

Following the Secretary of State for Education's address on Wednesday 18 March 2020, the school will close to pupils on  
**Friday 20 March 2020**  
until further notice.

**It is anticipated staff will still be in school during enforced school closure but social distancing measures will be in place. Please do not enter the school premises without prior arrangement.**

*Thank you to all our parents/carers for your support and understanding at this difficult and unprecedented time.*

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This week's  
**LOTHERSDALE LEGENDS**

have been awarded to:

Reception ~ Oliver Dixon

Year 1 ~ Lizzy Smith

Year 2 ~ Chloe Platt

Year 3 ~ Ernie Ward

Year 4 ~ Oscar Newiss

Year 5 ~ Alfie Burgess

Year 6 ~ Georgia Walton

★ YEAR 6 AWARD ★

This week's Year 6 Award goes to  
**ANNIE WOODHEAD**



Thinking about our Year 6 Lothersdale Legends today, who enjoyed fun times together playing in the glorious sunshine ~  
Millie & Layla we missed you and hope to see you soon.

*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.*

### **What a week!**

Thank you to everyone for supporting our revised drop off and home time routines over the last three days. The systems have worked well and we have been really impressed by the social distancing at the end of the day.

Staff have worked very hard this week to put together work packs for all the children and present them in a clear and concise way. Each pack contains a weekly timetable for each of the two weeks to Easter and the associated activities. We have chosen to send a hard copy of all the activities so that you do not have to rely on being able to print worksheets out and we hope the information included will help you in supporting your child to complete their learning tasks. These tasks have been carefully planned in line with each year group's curriculum and we hope that the children will be able to continue their learning at home as best as they can. In addition each child has a collection of reading books which we have noted the titles of and would be very grateful if they could be well cared for at home and eventually returned in a good condition.

Whilst initially many of the tasks look quite formal, we would ask that you encourage your child to work creatively where they can and enjoy presenting their final pieces in different ways.

On top of the work packs we hope that the children can enjoy many other creative tasks such as: baking, gardening, painting, drawing, constructing, dancing, composing and sewing at home and we would be delighted to see photographs/video clips of their efforts through the new class emails that are detailed below. We can then share the pictures through our website so the children can see what each other are up to on their class pages.

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 as soon as possible. In addition they will send feedback to the children on learning tasks if you send photos or scanned copies of them when they are completed.

With the potential of ongoing school closures after the Easter holidays we have invested in an online learning platform called 'Purple Mash'. All children have been issued with a log in and password today, which is attached to their class timetables. Please log on and have a browse around the site. The teachers will be sending out more information about how they will be using the platform in due course.

Finally, I know it has been a very difficult week for us all and I am very grateful to staff, governors and parents for their support and kind messages.

I am particularly proud of all the school staff who have shown great resilience over the last few weeks and a strong commitment to ensuring that in this time of great uncertainty the education at Lothersdale Primary School has not been disrupted, especially when I know colleagues in other schools have been struggling to cover staff absence. We all feel very disappointed that we have to close the school for most pupils and desperately hope that all the children are back in school sometime early in the summer term.

Please stay safe and keep in touch as we will miss you all during these unprecedented times!

### Parent Forums

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our recent Parent Forums or sent in apologies. As always, these forums allow me to update parents/carers on aspects of the curriculum and school life. These meetings provide the opportunity to gather parent views and opinions, which is vital to our school improvement process. The minutes of the meetings will be available for you to view shortly on the school website.



### Headteacher ~ September 2020

Following a rigorous two day recruitment process last week, the Governors are pleased to announce that Mr Colum Grogan has been appointed to be Headteacher at Lothersdale Primary School from September 2020.

We hope there will be opportunities for Mr Grogan to meet you all in the summer term and we will keep you updated if this is possible.

### Coronavirus ~ Key Worker Access to 'Reduced School Provision'

The Government has released the list of 'Key Workers' this morning. The list shows which parents and carers are able to request a place in school from Monday. We will be providing childcare, with reduced staff numbers in place, and offers have been made to those parents/carers who have contacted us as key workers.

