

FULL REOPENING OF LOTHERSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL MONDAY 8 MARCH 2021

We are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school on Monday and have been busy ensuring that school is as safe an environment as possible for your children's return.

The health and safety procedures in place in school are there to help ensure COVID does not start to spread throughout schools following Monday's reopening, and we would ask all parents/carers to read the parent information booklet to reacquaint yourselves with the systems and routines in place in school.

LOCKDOWN

The opening of schools from Monday is the first part of the government's roadmap to ease the country out of lockdown but it is vital that everyone remembers that England continues to remain under LOCKDOWN restrictions after schools have reopened.

Social contact is still limited - people will be allowed to leave home for recreation and exercise outdoors with their household or support bubble, if they are eligible for one, or with one person from outside their household.

Please therefore continue to comply with these lockdown rules to help protect staff and class 'bubbles' and keep everyone safe.

It is anticipated that the school will be visited by the HSE for a spot check on our compliance with COVID measures and we would be grateful if all parents/carers could support us with this, particularly during dropping off/picking up routines.

We must keep on protecting each other.



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FACE



SPACE

Lockdown rules for England from 8 March

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Stay home - only leave for work, essential shopping, exercise or medical appointments
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Exercise allowed outdoors once a day, in your local area. You can exercise with your household, support bubble, or one other person
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All schools open, with outdoor after-school sports and activities allowed.
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Two people can meet outdoors to socialise eg to sit down for a coffee, drink or picnic
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Care home residents are allowed one regular visitor, with whom they can hold hands
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No household mixing indoors or outdoors unless in your support or childcare bubble
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Non-essential shops, leisure and entertainment venues closed
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Pubs and restaurants closed, but takeaway food permitted

Source: GOV.UK 

Thank you to all our parents/carers for your continued support throughout this pandemic.

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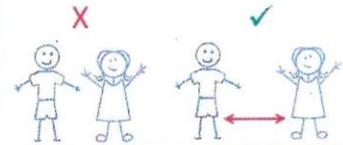
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**LOTHERSDALE
Primary School**



*'Lothersdale leaves lots of legroom
to keep us safe!'*

PLEASE HELP US KEEP SCHOOL SAFE:

- Please follow all instructions**
- Face coverings must be worn on the school site**
- Use the ONE WAY SYSTEM when dropping off and collecting children**
- Keep your distance**
- Please don't crowd the school entrance/exit**
- No entry to the school building without a prior appointment**

Thank you



for

your support

Save the Date!

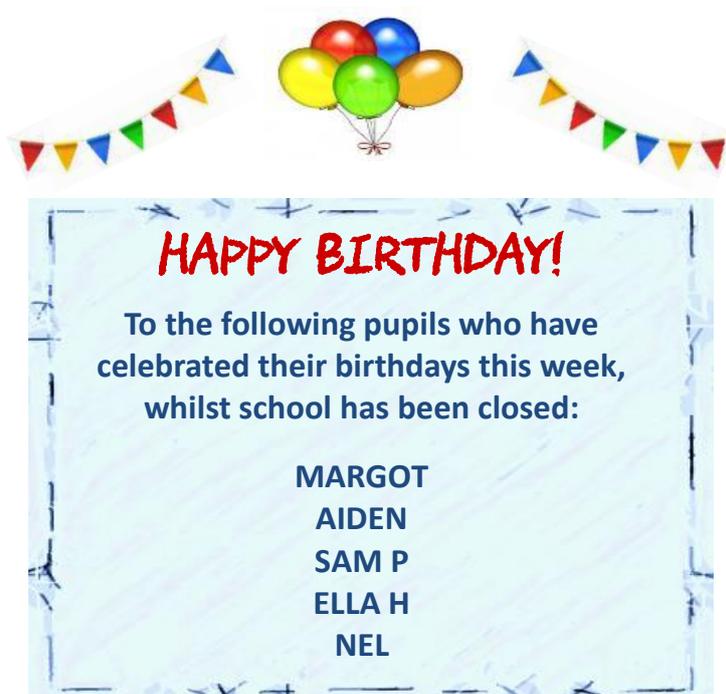
Please note there may be circumstances in which these dates are subject to change. More information will follow at a later date about events listed below:

