Class Reading Workshop for Parents/Carers ~ Tuesday 4 February 2020

READING WORKSHOPS  
FOR PARENTS/CARERS



Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to attend the Class Reading Workshops on Tuesday. If you could not make the sessions this week, a further workshop will be held on the following date (please note that this does not include Class 1):

Tuesday 25 February - 9.05am to 9.35am (Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4)

### Safer Internet Day

This year's key message is *'Together for a better internet'* and Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation.

Tina and Melissa, the PCSOs, came into school on Monday to deliver Key Stage assemblies about staying safe when using the internet.

They spoke to children in Class 3 and Class 4 about what sort of information they could, and should not, share online. The children were advised about who to accept as friends online and to ask themselves 'is this someone you really know?' The children carried on with these discussions in class. They shared the story *'#goldilocks a cautionary tale'*, which Miss Gallagher has added to the school website under Class 3 and Class 4 pages and handouts were given to the children to take home.



Safer Internet Day  
2020 | Tuesday  
11 February

Together for a better internet

Children in Class 1 and Class 2 watched a CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) video about two children called Lee and Kim, and learnt how to stay safe while online gaming. Two puppets, 'Cool Cat' and 'Dirty Dog', were used to show the children that people may not always be who they say they are when online. Cool Cat was honest, Dirty Dog tried to trick them! Mrs Bateman continued the theme with a follow up story and gave all the children stickers with top tips for staying safe online.

There are also lots of resources available on the website for parents and carers to use at home, which include suggestions for using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

## Parent Consultations ~ Wednesday 25 March & Thursday 26 March 2020

Thank you for returning reply slips for our forthcoming Parent Consultations. Letters have gone out today confirming allocated times and every effort has been made to meet requests.

If you have not returned your reply slip but would still like a parent consultation, please contact Mrs Ellison as soon as possible to discuss available time slots as there is limited availability in all classes on both days. Equally, if you cannot make the allocated time, please email Mrs Ellison on [lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) as soon as possible so the time can be given to another parent/carer. Your email will then be forwarded to the appropriate teacher so that alternative arrangements can be made.

## Extended Schools' Activities ~ Spring Term Second Half

Activity lists for next half-term are now available to view in the main school entrance.

Please note a few of the clubs are oversubscribed (Gardening Club is the most popular!) and therefore we have been unable to accommodate all requests due to limited numbers for safeguarding and health and safety.

It is therefore important that you check the lists before the start of next half-term so that you know which clubs your child(ren) will be attending.

### *Please remember.*

Tuesday 25 February 2020 ~ there will be no Multisports club due to the LSA Pancake Tea.

Monday 9 March 2020 ~ there will be no Bird Watching club due to staff training.

Wednesday 25 March 2020 ~ there will be no Drama clubs due to Parent Consultations.

Thursday 26 March 2020 ~ there will be no Farming & Nature club due to Parent Consultations.

## Extended School's Art Club ~ Spring Term First Half

Children taking part in our Art Club have produced some fantastic artwork this half-term ~ please see the attached information sheet from Denisa detailing what they have been working on.

## LSA Pancake Tea ~ Tuesday 25 February 2020



Thank you to everyone who has returned their reply slip and payment for the Pancake Tea on Tuesday 25 February 2020. The deadline has now passed and we will be allocating tickets nearer the time to the class teachers to hand out to children on the day, which will hopefully avoid any going astray!

*Please remember this is an advanced ticket only event as LSA members will be making the number of pancakes required fresh on Tuesday and unfortunately will not be able to cater for any additional requests, or take money for pancakes, on the day.*



Please note the timings as follows:

2.35pm to 3.10pm ~ Children in Class 1 and Class 2 would like to invite their parents/carers and grandparents to join them at 2.35pm until 3.10pm. If children from Class 2 are participating in Gardening Club, please ensure they are ready to start the club at 3.20pm prompt.

3.00pm to 3.15pm ~ Children from Class 3 & Class 4, who are participating in after school clubs, will be able to buy and eat their pancakes from 3.00 to 3.15pm, ready to start the clubs at 3.20pm prompt.

