

*Well done to this week's*

## Lothersdale LEGENDS

Reception ~ Max

Year 1 ~ Elliot W

Year 2 ~ Harry S

Year 3 ~ Annabelle K

Year 4 ~ Oliver

Year 5 ~ Sam H

Year 6 ~ Spencer



### HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION



#### 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.





### No Dogs on School Premises

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school premises and we would be grateful if parents/carers could ensure dogs are not brought onto the school playground in line with the school's health and safety policy.

If your child is being collected by another family member or friend, please ensure they are also made aware. Thank you for your support.



### Traffic Management outside school

Please remember to respect our local community whilst dropping off and picking up outside school. The white lines were introduced by the Parish Council to help support traffic flow through the village at peak times where the road is at its narrowest. We respectfully ask parents/carers not to park over these lines as this causes problems when vehicles cannot pull in to allow cars to pass in the opposite direction.

## Lothersdale SCHOOL COUNCIL

CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4
RONNIE	BERKELEY	JACK A
ISOBEL	MILA	SUMMER
HARRY P	JACK W	OLIVER
LAILA	LUCY H	MATILDA

## HAVING FUN GETTING FIT PHYSICAL EDUCATION WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Class 1 – Monday & Thursday

Class 2 – Monday & Friday

Class 3 – Tuesday & Thursday

Class 4 – Tuesday & Friday



Class 1	Class 2
Rec ~ Meredith	Y1 ~ Ronnie
Rec ~ Matilda	Y2 ~ Tobin
Class 3	Class 4
Y4 ~ Annabelle K	Y5 ~ William
Y4 ~ Charlotte	Y6 ~ Ernie

### ADDITIONAL LEARNING SESSIONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Class 4 READING PLUS 8.25 to 8.45am	Year 4 READING PLUS 8.25 to 8.45am	Class 4 READING PLUS 8.25 to 8.45am	Year 4 READING PLUS 8.25 to 8.45am	Class 4 READING PLUS 8.25 to 8.45am
-	-	Year 4 TIMES TABLES 8.25 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.  
At the end of the afternoon sessions, please wait in the main playground to collect your child as per the normal end of school routine.



## EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ SPRING TERM 2023 ~ SECOND HALF

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Yoga</b> 8.15 to 8.55am	<b>Get Groovy Dance</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	<b>Art Club</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	<b>Sewing Club</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	<b>Football</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm
<b>Dodgeball</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm		<b>Drama</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	<b>Supersports</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	
<b>Sewing Club</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm				

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.

### DEADLINES & REMINDERS w/c 27 February 2023

*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.*

- Mon** - Parent Forum in school at 8.45am – all parents/carers welcome to attend  
- Year 6 Climbing Competition at High Adventure
- Wed** - Y5/6 Netball Festival at SCS (selected pupils)
- Thu** - World Book Day ~ come to school dressed as your favourite book character (see below)
- Fri** - Class 2 swimming lesson

## Message from Mrs Walker

Executive Headteacher



Hello! My name is Mrs Andrea Walker and I am thrilled to be introducing myself as your new interim Executive Head teacher. My role is the same as one which I already perform part-time at Hawes Primary, another of the schools in our YCAT family: helping to strategically lead and support the whole school team, working alongside the Heads of School (here, Mrs Bateman and Mr Craven) and the Governors. I will be at Lothersdale for 2 days each week (usually Mondays and Wednesdays) up to the end of the Summer

Term; when not here, I am at Hawes also for 2 days weekly and also work supporting other schools within YCAT or further afield through my other job as a freelance education adviser.

I live near Ingleton with my husband (also a teacher) and 2 hens; we also have 2 grown-up children (son just graduated from York University, daughter lives and works in France). Beyond education, my passion is road cycling locally and abroad; I also enjoy hiking the hills and playing the piano. I have many years of experience teaching, leading and supporting schools across North Yorkshire and Cumbria, including 3 different primary headships (in 2 of which we achieved Ofsted Outstanding judgements), being a National Leader of Education, an adviser for both Local Authorities and a lecturer in education at the University of Cumbria; I have taught across the primary curriculum, but especially enjoy History, Music, French and English, as well as promoting outdoor learning. I spent last year as an adviser for NYCC, with special responsibility for small schools across the county. I plan to put all this experience to good use at Lothersdale, working with you and the team to help achieve the very best we can for every child.

I have already begun to get to know the staff and pupils through some advisory work I did with the school over the last 2 terms and have been warmly welcomed onto the team this week. I very much enjoyed getting to speak to many of you at the LSA's excellent pancake event on Wednesday and am really looking forward to meeting you all soon.