- Fri 19 Mar 21** - Red Nose Day ~ NON-UNIFORM DAY ~ WEAR RED (see below)
- Fri 19 Mar 21** - Class 3 swimming lessons start at Craven Pool
- Fri 26 Mar 21** - School breaks up at 3.15pm for the Easter break
- Mon 12 Apr 21** - School closed for Staff Training
- Tue 13 Apr 21** - School reopens for the summer term
- Mon 3 May 21** - School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
- Wed 19 May 21** - Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers' Photos
- Wed 26 May 21** - Year 6 Bikeability – Day 1
- Wed 26 May 21** - Year 4 Eshton Grange Residential – Day 1 (TBC)
- Thu 27 May 21** - Year 6 Bikeability – Day 2
- Thu 27 May 21** - Year 4 Eshton Grange Residential – Day 2 (TBC)
- Fri 28 May 21** - Year 4 Eshton Grange Residential – Day 3 (TBC)
- Fri 28 May 21** - Deadline for entries for Ilkley Literature Festival Children's Poetry Competition
- Fri 28 May 21** - School breaks up at 3.15pm for May half-term

Deadlines & Reminders for w/c 8 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.

- Mon** - School reopens ~ NON-UNIFORM DAY to celebrate World Book Day (see below)
- Wed** - Booster Sessions re-start (see below)



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 8

In common with the rest of the staff, I am delighted that we will be able to open our doors to all our wonderful children on Monday morning. I have said before that we have *all* missed the children and that is true; the whole place is crying out for 110 happy, smiling faces.

To echo what Mrs. Ellison has written above, our absolute top priority is the safety of our children and, by extension, the wider community. We will be ensuring our Covid-19 risk assessment is adhered to by all staff and visitors to the school. At the same time, we will be working hard to ensure that the children feel relaxed and confident in school and happy to be back.

Please take a moment to read the parent information booklet which is available on the front page of our website; not much has changed since before Christmas, so the routine for parents is very similar. Drop-off and pick-up times are the same, as is the one-way system through the playground. Please remember that all parents/carers must wear a face covering whilst anywhere on site, including on the playground.

Let's hope that as the weeks pass by, we are able to relax restrictions in line with a national relaxation of lockdown. Provided infection numbers continue to fall, we should all be in for a very pleasant summer.

Enjoy your last weekend of being home-educators, and I think you each deserve medals for all the hard work and dedication you have shown to your children's education and wellbeing. What a fabulous community!

We will see you on Monday morning for a fun-filled World Book Day celebration.

With very best wishes



COLUM GROGAN



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 Celebration ~ 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.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday in fancy dress and hope to see lots of different book characters brought to life and hear about your favourite books and how they inspired you.

COVID Catch Up 'Booster' Sessions

Booster Sessions will start again on Wednesday 10 March 2021 and information has been emailed out this week to those parents/carers whose children will benefit from the sessions. **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.** Please ensure you have confirmed your child's attendance via the class email address.

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Y1 Fabulous Phonics 8.20 to 9.00am	Y1 Fabulous Phonics 8.20 to 9.00am	Y3 Once Upon a Picture 3.10 to 3.45pm
Y2 Roaring Reading 8.20 to 8.50am	Y3 Rewarding Reading 8.20 to 8.50am	Y4 Roaring Reasoning 8.30 to 9.00am
Y3 Amazing Arithmetic 8.20 to 8.50am	Y4 Super Spellers 8.30 to 9.00am	Y5 Wonderful Writing 8.20 to 8.50am
Y4 Clever Calculations 3.10 to 3.45pm		
Y5 Marvellous Maths 8.20 to 8.50am		
Y6 Glorious Grammar/ Radical Reading 3.15 to 4.00pm		

Red Nose Day ~ Friday 19 March 2021

Red Nose Day is back! This year we are asking all pupils to come to school dressed in red* for a minimum donation of £1, which can be made via the following ParentPay link:



<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2497>

We are also 'Sharing a Smile' to help kick start a wave of smiles by asking all the children to write their favourite joke on the attached poster and bring a copy to school so that we can share a smile with each other in our classrooms. We look forward to hearing all your jokes!

*please note that Class 3 are swimming on Friday so please bear this in mind when choosing an outfit!

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade fortnight has come to a close but Fairtrade continues its work to support and help farmers all year long.

Thank you to all who have entered the competition and emailed your Fairtrade symbols made from recycled items to Liz Roodhouse. Don't worry if you haven't finished it yet as the competition doesn't close until Monday 8 March.