3.15pm - 3.45pm ~ Parents/carers and grandparents of children in Class 3 and Class 4 are welcome to come along when the children come out of school at 3.15pm - this will hopefully avoid any queues!

LOOSC ~ If your child is in Class 3 or Class 4 and booked into the Out of School Club on Tuesday afternoon, please email Deborah at [outofschoolclub@googlemail.com](mailto:outofschoolclub@googlemail.com) to let her know if he/she will be staying for a pancake at 3.15pm. Deborah will then be able to arrange supervision accordingly.



### World Book Day - Thursday 5 March 2020



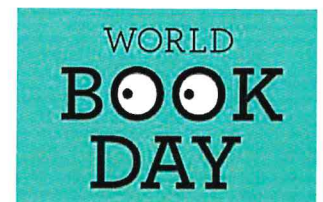
This year's World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5 March 2020 and we would like all children to design a hat or mask, drawing inspiration from their favourite book or a character from a book, and bring into school on Thursday 5 March 2020 to wear to celebrate World Book Day. Hopefully the half-term holiday will enable you to start creating your hat/mask and we look forward to seeing your

creations on the day.

### World Book Day Lunch ~ Thursday 5 March 2020

Please see the attached menu regarding the World Book Day Lunch, which will be held in school on Thursday 5 March 2020, for your information.

Children currently on packs ups ~ if your child currently has a packed lunch you will have received separate information and a reply slip sent out via bookbags yesterday. Please complete the reply slip and return to school by Monday 24 February 2020 if your child(ren) would like to have the World Book Day Lunch, to enable Mrs Grosschmidt to order the correct quantities of food.





**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.*

**Class 1 ~ Family Reader's Project**

Thank you to those parents/carers/grandparents who have been into school over the last few weeks to read to the Class 1 children ~ they really enjoyed listening to lots of different stories. As Mrs Bateman mentioned in the Reading Workshops, she is planning to invite you all in again in the summer term to take part in our Talking Tables project.

**Class 1 ~ Visit from Paramedics**



On Tuesday, Class 1 children had a visit from Maisie Y's dad and Niamh K's dad, who are both paramedics. The children learnt about the role of a paramedic, tried on their uniform, listened to each other's heartbeat and learnt how to bandage! They were able to see inside an ambulance and they watched while Mrs Gallagher had her heart rate and blood pressure monitored.

The children were really excited and thoroughly enjoyed their morning. Thank you to our wonderful paramedics for giving up their time to come into school.



**Their advice for all children in school: if you dial 999, the operator will need to know where you are (do you know the first line of your address?), and to always tell a grown up if you feel unwell and cannot stand to look at the light.**



**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.*

**Class 2 Visit to Skipton Castle - Monday 2 March 2020**



Thank you for returning the consent forms for the Class 2 trip to Skipton Castle after the half-term holiday. We have a few forms outstanding - if you have not yet returned the consent form, please ensure it is returned to school on Monday 24 February 2020. Please note that the school needs to receive at least 80% of parental contributions to make this activity financially viable and 61% of contributions have been received to date. If you have not yet made a contribution and still wish to do so, please ensure you make payment by Monday 24 February 2020. 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 not go ahead.

**Year 1 Come Dine With Me ~ Tuesday 3 March 2020**

Come Dine With Me for parents/carers of children in Year 1 will take place on Tuesday 3 March and Year 1 children are really looking forward to seeing you! Invitations and accompanying reply slips were sent out via bookbags yesterday. Please ensure the appropriate contribution is paid via ParentPay and reply slips returned by Monday 24 February 2020 as places are limited. To help us with administration, please ensure the reply slip is returned to school only when payment has been made.

**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.*

**Class 3 Swimming Lessons ~ Spring Term**

We would be very grateful if contributions towards your child's weekly swimming lessons this term could be made by our deadline of Monday 23 March 2020. Please note that the school needs to receive at least 85% of parental contributions to make this activity financially viable and 47% of contributions have been received 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**

Class 3 ~ photos of trip, science experiment and reading workshop PowerPoint

Class 3 and Class 4 ~ Internet Safety Story '#goldilocks a cautionary tale'



## Sporting Events

*Please find detailed below information regarding sporting events taking place out of school. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.*

### Craven Area Swimming Finals ~ Wednesday 12 February 2020



Many congratulations to Isla P, George B, Georgia T, Logan, Millie O and Noah, who represented the South Craven School Cluster at the Craven Sports Partnership Swimming Gala Final on Wednesday, helping them to achieve an amazing 1st position!