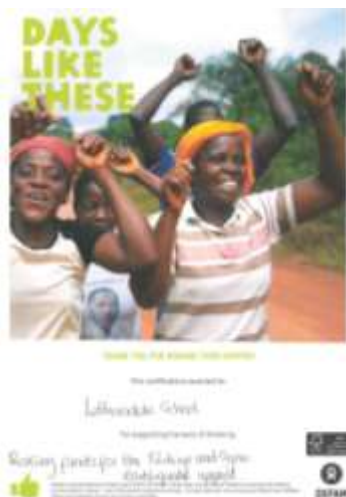
### Miss Laycock

Unfortunately, Miss Laycock will be out of action for at least four weeks following a knee injury sustained over the half-term break.

We all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back in school soon.

## 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.*



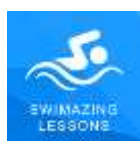
### Assembly ~ Monday 20 February 2023

On Monday morning we had a surprise visitor called Naomi who came to see us from Oxfam. She said thank you for raising over £200 when we had our LSA Bake Sale in school last week. She told us how Oxfam will use the money to help families in Turkey and Syria. She said they can buy 2 family shelters and food and clean water. We know that dirty water can kill so our money will save people!



Naomi had an idea of how we can help Oxfam to raise more money. She said we can get a bag and fill it up with clothes, toys, books and many things we no-longer want. She will sell them in her Oxfam shop in Skipton. We think this is a good idea to help more homeless people in the earthquake areas of Turkey and Syria. Please help this good cause!

### Class 2 Swimming Lesson ~ Friday 24 February 2023



Unfortunately our Class 2 children were unable to take part in this week's swimming session due to a problem with the coach taking them to Craven Pool. The coach company has apologised and assured us they will be with us for next week's swimming session.

The cost will be refunded to your child's ParentPay account as soon as possible for those of you who have already made a contribution towards this swimming session.



### Parent Forum ~ Monday 27 February 2023 at 8.45am

Mrs Walker is looking forward to having another opportunity to meet parents/carers at the Parent Forum on Monday 27 February 2023 at 8.45am. Mrs Walker will be able to talk to you about her role and the new roles of Mrs Bateman and Mr Craven over the next few months.

Please bring any questions you may have, especially about this term's changes and the school's plans going forward.

### Year 6 Climbing Competition ~ Monday 27 February 2023

Good luck to our Year 6 pupils who will be having fun at High Adventure on Monday afternoon, when they take part in the Year 6 Climbing Competition. Children will need to bring leggings/tracksuit bottoms, their school PE T-shirt and PE hoody (or a school sweatshirt) for this event. They should wear clean sports shoes (fashion trainers are not acceptable for this activity) and bring their school water bottle.



### Y5/6 Netball Tournament – Wednesday 1 March 2023

Good luck to our Y5/6 netball players who will be taking part in next week's Netball Tournament against other local primary schools at South Craven School.



## World Book Day ~ Thursday 2 March 2023



Next Thursday is World Book Day and we look forward to seeing all children with their favourite book in school.

If your child would like to wear a character costume, hat or face paints then this is encouraged, but there is no requirement for families to buy costumes - anything 'homemade' will be perfectly adequate.

During the day we will have a special story time for the whole school, a reading buddy session and Fairtrade hot chocolate to enjoy. We really hope the children will have a special day.

World Book Day tokens will be sent home with children via bookbags on Thursday. Please remember that you can also use your token at our Scholastic Book Fairs scheduled to take place during the last week of term.

## Fairtrade competition with Namaste

Remember that the closing date for entries for the Fairtrade Competition run by Namaste is 17 March 2023. All local schools have been invited to participate. Please see the attached poster for more details.



Additionally, the school's Fairtrade Team will be running the annual Fairtrade Coffee morning on Tuesday 14 March at the village hall. Our Fairtrade team are busy designing posters in school for this event, which will be sent out soon.

## National Online Safety ~ Artificial Intelligence Solutions



This week's free online safety guide is all about Artificial Intelligence Solutions. Artificial Intelligence is increasingly becoming a part of modern life and this informative guide supports parents/carers by explaining what AI solutions are and the ways you can support your children to use the technology with an open mind.

Please see the safety guide attached to this newsletter for your information.

# LSA NEWS!

**Keelham Bag Packing:** thank you to all the children (and parents/carers!) who attended the bag packing event at Keelham.