On Wednesday, pupils from Years 3 - 6 joined in with a live school community event where we listened to Liz explain more about Fairtrade and the Fairtrade Premium, which helps farmers learn how to make their land sustainable and creates businesses to pay a fair price for the crops. The session included some creative time when the children had to design and make their own flags with a slogan to promote this year's theme: Climate, Fairtrade and You!

A huge thank you to Oscar's grandparents, who went all out on Wednesday afternoon for Fairtrade. They made Fairtrade banana split, using Fairtrade bananas and Fairtrade chocolate chips, and a Fairtrade hot chocolate treat too. The Fairtrade flowers also look beautiful in the fireplace.

I was so impressed with all the pupils who engaged with the session and who created some amazing flags and bunting. Please send any pictures of your completed flags and bunting to school and Liz at liz@cravenec.org.uk

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).

Class 1 PE Lessons ~ Spring Term

Our PE lessons for the remainder of this term will be:

Monday - Gymnastics with Kanga Sports

Friday - Ball games with Gerry

In their last week of home-schooling and critical worker school, the children in Class 1 have learnt about the jobs of the emergency services. Some of them have learnt to say their address which is important information for us all to know! The children corrected Mrs B when she got the telephone number wrong. Was it 444 or 999? Throughout this term the children have impressed all of the Class 1 staff team with their maths, writing, cursive handwriting and their enthusiasm for our topics. Well done children AND thank you families, your support has been fabulous!

The children in school and at home enjoyed baking Fairtrade cakes and learning about Fairtrade last week and this Wednesday. The photographs show some very busy children!

Take care and enjoy your weekend.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

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 PE Lessons ~ Spring Term

Our PE lessons for the remainder of this term will be:

Monday – Gymnastics with Kanga Sports

Thursday – Ball games with Gerry

We've made it. Hopefully we have now all zoomed our last zoom for this year. Like all of you, I cannot wait to be back in school next week. I want to say a huge well done to everybody in Class 2. You have all worked so hard during what has been a very tricky time and I am proud of each and every one of you.

During our last week of home learning, we have continued to develop our knowledge of money and you are all now brilliant at making different amounts. In English, you have all really impressed me with how well you have remembered your knowledge of verbs, adverbs and the four sentence types.

We have also had some great conversation about Fairtrade and I have seen some brilliant recycled Fairtrade logos. I can't wait to see how amazing you are next week. Don't forget your World Book Day outfit!

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).

Swimming Lessons ~ Spring/Summer Terms

It has now been confirmed that Class 3 swimming lessons **can go ahead** at Craven Pool as part of the PE curriculum. This is an eight-week block and lessons will start on Friday 19 March and finish on Friday 21 May 2021. A letter will be emailed next week to parents/carers with further information.



Class 3 PE Lessons ~ Spring Term

Our PE lessons for the remainder of this term will be:

Tuesday - Tag Rugby with Hedley Verity from Wharfedale Rugby Club (Please send your child into school on a Tuesday with additional warm/waterproof PE clothing and football/rugby boots in a separate plastic carrier bag, as they will be going across to the playing field in all weathers!)

Friday - Swimming (from Friday 15 March 2021).



Year 4 Eshton Grange Residential ~ 26 to 28 May 2021

Please remember that the payment for this residential is now set up on ParentPay.

Lockdown restrictions for overnight residentials are still in place however Step 3 of the government lockdown roadmap, which is due to come into effect no earlier than 17 May, indicates that school residential visits could take place from this date. We are therefore continuing to plan for this trip going ahead and will keep you informed over the following weeks.

Liz Pichon's Online Doodle Session



I like drawing and I love reading Tom Gates' books by Liz Pichon so when I saw the doodle with Liz in the Friday News, I knew I wanted to do it! It was amazeballs! She didn't just do doodling she read some of her new book and even showed us a trailer of Shoe Wars and Tom Gates episodes on Sky. The best thing about it was when she was answering questions and her answers gave me tips about how I could improve

my art work. A great way to start the week. *By Ernie Ward*

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).

Class 4 PE Lessons ~ Spring Term

Our PE lessons for the remainder of this term will be:

- Tuesday** - Tag Rugby with Hedley Verity from Wharfedale Rugby Club (Please send your child into school on a Tuesday with additional warm/waterproof PE clothing and football/rugby boots in a separate plastic carrier bag, as they will be going across to the playing field in all weathers!)
- Friday** - PE with Gerry

Week two is now complete, and we are really looking forward to seeing you all in school on Monday. This week, Year 6 have continued with their work on Algebra, focusing on substitution, formulae, forming equations and solving simple one-step equations; the KIRF task has involved the revision of our knowledge of Roman numerals. Year 5 have finished the lockdown learning period with the same enthusiasm and effort that they have shown throughout. This week, they have taken on the challenge of using semi-colons and colons in their writing. In maths, they have continued their excellent work with fractions, completing addition and subtraction calculations using fractions with different denominators. Well done to each one of them!