Mrs Bateman was very impressed by their commitment and behaviour and we are all very proud of their achievements.

Thank you also to our parent supporters for cheering them on to victory. Well done!

## School Office Information

*If you have any queries regarding any of the content below, please contact the school office.*

### School Menu ~ Spring Term Second Half

Please find attached our new menu for after half-term, for your information.



**SCHOLASTIC**

### Scholastic Book Fair ~ Parent Helpers

So far we have only had 2 offers of help for this year's Book Fairs and would really appreciate some more parent helpers to support us at our event, which takes place this year during the week beginning 2 March 2020, as follows:

Two volunteers ~ Monday 2 March - 8.30 to 9.00am

Two volunteers ~ Tuesday 3 March - 8.30 to 9.00am

Two volunteers ~ Wednesday 4 March - 8.30 to 9.00am

Two volunteers ~ Wednesday 6 March - 3.15 to 3.45pm

This will involve taking money and recording purchases made at the above sessions. If you are able to help out on any of the above dates/times, please contact Mrs Ellison in the School Office or by email as soon as possible so that the rota can be prepared.



*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 16 February 2020



Christ Church Lothersdale welcomes you to their Café Church Service on Sunday 24 February 2020 at Christ Church, Lothersdale. Breakfast 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.

### Wild About Lothersdale ~ The Call of the Curlew

Please find attached information providing us with interesting facts about the curlew.



### Keighley Women's Refuge (Bradford Women's Aid)

Please remember we are 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

*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:

- Mon 24 Feb 2020 - School reopens at 9.00am
- Tue 25 Feb 2020 - Class Reading Workshops - 9.05am to 9.35am (except Class 1)
- Tue 25 Feb 2020 - LSA Pancake Tea
- Mon 2 Mar 2020 - KS2 High Adventure Climbing Competition (selected pupils)
- Mon 2 Mar 2020 - Class 2 visit to Skipton Castle
- Mon 2 Mar 2020 - Scholastic Book Fair ~ 8.30 to 9.00am
- Tue 3 Mar 2020 - Scholastic Book Fair ~ 8.30 to 9.00am
- Tue 3 Mar 2020 - Come Dine With Me ~ Year 1
- Wed 4 Mar 2020 - Scholastic Book Fair ~ 8.30 to 9.00am and 3.15 to 3.45pm
- Thu 5 Mar 2020 - World Book Day
- Thu 5 Mar 2020 - Y5/6 Netball Festival at South Craven (selected pupils)
- Mon 9 Mar 2020 - Class 1 & Class 2 ~ Parent Forum at 9.00am
- Fri 13 Mar 2020 - Sport Relief
- Tue 17 Mar 2020 - Class 3 & Class 4 ~ Parent Forum at 9.00am
- Wed 25 Mar 2020 - Parent Consultations ~ 2.30pm to 8.00pm
- Thu 26 Mar 2020 - Parent Consultations ~ 2.00pm to 5.30pm
- Thu 26 Mar 2020 - Information Evening for Year 6 Parents at South Craven ~ 6pm
- Thu 2 Apr 2020 - Easter Lunch
- Thu 2 Apr 2020 - Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament at SCS (selected pupils)
- Fri 3 Apr 2020 - School breaks up at 3.15pm for the Easter break
- 3 to 5 June 2020 - Year 4 residential visit to Eshton Grange

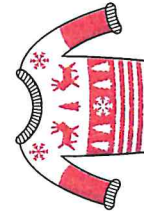
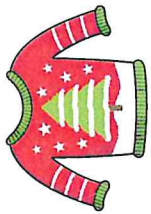
### Community events:

### Food Allergy Warning

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2019

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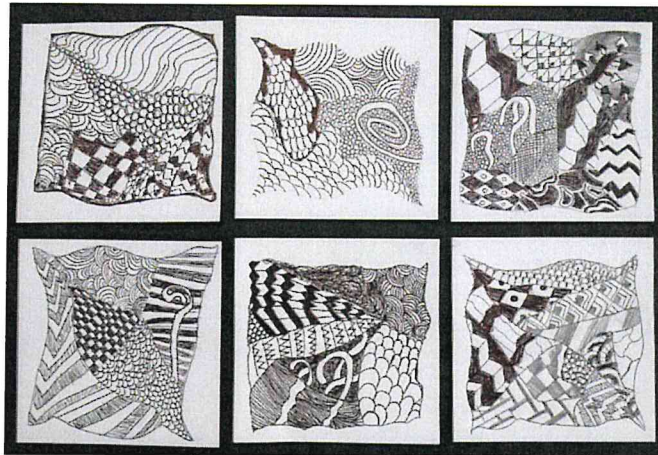
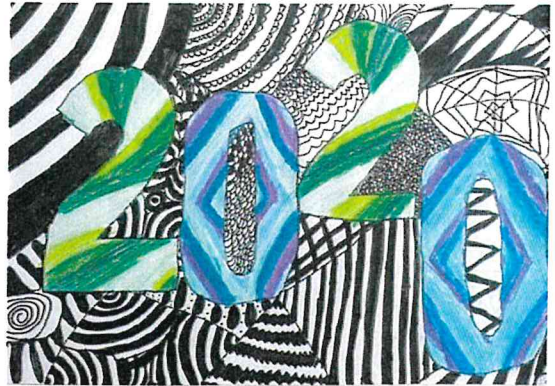




# KS2 ART CLUB SPRING TERM 2020 ~ FIRST HALF

We started the New Year 2020 with a project that welcomed and celebrated the new decade.

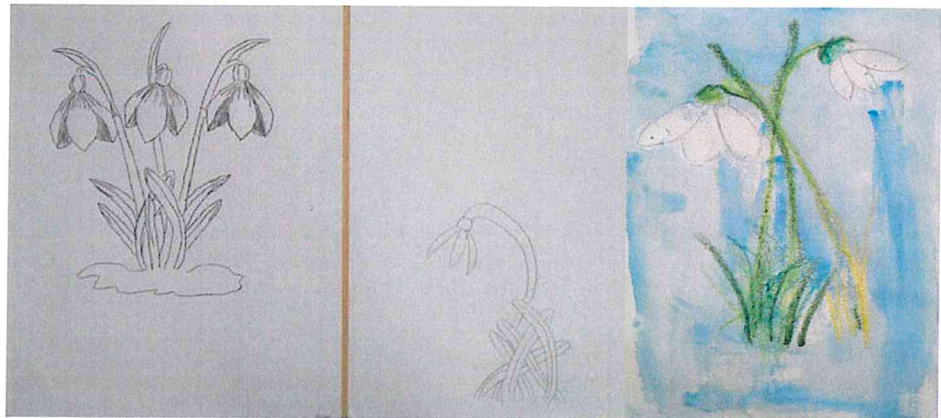
We designed fantastic posters with the numbers 2020 in the centre of them using repeated abstract black and white patterns balanced with the colourful background.



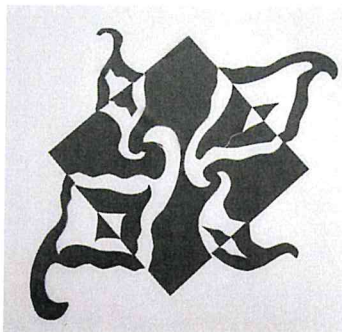
We looked at different ideas using the Zentangle method and created our own little zentangle design cards testing out various abstract patterns and effects.

The next project was more focused on the natural world and the first signs of Spring around us. We looked at different botanical drawings of snowdrops and created our own observational pencil drawings of these delicate flowers.

We also tested some tracing methods using carbon paper to produce more floral drawings.



We then applied our drawing skills in creating beautiful mixed media paintings of snowdrops using a resistance technique in which we combined wax and watercolours.



