



FULL REOPENING OF SCHOOL ~ MONDAY 8 MARCH 2021

The school staff are currently preparing for the full reopening of school on Monday 8 March 2021 in line with the government announcement on Monday 22 February.

The Government and its scientific advisers have determined that it is safe to fully reopen schools to all year groups as part of the roadmap for leaving lockdown, and maintaining the safety of our pupils, parent/carers and staff will continue to be paramount at all times. We have updated the protocols in the full opening information booklet, which was originally issued to all parents/carers at the beginning of the school year in September, in line with current legislation and a copy can be viewed on the school website. The protocols will continue to be adopted at Lothersdale Primary School and will be reviewed regularly in line with Government guidance.

In addition, all staff will continue to take LFD tests twice a week at home and wear masks when using the communal areas of school.

Booster Sessions for selected pupils will commence on Wednesday 10 March 2021 and it is hoped Extended Schools' Activities will be able to go ahead after Easter. Please refer to further information in this newsletter regarding these sessions/activities.

Next week will be our last week of remote learning and all the staff are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back into school on 8 March.



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:

- Mon 8 Mar 2021** - School reopens to all pupils following the national lockdown
- Mon 8 Mar 2021** - World Book Day in school ~ Non-school Uniform Day (see below)
- Mon 8 Mar 2021** - Deadline for submission of Fairtrade Mark Competition entry (see below)

Deadlines & Reminders for w/c 1 March 2021

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. Thank you.

- Wed** - Class 3 & Class 4 ~ Fairtrade Fun Event on Zoom (see below)
- Thu** - World Book Day (see below for further details)

Headteacher Updates From Mr Grogan

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

Enforced School Closure ~ Week 7

As we all now know, schools have been told to re-open their doors to all pupils from 8 March. I can speak on behalf of all staff when I say that 8 March cannot come soon enough; we are desperate to return to something resembling normal, and we cannot wait to see the classrooms full again.

We will, of course, be very mindful of the fact that the virus has not been eradicated, and we still all have an obligation to take necessary and sensible precautions. We will notify you if there are any changes to routine during the coming week, prior to re-opening fully.

As the year progresses and national restrictions are hopefully lifted further, we hope to be able to really enjoy the summer term in school. We cannot say anything for certain yet, but I am definitely starting to think in terms of sports day, summer fair, residential visits, leavers' activities and all the other things which make summer term in primary school so much fun. I won't get carried away yet, but I am holding out hope.

I am sure that parents will be as relieved to see the back of remote school learning as the teachers will. I would like to reiterate just how impressed I have been by the commitment shown by families, and the children especially, during this difficult period. I know that whilst there may be evidence of some lost learning from the last 7 weeks, our children will return to school in a very strong position due to the hard work you and they have put in over this time.

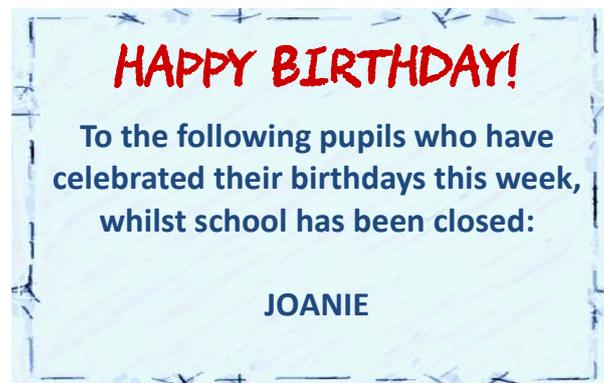
Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the dry weather. I'm planning on my first BBQ of the year on Saturday – just a shame I can't invite anyone... yet.

With very best wishes



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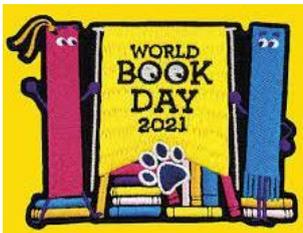


General School Updates

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.