In English we have revisited work on different grammatical and punctuation elements, before studying how to use semi-colons and colons to separate two independent clauses. We have continued with our comprehension work, using the knowledge gained in our domain work to answer questions relating to the Earth, the Sun and the Moon. Congratulations go to Rose and Noah who have been working really hard on Reading Plus during this period of home learning and have moved up to the next level. Thank you for sending in your 'Planets Fact Files', PowerPoint presentations, homemade scale models of the solar system and associated research. A wide range of materials have been used to make the planets including icing sugar, Playdoh and paper balls. Alice ventured down the road near her home to produce a short film which illustrate the relative distances – what a great presenter she is! During half term, Alfie was very creative, making himself a pair of slippers – see the photograph below - really well done Alfie! Remember that we are celebrating World Book Day on Monday 8th March; come to school dressed as your chosen character and bring the accompanying book with you. We hope you have a fantastic weekend, and we shall see you all on Monday morning. Take good care.

School Office Information

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

School Meals Menu ~ Spring Term

The school meal menu for the remainder of this term is available to view on the school website.

Pupils on Pack Ups ~ Friday Lunch

If your child is currently on pack-ups and is registered to have a Friday lunch this term, the cost will be £7.32 for the remainder of the spring term (up to and including 26 March 2021), payable via the normal pupil meal account on ParentPay, or £2.44 per week, payable in advance. Please ensure you inform the school office at least 2 weeks in advance if your child would like to have Friday lunches.

Pupils on Packed Lunches

May we remind parents to ensure their child's pack up is clearly named and that you give the school office at least two week's term time notice if your child would like to switch to school meals or vice versa. Many thanks.

School Meals ~ Class 3 and Class 4

The cost of school meals for children in Class 3 and Class 4 from 8 March 2021 will continue to be £2.44 per meal (£12.20 per week) for all children.

For parents/carers who wish to pay up to the end of term (Friday 26 March 2021), the cost will be **£36.60** per child payable via ParentPay.

Alternatively, parents/carers can pay weekly in advance (£12.20) via ParentPay. Please note that school meals must be paid for in advance and we would also ask parents/carers to refer to the school's School Meals' Arrears Procedure (available to view on the school website) to ensure that you are familiar with the school's course of action should you find yourselves falling behind with payments.

Please check your ParentPay accounts for credits/outstanding payments (eg illness, educational visits etc) and adjust your child's account accordingly when paying the above.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

Now that the new academic year has started, may we remind parents that free school meals are available for children whose parents meet the relevant criteria. If you are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits and think you may qualify, please either ask Mrs Ellison for an application form or use the application form available via www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

The relevant criteria is based on receipt of:

- income support
- income-based job seeker's allowance
- income-related employment and support allowance
- child tax credit with an income of less than £16,190 and **not** in receipt of working tax credit
- support under part VI of the immigration and asylum act 1999
- guarantee element of state pension credit.

Where parents are entitled to working tax credit during a four week "run on" period immediately after their employment has ceased, or after they have started to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school meals.

Children who receive income support or income based jobseeker's allowance in their own right are also entitled to free school meals.

Applications are usually processed the same day. If your child is entitled to free school meals you will receive a letter confirming the date when the meals will start. The school is also notified that your child is entitled to free school meals. In the meantime, you should continue to pay for free school meals until confirmation comes through. School may be able to arrange a reimbursement of any monies paid whilst your entitlement is being confirmed. If you are not entitled to free school meals you will be notified in writing.

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.

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.

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

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.



Lothersdale Out of School Club

Unfortunately Lothersdale Out of School Club is unable to open until after the Easter holidays on Tuesday 13 April 2021 and apologise for any inconvenience.

Please contact outofschoolclub@googlemail.com to make any new bookings or change present bookings. Thank you for your support.