The children represented our school beautifully, and we received excellent feedback from Keelham, who were very impressed with our children, and their behaviour and manners. They also commented on how well organised we were and that we would be warmly welcomed back in the future.

Which only leaves us to say ... look out for future bag packing events that you can take part in! 😊 We raised an impressive **£245!**





**LSA Pancake Tea:** we hope everybody enjoyed their pancakes on Wednesday afternoon. It was lovely to see so many families in the hall. A special thanks to all the helpers, for making (200!) delicious pancakes, serving at the event and clearing away. We raised £234 in total!

**LSA Bingo Night:** Please look out for information next week on the next LSA event for the children, which will be held on Wednesday 29 March 3.15pm – 5.15pm. Save the date!

Welcome  
to the  
Lothersdale  
**SCHOOL  
OFFICE**

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SCHOOL OFFICE TERM TIME HOURS		
	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Monday</b>	8.00 – 12.00	1.00 – 4.00
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.00 – 12.00	1.00 – 4.00
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00 – 12.00	1.00 – 4.00
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00 – 12.00	1.00 – 4.00
<b>Friday*</b>	8.30 – 10.30	3.15 – 3.45

**REMEMBER TO KEEP PUPIL CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION UP TO DATE!**

Visitor access into school 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 the office will be manned between the stated hours for urgent messages only*

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>

### Friday Office Cover Reminder

Please remember that Mrs Ellison does not work in the school office on a Friday. Mrs Pickard covers for very short periods in the morning and after school, to pick up urgent telephone calls and to manage pupil absence. Emails will not be checked until Mrs Ellison's return to school on Mondays and therefore it is important that absence is phoned in via the absence line and not via email on a Friday. Many thanks for your support.



**School Events:**

<b>Mon 27 Feb 2023</b>	- Year 6 Climbing Competition at High Adventure
<b>Mon 27 Feb 2023</b>	- Parent Forum in school at 8.45am
<b>Wed 1 Mar 2023</b>	- Y5/6 Netball Festival at South Craven School (selected pupils)
<b>Thu 2 Mar 2023</b>	- World Book Day
<b>Mon 13 Mar 2023</b>	- Deadline for contribution towards Class 2 swimming lessons
<b>Mon 13 Mar 2023</b>	- LSA Meeting at 7.30pm at The Hare & Hounds in Lothersdale
<b>Tue 14 Mar 2023</b>	- Fairtrade Coffee Morning in Lothersdale Village Hall
<b>Fri 17 Mar 2023</b>	- Comic Relief: Red Nose Day
<b>Tue 21 Mar 2023</b>	- Parent Consultations ~ 2pm to 5.30pm
<b>Wed 22 Mar 2023</b>	- Y5/6 Tag Rugby SCS Cluster Tournament
<b>Thu 23 Mar 2023</b>	- Parent Consultations ~ 2pm to 8.00pm
<b>Mon 27 Mar 2023</b>	- Scholastic Book Fair
<b>Tue 28 Mar 2023</b>	- Scholastic Book Fair
<b>Wed 29 Mar 2023</b>	- Scholastic Book Fair
<b>Wed 29 Mar 2023</b>	- LSA Bingo Night ~ 3.30 to 5.30pm
<b>Fri 31 Mar 2023</b>	- Last Class 2 swimming lesson this academic year
	- School breaks up at 3.15pm for the Easter holidays
<b>Mon 17 Apr 2023</b>	- Staff Training Day
<b>Tue 18 Apr 2023</b>	- School re-opens at 8.40am for the summer term
<b>Thu 20 Apr 2023</b>	- LSA Bag2School Collection
<b>Wed 26 Apr 2023</b>	- Y3/4 Maths Challenge at SCS (selected pupils)
<b>Thu 27 Apr 2023</b>	- Class 3 visit to Cliffe Castle
<b>Mon 1 May 2023</b>	- May Day Bank Holiday
<b>Mon 8 May 2023</b>	- Coronation Bank Holiday
<b>Tue 9 to Fri 12 May</b>	- Year 6 SATs
<b>Wed 10 May 2023</b>	- Y3/4 Cricket Festival TBC
<b>Wed 17 May 2023</b>	- Class and Year 6 Leavers' Photos
<b>Thu 18 May 2023</b>	- Y5/6 Cricket Festival TBC
<b>Mon 22 May 2023</b>	- Y6 Bikeability Training – Day 1
<b>Tue 23 May 2023</b>	- Y6 Bikeability Training – Day 2
<b>Wed 24 May 2023</b>	- Y5/6 Forensic Science event at SCS (selected pupils)
<b>24 to 26 May 2023</b>	- Year 4 Residential Visit to Eshton Grange
<b>Fri 26 May 2023</b>	- School breaks up at 3.15pm for the May half-term holiday
<b>Mon 5 Jun 2023</b>	- School re-opens at 8.40am for the second half of the summer term
<b>Mon 12 Jun 2023</b>	- Parent Forum in school at 8.45am