Looking back at our little zentangle squares and ideas of well-balanced black and white designs we built further on this topic and created some striking collages using Notan – Japanese art style based on a simple idea of expanding a square and principles of symmetry.

To conclude the first half of Spring Term we produced some lovely origami. Thank you to everyone who took part in Art club. We had a great time creating and learning new skills and techniques. I hope you all have a lovely holiday!

DENISA FRANCIS



WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

# SPECIAL LUNCH MENU

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY



Cheshire Cat's Chilli



Harry Potter's Jacket Potato



The Very Hungry Caterpillar's Vegetable Medley



Stick Man's Eton Mess

CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY ON  
Thursday 5 March 2020

## SPRING TERM 2020 SECOND HALF ~ SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

	<b>WEEK ONE</b> w/c 24 February 2020 w/c 16 March 2020	<b>WEEK TWO</b> w/c 2 March 2020 w/c 23 March 2020	<b>WEEK THREE</b> w/c 9 March 2020 w/c 30 March 2020
<b>M O N D A Y</b>	Chicken & Pepper Pasta Bake Sauté Leeks & Carrots Garlic Bread ***** Strawberry Mousse	Home-made Beef Pattie in Wholemeal Roll Spicy Wedges & Fresh Salad ***** Apple & Oat Crumble with Custard	Pork Sausage Mashed Potatoes Carrots & Green Beans Gravy ***** Cherry Shortbread Biscuit
<b>T U E S D A Y</b>	Margherita Pizza Garden Peas Garlic & Herb Oven Cooked Potatoes ***** Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie	Haddock & Parsley Sauce topped with Creamed Potatoes Peas & Carrots ***** Drizzle Cake	Beef Meatballs with Roast Peppers in a Tomato Sauce Pasta Broccoli & Cauliflower ***** Cupcakes
<b>W E D N E S D A Y</b>	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Broccoli & Fresh Carrots Creamed Potatoes ***** Shortbread & Sliced Fruit	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Creamed Potatoes Fresh Cauliflower & Green Beans ***** Arctic Roll	Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Leeks & Carrot Batons ***** Creamed Rice Pudding & Raspberry Compote
<b>T H U R S D A Y</b>	Savoury Mince New Potatoes Braised Cabbage & Sweetcorn ***** Fresh Fruit Salad & Vanilla Ice Cream	Beef Chilli Jacket Potato Oven Baked Vegetable Medley ***** Eton Mess	Oven Baked Haddock Fish Fingers Healthy Oven Chips Garden Peas ***** Iced Muffin & Mandarins
<b>F R I D A Y</b>	Oven Baked Haddock Fillet Healthy Oven Chips Baked Beans Tomato Sauce ***** Raspberry Sponge & Custard	Mild Chicken Korma Brown Rice Mixed Vegetables Mint Dip ***** Sultana Pudding with Custard	Margherita Pizza Spicy Wedges Fresh Salad ***** Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie

Fresh Bread, Flavoured Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Pot available daily

■ Due to circumstances beyond our control, it may be necessary to change from the printed menu ■





# WILD *about* Lothersdale!

## The Call of the Curlew

One of the pleasures of living in Lothersdale, is the arrival each February of Europe's largest wading bird, the curlew. Seeing its distinctive features and hearing its evocative calls is a signal for me that marks the beginning of Spring and (hopefully) the end of the dog walks up on Tow Top in gales, rain, snow and the dark!

Curlew are about the size of a female pheasant, sporting blueish long legs and a mottled brown and grey plumage. In flight, the curlew exhibit a striking white 'V' shape on their lower back and rump. Its most distinctive feature is the long down-curving bill (The first part of its Latin name 'Numenius arquata' translates as crescent moon), that they use to probe the ground for worms and insects. If you see a pair together, the female will have the slightly longer bill of the two.

Before you see the first curlew of the season, you will probably hear their distinctive bleating 'COURli' call that gives the bird its common name. Later, you will also hear a 'bubbling' call as they perform their

territorial displays. This behaviour is the primary reason for their presence above Lothersdale - from February to July - to breed on wet grasslands, managed hayfields, heath and moorlands.