World Book Day

This year's World Book Day takes place next week on Thursday 4 March 2021 and aims to help change children's lives by making reading together and reading for pleasure a habit for life. Sharing stories together for just 10 minutes a day will encourage a love of reading and it's fun for everyone!

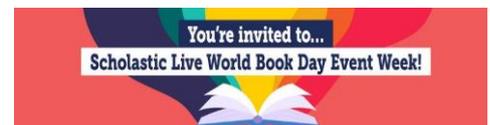


The digital World Book Day token was emailed out to all parents/carers on Monday to enable your child(ren) to purchase one of the free £1 books on offer or to put it towards another book of their choice in accordance with the terms and conditions. World Book Day tokens are valid from Thursday 18 February to Sunday 28 March 2021.

Please click on the link below to access the World Book Day website where you can find lots of resources and activities to do with your children next week.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Alternatively, please check out the Scholastic website if you and your child would like to take part in any of the events being held and to book a place.



<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/scholastic-live-world-book-day.htm>

World Book Day Event in School ~ Monday 8 March 2021



On Monday 8 March 2021 we will be celebrating World Book Day in school and are asking all children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

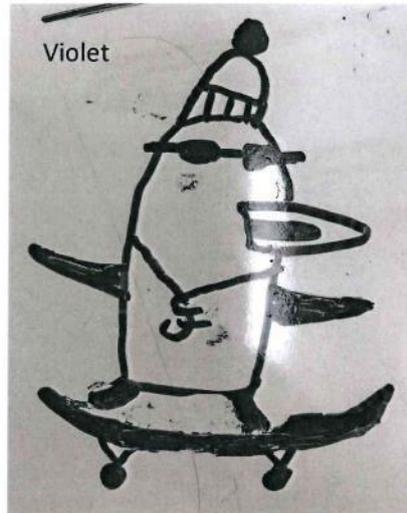
A letter has been emailed to parents/carers today with further information.



Lothersdale Primary School 'SKATEBOARDING PENGUIN' COMPETITION



Edward



Violet



Jude



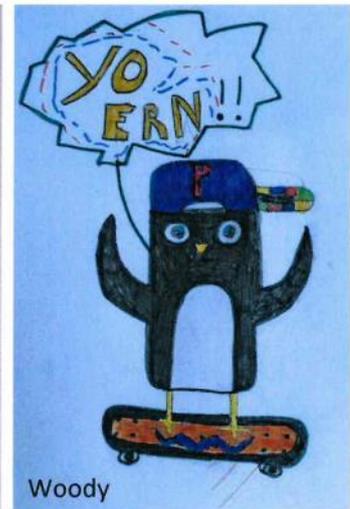
Charlotte P



Penny



Natty



Woody



Georgia

Wow! We received some amazing penguin drawings over half-term and thank the children for drawing and submitting their entries. Judge Ernie has based his judging criteria on detail of drawing, shading, colouring and originality and awarded prizes as follows:

Year Group	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize
Reception	Edward	-
Year 1	Penny	-
Year 2	Charlotte P	Jude
Year 3	Natty	Violet
Year 4	Woody	Georgia

No entries were received from Years 5 & 6



Well done everyone and thank you to Ernie for sharing his art skills with us and for agreeing to be the competition judge. Prizes will be awarded to children when school reopens w/c 8 March 2021.

We have just received news of the Ilkley Literature Festival's Annual Children's Poetry Competition and wanted to share this exciting news with you. Children of primary school age are being invited to write a poem which responds to the theme of...

Nature and the Natural World

Your poem could be inspired by something in your garden; a bird or a tree you can see from your window; a wild animal, a plant or a flower; a forest, a hill or a river; or the feeling of the wind on your face. **We are inviting all our pupils to write a poem at home and submit it via the link below.**

The age categories for the competition are:

- Reception, Year 1, Year 2
- Years 3 and 4
- Years 5 and 6

Please note that the festival also run a separate Young People's Poetry Competition for Years 7 to 13, and you can find more details [here](#).