In order to keep this going as long as possible, we are asking that your request to take up this provision is as a last resort and that wherever it is possible, your children stay at home. The government are clear in their action plan that the best and safest place for your children is currently at home.

If you have any queries or questions in the following weeks, please do not hesitate to contact us by the school office email ([lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:lothersdale@ycatschools.co.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.*

**Remote Learning during school closure**

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

[lothclass1@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:lothclass1@ycatschools.co.uk)

We would be grateful if you could only use this email for support concerning your child's learning whilst school is closed. The email will also be monitored by Mrs Robinson. Mrs Bateman will try and answer all emails accordingly but please be aware that she, or a member of her family, may become ill during this period and allowances should be made for this eventuality. We will endeavour to send out a text alerting you should the class teacher become ill. Please note this email address will become obsolete once school restarts.

**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.*

**Remote Learning during school closure**

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

[lothclass2@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:lothclass2@ycatschools.co.uk)

We would be grateful if you could only use this email for support concerning your child's learning whilst school is closed. The email will also be monitored by Mrs Robinson. Mr Craven will try and answer all emails accordingly but please be aware that he, or a member of his family, may become ill during this period and allowances should be made for this eventuality. We will endeavour to send out a text alerting you should the class teacher become ill. Please note this email address will become obsolete once school restarts.

**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.*

**Remote Learning during school closure**

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

[lothclass3@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:lothclass3@ycatschools.co.uk)

We would be grateful if you could only use this email for support concerning your child's learning whilst school is closed. The email will also be monitored by Mrs Robinson. Miss Gallagher will try and answer all emails accordingly but please be aware that she, or a member of her family, may become ill during this period and allowances should be made for this eventuality. We will endeavour to send out a text alerting you should the class teacher become ill. Please note this email address will become obsolete once school restarts.

### **Class 3 Swimming Lessons**

The decision was made by Craven Pool on Wednesday 18 March 2020 (on the advice of Swim England) to cancel all school swimming lessons for the foreseeable future. If you have already paid the full contribution towards your child's swimming lessons this term, a refund will be made via ParentPay as soon as possible for the remaining three sessions (20 March, 27 March, 3 April) which will not now go ahead.

### **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.*

### **Remote Learning during school closure**

As some of the Year 6 work is complex, answer sheets have been included with most of the work. For Year 5 pupils, there is a small pack containing some answer sheets. If you need to contact Mrs Fawcett regarding any of the work contained in your child's work pack, please email her via the following email:

[lothclass4@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:lothclass4@ycatschools.co.uk)

We would be grateful if you could only use this email for support concerning your child's learning whilst school is closed. The email will also be monitored by Mrs Robinson. Mrs Fawcett will try and answer all emails accordingly but please be aware that she, or a member of her family, may become ill during this period and allowances should be made for this eventuality. We will endeavour to send out a text alerting you should the class teacher become ill. Please note this email address will become obsolete once school restarts.

### **Year 6 Crucial Crew ~ Monday 23 March 2020**

Please note that the Year 6 Crucial Crew event has been postponed due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. The organisers are hoping to reschedule this event in the summer term however if the decision is made to cancel, then refunds will be made via ParentPay at that time to those parents/carers who have already made a contribution.

## Year 6

We realise that there is uncertainty regarding whether or not school will re-open again in the summer term. We will however continue with our Year 6 leavers' end of year celebrations when we can. Today our Year 6 children tried on the leaver's hoody to gauge the size required and next week we will email the information needed to enable us to order the hoody. In the following weeks we will update you regarding other 'leaver's tasks' we would like your child to do at home.

### School Office Information

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

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.

If you are currently self-isolating and need to call in to school to retrieve your child's belongings at a future date (eg. PE bag), please ensure you contact school first to ensure you are able to access school.