The males normally arrive a few days before the females and begin to establish their territories. There is evidence that curlew return to the same territory each year and when they are ready to breed, the male curlew will mark out his territory with an undulating display flight. You will recognize this pattern of behaviour, as the male flies low over his territory and then suddenly rises steeply, rapidly beating his wings. After momentarily hovering and bubbling loudly, the male then planes downwards, his wings forming a shallow V. This is repeated a number of times.

Out of sight, more displays on the ground will follow and once a pair-bond has been established, you will see both birds in the air together, gliding side by side. For me, the sight of a pair of curlew in flight is one of the delights of spring-time walks up to Pinhaw Beacon.



The curlew's nest is little more than a simple scrape in the ground (created by the male as part of the display) and has been chosen from a number of scrapes on offer, by the female. A typical clutch of four eggs are laid in April/May and both parents share incubation duties until hatching in June.

As with other ground-nesting birds, curlew chicks are encouraged to start foraging for food as soon as possible. A chick's down is normally pinky/cream, mottled with black and brown, providing good camouflage. They need all the help they can get to survive to fledging, some five weeks later. Whenever danger threatens, the adults will emit a 'danger call' and the chicks will go into cover. The adults will then attack the intruder or attempt to distract them from locating the chicks.

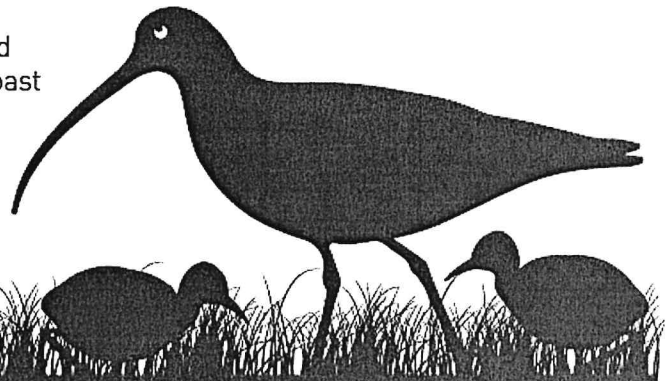


Predators are numerous and range from foxes and domestic cats on the ground, to crows and gulls from the air. They also have to contend with man-made hazards from harvesting machinery, to disturbance from wandering farm animals and humans.

Also factor in the increasingly adverse weather conditions caused by climate change, which can affect their food availability and it's not surprising to read that approximately 25% of curlew survive from egg to fledging, about 1 per breeding pair per season.

Towards the end of June, the adult females will depart first, leaving the young with the males. As the young curlew fledge, they join the adult males and move off to join the females. You will see flocks of curlew towards the end of the breeding season. These are groups of failed breeders, who display and call, before heading to their over-wintering sites.

From Lothersdale and surrounding area, it is believed curlew migrate to the estuaries on the North West coast of England (principally Morecambe Bay) and possibly further onto Ireland. They then winter in flocks, until their return, the following Spring.



**The curlew's UK breeding population is declining, losing half of the breeding population since 1995. So, what can we do to help maintain the curlew population, here in Lothersdale?**

**Be aware that curlew (and other ground nesting birds) nest from April to July. As with lambing during the same period, please keep all dogs under control. The distracting flight and distress calls of adults flying overhead will let you know a nest or chicks are in the vicinity. The RSPB has also issued guidance for land owners. Key points as follows:**

- Retain and restore rough, damp pasture and traditional hay meadows.
- Provide mixed vegetation through the breeding season – short grass along with taller reeds/ undergrowth
- Timing of cutting grass is critical in meadows. If you do cut between April and July, leaving an uncut margin at the field edge will help maintain some cover for the birds. Also mowing from the centre outwards may help move chicks to field margins.
- Provide damp areas, wet flushes or small shallow pools as feeding areas for chicks.
- Studies have shown curlew breeding is improved in areas where game management is practiced, due to control of main predators like foxes.

“For more information about curlew recovery projects around UK, start here <https://curlewcountry.org/>”

Paul Whitaker







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