If you need inspiration to get you started, click on the link below to watch a video, in which the judge, **Andy Craven-Griffiths**, will offer you five tips to stand out!

<https://www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk/children-young-people/2021-childrens-poetry-competition>

Winners of the competition will be invited to read their poems at a special prize giving event this summer and will receive book tokens. Winners and runners up will also receive a book and a certificate.

Rules of entry

1. One entry per young poet. Please make sure it is original work.
2. Poems should be on the subject of **nature or the natural world**.
3. Poems should be no longer than 28 lines (excluding the title).
4. Entries are open to Yorkshire and Lancashire residents only.

The competition will be judged by poet and writer **Andy Craven-Griffiths**. He will be looking for originality, use of language and distinct ideas.

ILF will accept any subject matter as long as there is an explicit link to nature.

ILF are unable to offer feedback on individual poems or enter into any correspondence regarding judging and selection.

How to Enter

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the festival is only able to accept entries online and apologise for any difficulties this may cause.

1. Write your poem on one side of A4 paper. You can do this by hand or you can type your poem on a computer. If you want to decorate your entry with drawings, please do so – we like pictures as well as words!
2. On your entry, write your **full name (first and last names)** and your **school year** (e.g. Year 5).

3. If you are using a computer, save the document with your poem. If you have hand-written your entry, get an adult to help you take a good, clear photo of your poem with a camera so it can be read easily (you may wish to use the camera on a phone or a tablet).
4. Fill in the **online entry form** with your name and contact details. You will need to ask an adult to help you with this.
5. Upload your poem to the entry form and click submit!

Closing date for receipt of entries: Friday 28 May 2021

If you have any further questions, please contact your class teacher or info@ilkleylitfest.org.uk who will be happy to help.

Happy writing, and good luck everyone!

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Class 3 and Class 4 Home Learning Task on Wednesday 3 March 2021



As we cannot be together in school to learn about Fairtrade Fortnight this year, we are joining together with other schools in the local area for a community Zoom event.

This event is open to **all children in KS2** and will take place next Wednesday afternoon; this will form the basis of the home learning activities for that afternoon. Please remember that the Zoom call will involve children from other schools.

Please follow the Zoom link to gain access to the event from 1pm – 3pm. **It won't be 2 hours on screen.** There will be a short introduction from Liz Roodhouse, the Fairtrade co-ordinator for Skipton and surrounding areas, followed by an activity for you to complete off screen before coming back together to show off your creations.

Topic : Fairtrade Fun
Date : Wednesday 3 March 2021
Time : 1.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89627668947?pwd=THIMUFBsUUFWR0hqUjlwaGp3S0lIQT09>

Meeting ID : 896 2766 8947

Passcode : 372200

Equipment needed:

- Scissors
- Recycled material (old pillowcase, cardboard, towel, tea-towel etc.)
- Felt tip pens
- Paint
- Ruler
- Stick (for a pole)

Check out this year's Fairtrade Fortnight webpage and look at the '**storytelling tent**' to watch videos from farmers that Fairtrade has helped.

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/choose-the-world-you-want/>



FAIRTRADE COMPETITION for SCHOOLS 2021



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Can you make a Fairtrade mark using recycled materials?
You could use scraps of fabric, Fairtrade packaging, wool, embroidery silks,
coloured paper from magazines and newspapers

When your artwork is completed take a clear photo with natural lighting,
filling the whole frame with your Fairtrade mark.

The competition will be judged by members of the
Skipton Fairtrade Town group.

Certificates and small prizes will be awarded for the
overall winner in each year group.