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
- Mon 8 Mar 2021** - Deadline for submission of Fairtrade Mark Competition entry
- 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



SHARE A SMILE

**RED
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WRITE YOUR FAVOURITE JOKE HERE, POP IT
IN YOUR WINDOW, TAKE A PHOTO AND TAG
@COMICRELIEF ON SOCIAL MEDIA
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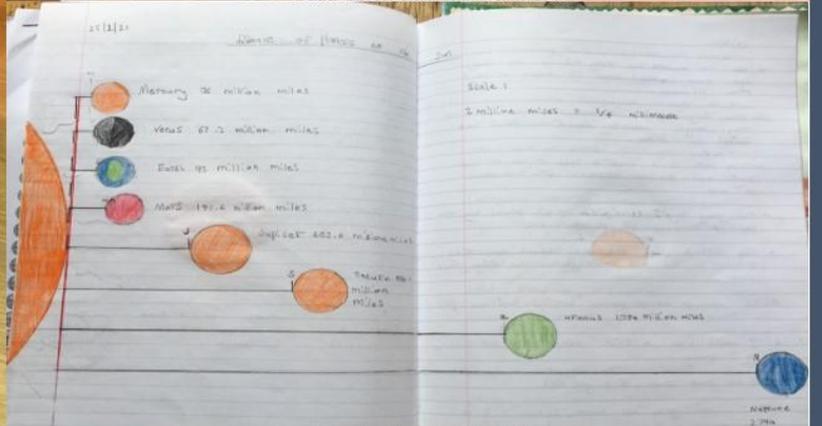
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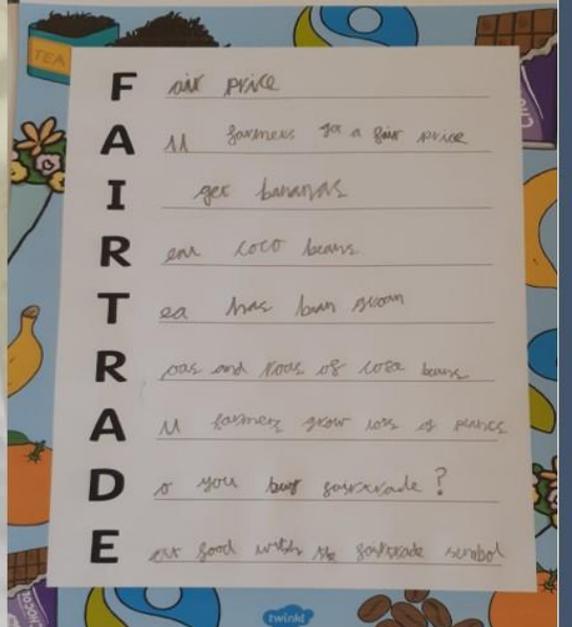
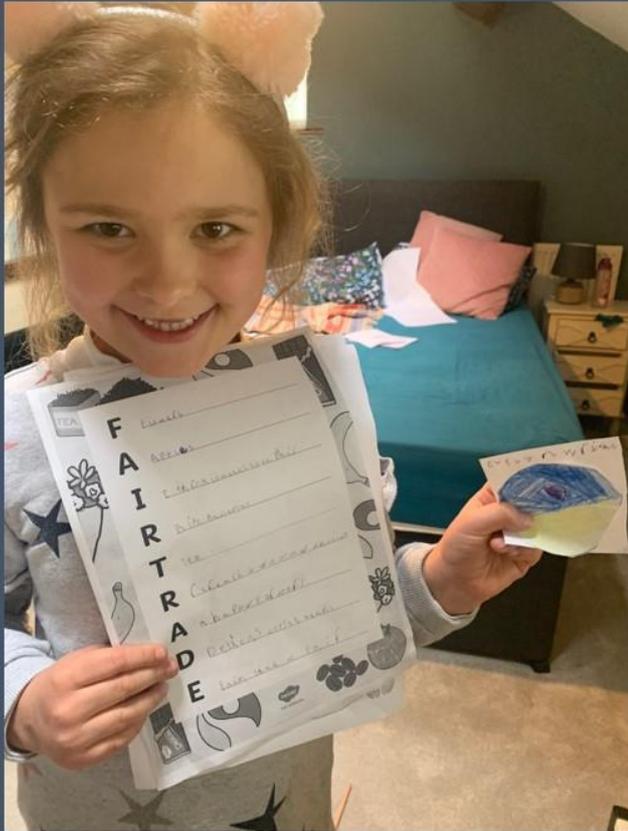
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This week's PHOTO GALLERY









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