**Social distancing measures are in place in school during enforced school closure therefore please do not enter the school premises without prior arrangement.**

### Extended Schools Activities ~ Refunds

Please note that refunds will be made via ParentPay as soon as possible for all extended schools' sessions cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

### ParentPay

Following the Government's announcement regarding school closures, ParentPay have implemented a 'school closure' process across all school meal (and other balance related) payment items.

We are liaising directly with ParentPay and their system will generate outstanding and unspent meal balances as they stand at the end of this week and will communicate those balances to us.

As such please ensure that you check your ParentPay account and ensure all outstanding meal balances are paid for as soon as possible.

Over the next few weeks, the school will be looking closely at all the payment items currently held on ParentPay and, when it has been made clear to us that a scheduled event will be cancelled, refunds will be made accordingly via ParentPay accounts.

## Prescribed Medicine

All pupil prescribed medicine that is currently held in school has been sent home with pupils today. This includes inhalers, adrenalin auto-injectors and insulin amongst other medicines. If your child has been offered a place in school on reduced school provision on Monday, then please can they bring the medicine in with them.

### 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.*

## Christ Church Lothersdale ~ Sunday Services

Please find attached letter from Reverend Helen Collings regarding services at Christ Church, Lothersdale with regard to Coronavirus, for your information.

## Wild About Lothersdale! ~ Litter

Please find attached the latest news from the Looking After Lothersdale Team, for your information.



## 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.



## Food Allergy Warning

Please remember Lothersdale Primary School is a Nut Free Zone



*Dear Friends,*

### **Sunday Services**

Unfortunately, due to the continuing restrictions on gatherings due to Coronavirus (Covid-19), there will be no church services, or other public events, at **Christ Church Lothersdale** for the foreseeable future.

Whilst we are not holding services, we are still the church. ***If you or anyone you know need support, please contact us.***

Christ Church is always open for private prayer/quiet space, and you are welcome to come in. Clergy say Morning Prayer at Christ Church on Monday mornings. Whilst we are not able to invite others to join us, we will be in church afterwards for the opportunity to talk to us/pray with us on a one-to-one basis. This will continue unless restrictions are further tightened or clergy need to self-isolate. Clergy will be in church on **Mondays** between **9.45am and 11.00am**. Please do not come to church if you or a member of your household are unwell - telephone us instead.

The situation changes rapidly. Updates and worship material are available on our website and Facebook page ([www.ubscl.org.uk](http://www.ubscl.org.uk), [www.facebook.com/ubscl](https://www.facebook.com/ubscl)).

Written resources so you can join in prayers at home are also available. Please contact us to be put on our mailing list.

*With love,*

*Revd Helen*

Helen Collings, Vicar

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*Revd Brian*

Brian Greenfield, Assistant Curate

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# WILD *about* Lothersdale!

## Litter

### What is litter?

Litter consists of waste products that have been discarded incorrectly, without consent, at an unsuitable location (Wikipedia)

Litter comes from different sources, and different people. It may be intentional litter from motorists discarding litter out of windows, pedestrians dropping litter on the street or footpaths, or people on picnics and at other public space events.

Another source of litter may be unintentional. It may come from uncovered loads and can easily be blown out of trucks, cars and trailers. Household rubbish, commercial rubbish and uncontrolled building waste can become litter if not secured by a proper cover. Finally, there is rubbish from the wind, and rubbish which animals carry from sites that are not properly secured

### Audit of Lothersdale litter:

An audit was carried out on the 35 bin bags of rubbish collected by volunteers during the 2019 Great Lothersdale Morning Spring clean. Approximately 40% was made up of fast-food packaging, snack/sweet wrappers and soft/alcoholic drinks containers made from tin, plastic glass. Producers of this packaging were Cadbury, Walkers, McDonalds, Lucozade and Mars. Items that come under the category of fly-tipping included old plastic guttering, car/van tyres etc. made up another 40%. Parts from damaged vehicles accounted for 10% and finally 10% was plastic wrapping from silage/hay bales.