Closing date for entries is 8th March 2021

Email your masterpieces to Liz Roodhouse at
liz@cravendec.org.uk

Booster Sessions

Booster Sessions will start again on Wednesday 10 March 2021 and information will be emailed out next week to those parents/carers whose children will benefit from the sessions. Please ensure you email the class teacher to confirm your child's attendance.

Please note that the sessions are not 'dip in/dip out' sessions and all children should arrive promptly at the allocated time and day to ensure there is no disruption to the structured session.



- Mon** - Year 1 ~ Fabulous Phonics Booster Session ~ 8.20 to 9.00am (selected pupils)
- Year 2 ~ Roaring Reading Booster Session ~ 8.20 to 8.50am (selected pupils)
- Year 3 ~ Amazing Arithmetic Booster Session ~ 8.20am to 8.50am (selected pupils)
- Year 4 ~ Clever Calculations Booster Session ~ 3.10 to 3.45pm (selected pupils)
- Year 5 ~ Marvellous Maths Booster Session ~ 8.20 to 8.50pm (selected pupils)
- Year 6 ~ Glorious Grammar/Radical Reading ~ 3.15 to 4.00pm (selected pupils)
- Wed** - Year 1 ~ Fabulous Phonics Booster Session ~ 8.20 to 9.00am (selected pupils)
- Year 3 ~ Rewarding Reading Booster Session ~ 8.20 to 8.50am (selected pupils)
- Year 4 ~ Super Spellers Booster Session ~ 8.30 to 9.00am (selected pupils)
- Thu** - Year 5 ~ Wonderful Writing Booster Session ~ 8.20am to 9.00am (selected pupils)
- Year 4 ~ Roaring Reasoning Booster Session ~ 8.30 to 9.00am (selected pupils)
- Year 3 ~ Once Upon a Picture Booster Session ~ 3.10 to 3.45pm (selected pupils)

Extended Schools' Activities



Due to current government legislation we are unable to hold any extended schools' activities prior to the Easter break.

When they do resume, the children will continue to remain in 'bubble' groups until further notice, and we will shortly be sending out a survey for you to complete – please could all parents/carers complete this form upon receipt to help us gauge numbers and viability for after school activities so that as many children as possible are able to take part.

Swimming Lessons ~ Spring/Summer Terms

We are currently liaising with Craven Pool regarding Class 3 swimming lessons which were scheduled to start on Friday 19 March and finish on Friday 21 May 2021. This is an eight-week block and more information will follow as soon as confirmation is received from the DfE that schools are able to go ahead educational visits (which includes swimming).





