



School reopens on Monday 12 April 2021

Health & Safety Update!

Unexpected School Closures

A mechanical failure in the school's water treatment plant resulted in the loss of water throughout the school building on Tuesday afternoon.

The engineers could not make the necessary repairs to make the water safe for school use, which resulted in the school closures on Wednesday, Thursday and today. The decision to close school was made after speaking to NYCC Health and Safety, YCAT and the school's Governing Body - the primary reason was due to the health and safety implications involved in not having tested clean running water in school to enable us to satisfy COVID procedures and requirements. A full repair and subsequent testing will now take place over the Easter holidays.

We would like to thank all our parents/carers for your understanding at this difficult time. The teaching staff were able to switch to remote learning and we thank them for helping to ensure some continuity of pupil learning particularly at a time when we do not need any more disruption to our children's education.

A decision has now been made to switch the Staff Training day from Monday 12 April to Friday 26 March 2021. School will therefore reopen to all pupils on Monday 12 April 2021 for the summer term.



**Deadlines & Reminders for
w/c 12 April 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.

- Fri 9 Apr** - Deadline for booking a FREE or PAID Extended Schools' Activities place for your child
- Mon** - School reopens for the summer term
- Extended Schools' Activities start
- Tue** - Class 4 Reading Plus at 8.20am
- Class 3 & Class 4 Tag Rugby Sessions with Hedley
- Extended Schools' Activities start
- Wed** - **Wellbeing Wednesday**
- Fri** - Class 4 Reading Plus at 8.20am
- Class 3 swimming lesson at Craven Pool

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		

EXTENDED SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 12 April 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tennis 3.05 to 4.05pm	Get Groovy 3.00 to 4.00pm	Drama Y1/2 3.15 to 4.15pm	Gardening 3.15 to 4.15pm	Football 3.10 to 4.10pm
		Drama Y5/6 3.15 to 4.15pm	STEM 3.15 to 4.15pm	
			Supersports 3.15 to 4.15pm	

Please do not come onto the school playground - the member of staff/activity provider will unlock the main gate and bring the children out at the end of each session to ensure a safe handover to parents/carers.

Please remember to wear a face mask on the school playground and keep your distance.

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.

This is a week that I am very glad to see the back of.

I cannot begin to express the frustration and anger I have felt this week at the situation in which we have found ourselves. I can understand that many of you will have felt the same emotions, and I do not blame you one bit - you have a right to be angry or upset that your children have missed out on valuable days in school, especially considering the year we have all had so far.

As I write this, the electrician and the water technician have just finished working in the water treatment plant, and I'm very relieved to say that they have fixed the plant and all areas of treatment are now fully operational. I will be in on Monday to oversee the flushing out of the system and the cleaning of the tank, so that we can be 100% certain that everything is cleaned, tested and ready for our return after Easter. You may be interested to learn that the water which we draw from our borehole undergoes 4 levels of treatment before entering the school building: physical filtration (3 levels of); a chemical dosing unit; Ultraviolet (UV) filtration (2 levels of); and finally, a reverse osmosis unit. The resultant water is far cleaner than domestic mains supplies, but it does make for a very complex treatment plant, which made troubleshooting difficult this week.

The fault has been fixed, but I have asked the water company to tell me what they propose to do in order to prevent a recurrence of such a problem. The issues this week were exacerbated by Covid-19 and the very strict guidelines which we have to work under; these rules meant that we couldn't open today, even though we could have provided water for flushing toilets and handwashing.

I would like to thank each of you for your patience and understanding during what has been by far the most frustrating week of my short career at Lothersdale. The support from parents, governors and staff has further confirmed to me just why the school has such a dedicated and stable workforce a - this is a great place to work (just not this week!). I would also like to thank Mrs Ellison who worked tirelessly with me this week and kept me sane.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break, and the children enjoy the free time; we even get to mix with a few friends from next week, and I can't wait for that!

We will see you all on **Monday 12th April** for the first day of what I'm sure will be a fabulous summer term.

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.