### Why does litter matter?

**Cost:** We all have to pay for CDC to clear litter and fly tipping. Local Government Association (LGA) estimate that removing each piece of gum stuck on a path, costs fifty times the amount it cost to buy. Is that your council tax money well spent?

**Danger to wildlife:** Animal rescue charities receive many calls about litter-related incidents, from badger cubs with plastic can holders embedded in their necks to hedgehogs with their heads wedged in empty tins.

**Unattractive:** Litter is unsightly. Not only does it annoy this dog walker, but for other people it can ruin views, beck walks, Pennine Way rambles and drives. It takes 12 years for a cigarette butt to decompose, plastic bottles last forever. Even though fruit and vegetables are natural products, orange peel or banana skins stuffed into stone piles at Pinhaw Beacon summit, will take up to a year to degrade fully.

**Contamination:** Fly-tipping of garden waste could allow invasive plant species such as Japanese knotweed to spread, leachate of toxic substances from the breakdown of items causing contamination of water courses, ground and possible poisoning of animals/birds.

Increases negative behaviour: Litter attracts more litter. Littering also reduces people's sense of



well-being and attracts crime. Think of the famous 'broken window' theory that states littering and vandalism creates an atmosphere of disarray and lawlessness, encouraging greater criminal behaviour.

### What can be done by local and national governments, to reduce littering?

Ideally, we would all take responsibility for our own litter and take it home to dispose of in the bin or compost bin. The Campaign for Rural England (CPRE) argue the key is to use economics to incentivise consumers and companies to do the right, rather than the wrong thing. "The plastic-bag 5p charge was more successful in reducing that type of littering than 20 years of campaigns, asking people not to throw away plastic bags". Other schemes and ideas that tap into behavioural economics include:

-The UK Government launched a consultation on a deposit-return system for aluminium cans, glass and plastic bottles along with 'disposable cups filled at the point of sale'. Morrisons supermarket in Skipton has trialled this with great success. Germany has been doing this (called 'Pfand' system'), since the 1920s. You would not throw 25p out of window, so why not put a value to the cost of that plastic bottle? Bradford Council are running an eyebrow raising poster scheme telling motorists to "Don't be a Tos53r. Take your litter home".



### What we can ALL do to reduce littering:

1-Please take rubbish home for the reasons outlined above.

2- Say NO to plastic packaging. Ensure your picnics use the least amount of packaging. Store food in reusable containers rather than cling film. Use a refillable bottle and avoid products in plastic. Apply the 4 R's – Refuse packaging, Re-use, Reduce your waste, Recycle.

3- Pick up rubbish you find. I have been doing this for five years dog walking around Lothersdale and surrounding area. If I see a discarded crisp packet, can or bottle I pick it up and pop into one of the used plastic bags, I carry with me and dispose in the bin when I get home.

4-Spread the word. Tell others what you do and encourage them to respect the countryside. If you use social media, advertise litter picks and share recycling information.

5-Talk to fast food chains. Contact companies who produce packaging, to raise awareness of the amount of litter that their products create.

6-Support national schemes. CPRE and other litter organisations such as Keep Britain Tidy, all campaign for proven schemes, such as the deposit-return system for drinks cans and bottles.

7-Finally come and join:

## The Lothersdale Great British Spring Clean - Saturday March 28th 2020, 1.30pm

Meet at the park at 1.30pm. Lothersdale Parish Council will provide bags and litter-picking grabbers. It's a great afternoon toward keeping Lothersdale litter free. For more information contact [simon@bethelchapellothersdale.co.uk](mailto:simon@bethelchapellothersdale.co.uk).

For more information on Keep Britain Tidy, see [www.keepbritaintidy.org](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org)  
Campaign for Rural England, see [www.cpre.org.uk](http://www.cpre.org.uk)  
Waste and Resources Action Programme, see [www.wrap.org.uk](http://www.wrap.org.uk)



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