## Fairtrade competition for schools 2023

### Make something from recycled fabric



Bags and hangings made for Namaste in India from recycled silk saris

### Sponsored by Namaste, Skipton

**Scrunchies, hair bands, the Fairtrade mark, purses, arm slings, wreaths, cushion cover – so many options.**

**Prefer to print a pattern on plain fabric that's OK too.**

Certificates and prizes awarded for the best entries

in KS1, KS2 and KS3.

Visit to the Namaste showroom and goody bags for the school  
providing the largest number of entries

Judged by the Namaste sales team and Skipton Fairtrade Town group

**Closing date for entries is 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

email images of creations

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Did you that in the UK we produce 1.75m tonnes of clothing and textile waste each year and 1.2m tonnes of this end up in landfill - a third are reusable clothes.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) SOLUTIONS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AI solutions are becoming increasingly popular. Trained on vast datasets of text (such as books, articles and websites) in order to learn patterns and relationships, AI solutions can generate text, images, audio, video, code or synthetic data, and can be used for things such as crafting poems or books, creating digital imagery or delivering video content. Recently there's been significant discussion in relation to the benefits and risks of AI solutions, with many undecided on whether it will be a force for good or potentially reduce the need for some job roles.

### ROOM FOR INACCURACY

AI solutions, such as language models, generate their responses purely based on the data they've been trained on, which often comes from sources on the internet. Whilst questions will often illicit relevant responses, if some of the information they've been 'fed' is incorrect, it follows that the answers too may contain factual errors or inaccuracies.

### REINFORCING BIAS

AI solutions, such as those generating content or images, can perpetuate existing biases present in the data they were trained. Whether through the algorithms written by humans or the content taken from the web. This could easily lead to biased responses and potentially reinforce existing stereotypes, such as those around gender, race or disability.

### IRRELEVANT INFORMATION

AI solutions don't have the ability to understand the context or meaning behind a question or a user request. Although highly advanced, the AI relies entirely on the data it's been exposed to and is devoid of independent thought or reasoning, which could lead to irrelevant or even nonsensical responses to queries.

### LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Fundamentally, AI solutions are machines or technology programmes that don't have the ability to take responsibility for the responses they generate. This could lead to confusion or misunderstandings in certain cases if the answers are taken as given. For instance, image-generative AIs can lead to output clearly derived from other people's content but without any attribution to the original source artist's work.

### STIFLING CREATIVITY

One of the potential risks of children and young people continually using AI solutions for things (such as their homework) is that eventually, they might become reliant on it. In the long term, this could potentially impact their development and hamper their ability to think creatively or solve problems independently without the aid of an AI tool.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

If possible, try to be around when your child uses any type of AI solution and employ content filters to try and reduce the chance of profanity or age-inappropriate subjects appearing in responses. As with any kind of technology, it's important to ensure that children are using AI solutions responsibly and to be there to enable opportunities to discuss their use as part of a safe environment.

### PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Explain to your child that AI solutions can be used as one of many tools to help them research and learn, but that they shouldn't simply accept the responses they receive as the truth. Encourage them to question, verify and think critically about the information they get back – all of which apply equally to any website or platform they use.

### DISCUSS BIAS

Talk to your child about the potential biases that may be present in the data that AI solutions are trained on, and how these viewpoints might find their way into the responses that AI generates. Again, with many things children might read online, it's healthy for them to consider whether the information is factual and presented fairly.

### ENCOURAGE HUMAN INTERACTION

Not only should children supplement any use of software like AI with additional resources such as books and reputable internet sites, but they also should remember what they can learn from interaction with other people. Discussing things with teachers, relatives and friends isn't just an important and often invaluable aspect of learning – it's an essential part of life, too.

### CHECK SCHOOL RULES

Make yourself aware of any rules or guidance your child's school might have about the use of AI solutions. Most software is still extremely new, so many schools may not yet have a policy, however, it's important to make sure your child is aware of how to use it appropriately and will be using it for the right reasons.

## Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



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