

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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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.

W/c 26 FEBRUARY 2024 ~ CHINESE NEW YEAR

Wed - Y5/6 Netball Festival at South Craven School (see below)

Thu - NCMP ~ Rec and Year 6 (rescheduled date)

Fri - Class 2 swimming lesson

EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ SPRING TERM 2024 ~ SECOND HALF						ING FUN GETTING FIT	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	PHYSICAL		
Gymnastics 3.15 to 4.15pm	French Club 12.45 to 1.15pm	Year 6 SATS Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	Supersports 3.15 to 4.15pm	Football 3.15 to 4.15pm	EDUCATION		
Sewing Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	Dance Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	-	-	-	WEEKLY TIMETABLE Class 1 – Monday & Friday		
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						Class 2 – Monday & Thursday	
ADDITIONAL LEARNING SESSIONS						Class 3 – Tuesday & Friday	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Class 4 – Tuesday & Friday		
Class 4 READING PLUS	Year 3 & Year 4		Year 3 & Year 4 READING PLUS	Class 4 READING PLUS	Lothersdale		
8.20 to 8.45am	8.20 to 8.45am	8.20 to 8.45am	8.20 to 8.45am	8.20 to 8.45am	REC	LEXI and PETRA	
	- TIMES	Year 4			Y1	VESPER and GEORGE	
÷		TIMES TABLES 8.20 to 8.45am			Y2	FRANKIE H and ELLIOTT L	
					Y3	LUCY K and ADAM	
	Y4	BOHDAN and PHOEBE					
All pupils attending these clubs must be registered for safeguarding and health & safety reasons. Please note: the sessions start promptly at 8:20am so that children can complete the relevant tasks						JUDE and CHARLOTTE	
without disruption from any late arrivals. Late arrivals beyond 8:25am will not be able to attend the						HENRY and NATTY	
session. In this instance, please ensure that your child is supervised until the start of the school day. Many thanks for your support.						HOOL COUNCIL	

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.

Class 4 ~ WW2 Day ~ 21 February 2024



What a brilliant day! On Wednesday, Class 4 celebrated their WW2 unit by having a WW2 immersion day in school, culminating in opening our very own WW2 museum. All of the children blew me away with their effort to come in school in

character as WW2 children preparing to be evacuated. To begin with, the children were set the challenge to break a secret code, similar to all of the real work carried out during the war by our code breakers. Following this, and linking to our class text, we prepared to be evacuated. We created our identification cards and evacuee tags, before boarding the train to Budmouth Point, Devon. On arrival, a billeting officer took us to the village hall where some ladies came to choose their evacuee. We saw some brilliant, improvised acting, demonstrating all the children's knowledge of evacuation. Following this, we created and wrote some postcards to send home to our mothers. Although our evacuation hadn't begun as expected, we had to make sure to put a positive spin on things as to not worry our mothers back in the city.

Following break time, it was time to put our knowledge of Anderson Shelters to use and create our own miniature gardens. All the children had a brilliant time and I was so impressed with their creations. Vegetable patches, disguised shelters and even some washing lines were all on display.

In the afternoon, we spent time bringing together all of our learning from the past 6 weeks. We brought together pieces of artwork, along with all of our creations from the day, to create our own WW2 museum in the school hall. At 2:45, we welcomed parents and grandparents in to school and the children spoke brilliantly about their displays and their knowledge of WW2. Well done Class 4.

Thank you to all parents, carers and members of the wider community who kindly loaned WW2 memorabilia to contribute to the showcase - your contributions were much appreciated and helped bring history to life!





National Child Measurement Programme ~ Reception & Year 6 ~ Thursday 22 February 2024



Unfortunately, today's visit was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances and has now been rescheduled for Thursday 29 February 2024.



This is an NHS led initiative and parents/carers can withdraw their children if they wish to do so. You do not need to do anything <u>unless</u> you wish to OPT OUT of this programme. Please follow the instructions in the letter emailed on Thursday 11 January 2024, if this is

the case.

Y5/6 South Craven Cluster Netball Festival ~ Wednesday 28 February 2024

Good luck to our Y5/6 Netball Team, who will be playing in the South Craven Cluster Netball Festival against other local primary schools, on Wednesday, 28 February 2024.

Parent Consultations ~ Tuesday 9 April & Thursday 11 April 2024



Please note our Parent Consultations, advertised for March 2024, have been rescheduled due to conflicting dates. They will now take place on Tuesday 9 April and Thursday 11 April 2024 and letters will be sent out next week.



School Council Valentine's Day Bake Sale

We can confirm that your donations received at our Bake Sale on Friday 9 February, raised £217.30 towards our Shelterbox Appeal. Once again, thank you to everyone who supported this School Council event.

to the Lothersdale OFFICE

SCHOOL OFFICE TERM TIME HOURS

	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

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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.



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

School Office Reminder ~ Fridays

We are still receiving emails from parents/carers on a Friday regarding changes to home time routines etc. Please remember that the school office is not fully operational on a Friday and the school email account is not monitored. If your message is urgent, including reporting a child's absence or changes to home time arrangement, please telephone school to leave a message on the absence line or voicemail. All calls are checked at intervals throughout the day.

YCATering ~ New School Meals Provision



A letter was emailed to parents/carers on Wednesday 21 February 2024 regarding school meals, and we thank you for supporting us during the school meal transition from Dolce to YCATering over the last two weeks. As indicated in previous communications, there is a simple menu in place initially to enable everyone to get used to the new system.

SchoolGrid has informed us that there were initial teething problems during the transition, but they have been working with parents/carers across the YCAT schools to resolve any issues. If you are still experiencing problems with using the system or payments, please contact SchoolGrid direct who will be happy to support you accordingly.

School Meal Arrears

Please note that school meals must be paid for in advance. We would therefore be grateful if all parents/carers could ensure their SchoolGrid accounts are in credit at the end of each week. Thank you for your support.



Legends ~ Drop off and Pick Up Arrangements ~ Safeguarding

Please remember when dropping off, or collecting, children from LEGENDS that you must wait in the LEGENDS entrance area for staff to collect, or bring, your children to you. This is in line with the school's Health & Safety and Safeguarding procedures.

Thank you for your support.

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.



It has come to our notice that some parents have been parking in the no parking zone outside the school premises. This practice causes obstruction, compromises the safety of our students, and disrupts the smooth flow of traffic.

To ensure the safety and well-being of everyone, we kindly request that you refrain from parking, or dropping children off, in the no parking zone. This area is crucial for the safety of our students, as well as for emergency vehicle access.

Your cooperation in this matter is vital for maintaining a secure and efficient environment for our school community. Please use the designated parking areas and adhere to the traffic regulations in place.

We appreciate your understanding and commitment to the safety of our students and encourage you to share this message with fellow parents to create awareness.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

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.



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:

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

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

Tue 9 Apr 2024 - Parent Consultations ~ 2 to 6pm
Thu 11 Apr 2024 - Parent Consultations ~ 2 to 6:30pm

Thu 18 Apr 2024 - LSA Bag2School Collection

22 to 24 May 2024 - Year 4 Residential visit to Eshton Grange



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