1 of 1 Certificate of Completion

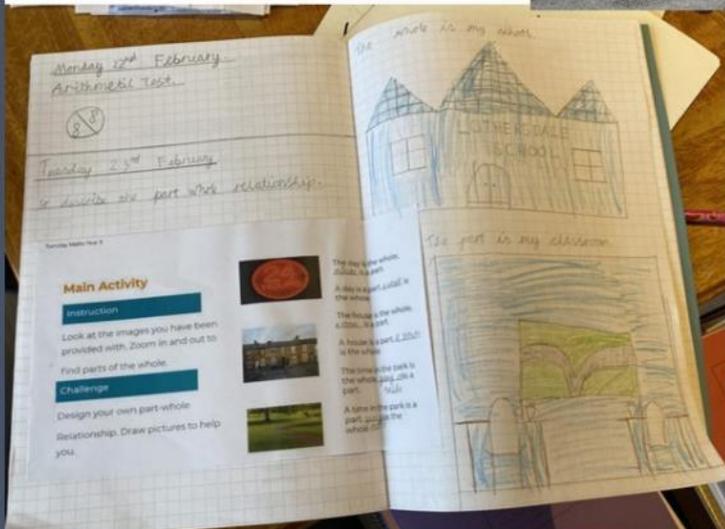
FunTech[®]
Minecraft with Mods

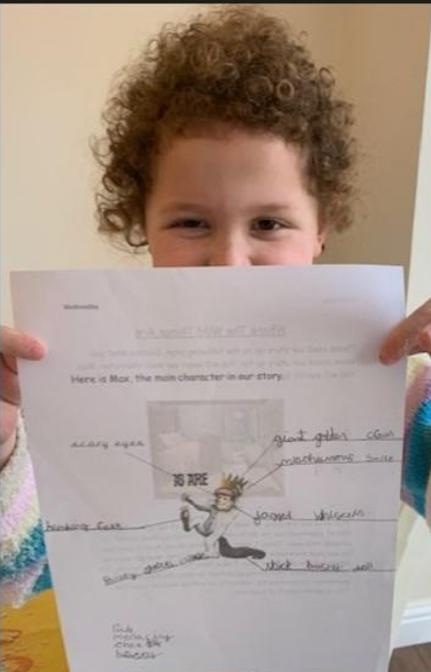
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Alison
The Head | Head of Learning

Steve Barber
Business Barber | Head of FunTech

This week's
PHOTO GALLERY





Class 1 Updates
from
Mrs Bateman

If you need to contact Mrs Bateman regarding any of the work contained in your child's work pack, please email her via:

lothclass1@ycatschools.co.uk

Class 1 have had another interesting week learning about Fairtrade and money. With the help of Pablo Super Banana and Foncho, the banana farmer, the children understand the positive impact of Fairtrade on farmers and their families. Maybe you can see if there are any Fairtrade stickers on the food in your kitchen?

Mrs B and Mrs Gallagher loved making the Fairtrade chocolate cake at school on Friday with the children in our bubble. We hope the cakes you made at home were delicious too!



Next week all of the pupils will have the chance to join in with Fairtrade activities as we support Fairtrade Fortnight.

Class 2 Updates
from
Mr Craven

If you need to contact Mr Craven regarding any of the work contained in your child's work pack, please email him via:

lothclass2@ycatschools.co.uk

Wow! Another brilliant week in Class 2 ~ all the children have really impressed me with how well they have developed their knowledge of money.

I've been amazed at your speed and accuracy in our Zoom calls. It has been great to increase our daily zoom time and Miss Thompson and I have loved seeing all of your smiling faces.

You have also done some brilliant descriptive writing. You have shown me that you have retained your knowledge of adjectives and conjunctions really well. Keep up the hard work.

One week to go before we can all get back in school! Have a lovely weekend.

Class 3 Updates
from
Miss Gallagher &
Mrs Daniell

If you need to contact Miss Gallagher or Mrs Daniell regarding any of the work contained in your child's work pack, please email them via:

lothclass3@ycatschools.co.uk

This week has flown by. I hope you have enjoyed the spring sunshine as well as this week's home learning?

Class 3 have started their work with fractions and really focused on understanding the definition of a fraction. We will continue this work next week and when we return to school.

We have also been learning about the significance of fan dancing as part of our Chinese New Year topic and you have sent in some wonderful fan dancing photos. We have also been learning about Fairtrade as part of Fairtrade Fortnight - look out for the additional activities in next week's timetable to continue your understanding of Fairtrade. Niamh has particularly impressed me with her Fairtrade leaflet she created on Purple Mash.

In science, the children have started their new topic of sound. They now know that sound travels in waves and we will be investigating this further in the next few weeks. Have a wonderful weekend.

Class 4 Updates
from
Mrs Fawcett

If you need to contact Mrs Fawcett regarding any of the work contained in your child's work pack, please email her via:

lothclass4@ycatschools.co.uk

We hope you all had a relaxing half term holiday and are keeping well; what fantastic news that we will all be back in school in a couple of weeks' time! It's lovely to see the sun shining this week and to feel the warmth in the air.

This week, Year 6 have started their work on Algebra, focusing on finding one and two-step algebraic rules and learning how to form algebraic expressions. Our next steps involve looking at substitution, formula and learning how to form equations.