Fairtrade Fortnight ~ Competition

Well done to four pupils from Lothersdale Primary for their winning entries in the Fairtrade Competition:

Ruby ~ Reception

Lucy D ~ Year 1

Jack A ~ Year 3

Chloe D ~ Year 3



Please check out the Fairtrade article in the Craven Herald by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.cravenherald.co.uk/news/19173453.fun-fairtrade-fortnight/>

Red Nose Day ~ Friday 19 March 2021



Thank you to everyone whose child participated in this year's non-uniform day and wore red to support the Comic Relief charity. We have raised a total of **£244.00**, which is amazing! If you have not yet had chance to make your contribution, payment can be made via the following ParentPay link:

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

Decorated Egg Competition

Wow! Your decorated eggs are amazing and will make judging very difficult! Thank you for sending in your pictures – we have included a selection in this week's Photo Gallery. If you have not yet had chance to finish your egg, please do so over the Easter break and send in your photograph via the school office email. The eggs will be judged and prizes awarded the first week back after the Easter holidays.



Extended Schools' Activities ~ Summer Term First Half



The activity flyer including notes will be emailed to parents/carers with the Friday Newsletter for extended schools' activities taking place next term. A copy is also available to view on the school website.

A new STEM Club is available for children in Class 4 and we attach a flyer to this newsletter for your child's information.

FREE Clubs: Please email the school office (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) by Friday 9 April 2021 to book a FREE activity place for your child. It would be helpful if you could include the name of the club(s) in the subject header to help us identify the replies easily. Activities will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

PAID Clubs: the deadline for payment for children taking part in paying clubs is Friday 9 April 2021 to enable your child to continue with his/her chosen club. Your child's name will only be entered on the activity lists once payment has been made. The extended schools' accounts will be removed from ParentPay once the deadline has passed so it is important that payments are made promptly.

All extended schools' activities finish at half term during the week ending Friday 28 May 2021. The activity lists will be available to view on the school website on Monday 12 April 2021.

Please note that we are unable to add your child to an activity list once the deadline has passed and the lists have been distributed to providers and LOOSC. It is therefore important that you help us to avoid your child missing out on an activity by adhering to the stated deadline.

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).

The children have been super stars in class **and** on Zoom this week. Thank you for your enthusiasm, smiles and effort - we have been very impressed. You have kept me smiling (and laughing) during our Zooms, your singing is a delight to hear!

You will all be glad to know that Bobby Bear would love to spend the holidays with one of Class 1 - he has whispered in my ear and said it is Piper's turn to look after him! Well done, Piper. He will be waiting to be collected in the parent shelter. I wonder if Bobby Bear likes chocolate eggs.

You all have some more reading books or some phonics resources to keep your brains busy over the Easter holiday...but most of all we want you to have some fun with your lovely families.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

From Mrs B, Mrs Gallagher and Miss Newton xxx

Class 1 PE Lessons ~ Summer Term

Our PE lessons for this term will be:

Monday - Tennis with Skipton Tennis Centre

Friday - Multiskills with Gerry

Class Topic Areas for the Summer Term Curriculum

The curriculum topics for Class 1 next term are as follows:

Fairy tales and traditional tales, seasonal changes for spring (with a focus on life cycles and the wild birds and plants we can see), the Hindu Festival of Holi and the Muslim Celebration of Eid. Towards the end of the half term, we will set up a toy museum and discuss family history and chronology using the vocabulary of past and present.

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).

Well done everyone in Class 2 for working so hard at home and in school. Mr Craven and Miss Thompson are sad that they have not been able to see you before the Easter holidays and wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Class 2 PE Lessons ~ Summer Term

Our PE lessons for this term will be:

Monday - Tennis with Skipton Tennis Centre

Thursday - Multiskills with Gerry

Class Topic Areas for the Summer Term Curriculum

The curriculum topics for Class 2 next term are as follows:

Art: Henri Rousseau

Local History

Living things and their habitat

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).

Class 3 PE Lessons ~ Summer Term

Our PE lessons for this term will be:

Tuesday - Tag Rugby with Hedley

Friday - Swimming

Class Topic Areas for the Summer Term Curriculum

The curriculum topics for Class 3 next term are as follows:

History – Stone Age to Iron Age

Art – working with textiles to recreate a Lowry picture

DT – constructing a wooden maze

Science – looking at plants and all living things.

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).

The last week of the spring term has flown by, and we have been very impressed with how seamlessly the children have reverted to home learning. Year 5 have continued with their work on fraction calculations, and Year 6 have consolidated measures – length, mass and capacity before applying their knowledge to reasoning and problem solving scenarios. Elements of grammar have been revised in English, focus also being given to the revision of reading comprehension strategies. Our work in science is drawing to a close; we have considered the movement of the moon in relation to the Earth and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. We're sure all children have had a very 'eggciting' time producing entries for the annual egg decorating competition. Thank you very much for sending in photographs of the finished designs - the winning entries will be revealed after the Easter break and prizes awarded.