Year 5 have continued to impress Mr Grogan by their hard work and determination in tackling a range of challenging problems involving improper fractions and mixed numbers.

In English, we have continued with our domain work in comprehension, learning the skills needed to answer 'Fact or Opinion' questions, and following this, we have recapped elements of previously taught grammar work. Congratulations go to Joe who has worked really hard on Reading Plus during this period of home learning and has moved up to the next level.

I have heard very positive reports about the science work that has been completed this week and look forward to receiving work over email.

With reference to next week's plan, please note that on Tuesday, the children will have a Zoom call with Mrs Turvey, and on Wednesday, they will link to a Fairtrade event via Zoom (details are on the weekly plan).

We hope you have a fantastic weekend – only one more week to go!

**School Office
Information**

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

The school office will remain open as normal term-time during the period of enforced school closure. However, please note that this will also be dependent on any staff illness/period of self-isolation.

School contact during enforced closure

If you wish to contact the school please follow normal procedures and email via the office email address (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) or telephone 01535 632510.

Up-to-date Contact Information

Please remember to keep school informed if you have changed your address or any contact or medical details to enable us to keep our files up-to-date.

ParentPay

Please check your ParentPay accounts and ensure they are up-to-date ready for the return to school on Monday 8 March 2021.

Lothersdale Primary School Nominated Charity



Please remember that school is raising money for Manorlands this academic year and repeat payments can be made via your ParentPay account. Thank you for your continued support.

Pre-admissions Register of Interest List

The school Pre-admissions Register of Interest List for a potential reception place at Lothersdale Primary School is filling up quickly for next year's September 2022 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.

Admission Year	Entry Date	Date of Birth Range	No. of Places Available	Registrations of Interest Received to Date
2022/2023	Sept 2022	1.9.2017 to 31.8.2018	15 (TBC)	11
2023/2024	Sept 2023	1.9.2018 to 31.8.2019	15 (TBC)	1
2024/2025	Sept 2024	1.9.2019 to 31.8.2020	15 (TBC)	3
2025/2026	Sept 2024	1.9.2020 to 31.8.2021	15 (TBC)	0

If you have not yet registered your interest for your child on any of the above school lists, please download and complete an electronic copy of the school's register of interest form available from the school website and return via email to lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk. 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.

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

Full Opening Information Booklet March 2021 (Home/Noticeboard)

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.

Skipton Tennis Centre

Please find attached flyer regarding Easter camps taking place at Skipton Tennis Centre over the holiday period, for your information.

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 8 Mar 2021** - School reopens to all pupils following the national lockdown
- Mon 8 Mar 2021** - World Book Day in school ~ Non-school Uniform Day
- Tue 20 Apr 2021** - Bag2School collection in the Parent Shelter ~ by 9.00am

Food Allergy Warning

Please remember Lothersdale Primary School is a Nut Free Zone



Key Worker and Vulnerable Children Provision

Thank you to those of you who have requested Key Worker provision in school this week. Please remember to complete the weekly request form (emailed out every Wednesday) by Thursday morning to enable us to arrange staffing and cater for school lunches.



Please note that you should bring your child to school at 8.45am on the dates you have requested, unless you hear otherwise directly from school.

Home Learning During School Closure

Work packs ~ we will endeavour to ensure requested work packs are available for parents/carers to collect from the parent shelter every Friday afternoon ready for Monday morning. In certain circumstances (e.g. snow resulting in school closure) there may be a delay in staff producing the work packs until the Monday, therefore please do not come up to school to collect the work pack unless you have had a text to say it is ready for collection.

Please ensure work packs are collected as soon as possible ~ unfortunately they are getting damp/wet if left over the weekend due to the current weather conditions. Please use the hand sanitizer provided prior to handling the boxes/packs and, to help us ensure the packs remain as dry as possible, please make sure the lids are secured on the boxes prior to leaving.

If you have a specific question about teaching and learning, please feel free to email the teachers direct using these email addresses:



- Mrs Bateman - lothclass1@ycatschools.co.uk
- Mr Craven - lothclass2@ycatschools.co.uk
- Miss Gallagher - lothclass3@ycatschools.co.uk
- Mrs Fawcett - lothclass4@ycatschools.co.uk

Please do not use these email addresses for anything other than home learning – all other queries should be directed to the school via the main school office email (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) as normal.

The teachers will be online during the school day and will be able to respond to any questions about the learning tasks from children or parents/carers as soon as possible. Please note that there may be a longer response time on the days the teachers are timetabled to be in school to support the children of key worker and vulnerable children. Please do not email teachers after 5pm or at the weekends as some teachers do not know when to switch off and feel compelled to respond to requests and queries out-of-hours - thank you.

Online Learning: Zoom Lessons

The daily Zoom calls provide an opportunity for your child's class teacher to briefly introduce the day's learning and maybe show an example of the work being taught; it may be a chance for a sing-a-long and some daily phonics; it may be a chance for the teacher to provide feedback for work which children have completed; or it may be a chance for children to ask questions about the work that has been set.

	Daily Teacher Zoom Calls						
	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	11.30 to 12.00	11.00 to 11.30	10.30 to 11.00	10.00 to 10.30	9.30 to 10.00	9.00 to 9.30	9.00 to 10.00



The school has subscribed to several online learning platforms and, if they are not currently using them in conjunction with class work packs, pupils in Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4 can continue to utilise these platforms at home. Passwords and login details were provided to you and your children during the last lockdown to enable you to access these platforms.

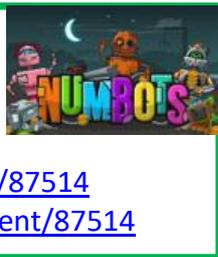
Additional Resources for Parents/Carers

A list of additional online resources you may be interested in looking at with your children at home can be found under the Learning Section of the school website along with a list of useful websites to help keep your kids active during lockdown.

<p>Reading for Class 3 Laptop or Chromebook</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to www.getepic.com/students 2. Students enter class code 3. Click on their name and they're in! 		<p>iOS/Android</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Download the Epic! app from the app store 2. Students open the Epic! app 3. Students enter class code 4. Click on their name and they're in!
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	<p>All subjects for Class 2, Class 3 & Class 4</p> <p>Log in: https://www.purplemash.com/sch/lothersdale</p>
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 <p>Spelling for Class 2, Class 3 & Class 4</p> <p>Log in: https://www.spellzone.com</p>
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	<p>Maths for Class 2, Class 3 & Class 4</p> <p>Log in: play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/87514 https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/87514</p>	
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 <p>Reading for Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3</p> <p>Log in: https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk</p>
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<p>Reading for Class 4</p> <p>Log in: https://student.readingplus.com</p>	
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SKIPTON TENNIS CENTRE EASTER CAMPS 2021

AWARDED LTA UK CLUB OF THE YEAR

**4-12
YEARS**

WEEK 1: MONDAY 29th MARCH - THURSDAY 1st APRIL

WEEK 2: TUESDAY 6th - FRIDAY 9th APRIL

DROP OFF AVAILABLE FROM 8.30am

9.00AM - 3.30PM

£16/day | £54/4 days

**TENNIS, FOOTBALL
or MULTI-SPORTS**

**CHILDREN IN
SMAL GROUPS**



We are following all social distancing and hygiene guidelines as set out by the LTA.

The focus is on **FUN** and **ENJOYMENT** and the children can **CHOOSE** their favourite sports.

Half day options are available, along with a 10% sibling discount.

Parents **MUST** provide a packed lunch, we provide a snack at break.

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**5 Tennis Courts | 4G All-Weather Pitch | Sports Hall
Playing Fields | Club House | Free Car Park**



Bradford
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