We wish you and your families a happy and healthy Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the summer term.

Class 4 PE Lessons ~ Summer Term

Our PE lessons for this term will be:

Tuesday - Tag Rugby with Hedley

Friday - Cricket with Gerry

Class Topic Areas for the Summer Term Curriculum

Geography – Mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes

History – Who were the Romans?

Science – All living things and their habitats

Art – An artist study of David Hockney



Year 6 ~ Bikeability (Cycle Training) ~ May 2021

Just a reminder that Year 6 will be taking part in Bikeability sessions on Wednesday 26 and Tuesday 27 May 2021. They will need to have a bike in good working order and suitable for riding on the road. Helmets are also compulsory. Please take the opportunity over the Easter break to make sure your child's bike is safe to ride. An M Check sheet is attached to this newsletter, which details what you need to check to ensure the bike is safe. This can also be viewed on the class website. Further details and consent will be issued after the Easter holiday.

Helmet Check

Ensure helmets fit tightly around the circumference of the head and the strap is secure below the chin, with enough room for two fingers between the strap and the chin.

Bike Check

Before you set off on any ride, check all bikes in the group are in good working order. Remember your ABC: A – air, B – brakes, C – chain.

- Brakes – check the front brake by rolling the bike forward and applying the brake. The bike should stop quickly. Ensure you can fit two fingers between the brake lever and handlebar. Roll the bike backwards to check the rear brake.
- Tyres – squeeze the sidewall of the tyre to check the air pressure. There should be no give and the tyre should feel solid.

School Office Information

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

School Meal Menu ~ Summer Term 2021

Next term's school meal menu is attached to this newsletter for your information.

ParentPay Accounts

Please ensure that all ParentPay accounts are up-to-date and a zero or credit balance remains on school meal accounts on Friday 26 March 2021.

Pupils on Pack Ups ~ Friday Lunch

If your child is currently on pack-ups and is registered to have a Friday lunch next term, the cost will be £34.16 for the summer term (up to and including 23 July 2021), payable via the normal pupil meal account on ParentPay, or £2.44 per week, payable in advance.

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 12 April 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 23 July 2021), the cost will be £165.92 per child payable via ParentPay.

For parents/carers who wish to pay up to the end of half-term (Friday 28 May 2021), the cost will be £82.96 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

Year 6 'M' Check Bike Safety Checklist

Extended Schools' Activities Form

Summer Term Menu

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.

United Benefice of Sutton, Cowling and Lothersdale

Please find attached flyer inviting you to Zoom for Easter Friday Fun on Friday 2 April at 10.30am. FREE craft packs are also available.

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 12 Apr 21**
 - School reopens for the summer term
 - Extended Schools' Activities start
- Tue 20 Apr 2021**
 - Bag2School collection in the Parent Shelter ~ by 9.00am
- 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

Community Events:

- Friday 2 Apr 21**
 - Easter Friday Fun via Zoom at 10.30am

Food Allergy Warning

Please remember Lothersdale Primary School
is a Nut Free Zone





Open to girls and boys
in Class 4 from

15 April 2021

THURSDAYS
3.15 to 4.15pm

A **STEM** After School Club, run by Mr Grogan, will take place next term and is open to everyone in Class 4.

The term **STEM** is used to describe science, technology, engineering and mathematics and this exciting after school club will provide you with the chance to explore all these subjects in a really fun way.

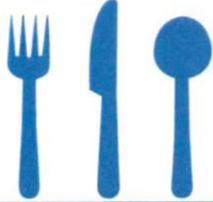
The **STEM** Club will start on Thursday 15 April 2021 at 3.15 to 4.15pm, and in these sessions you will learn how to build mechanical computers powered by marbles to solve logic puzzles via a new game called **Turing Tumble**. You will be able to see how simple switches, connected together in clever ways, can do incredibly smart things.

You can see Turing Tumble in action by clicking on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/3rOP3CSYI-U>

If you would like to take part in these after school sessions, please ask your mum or dad to email the school office to request a place. We can only allow a maximum of 10 pupils on the sessions therefore places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis, but you will have the opportunity to attend after May half-term if you do not get a place after Easter.

**TURING
TUMBLE**
BUILD MARBLE-POWERED COMPUTERS



KIDS MENU

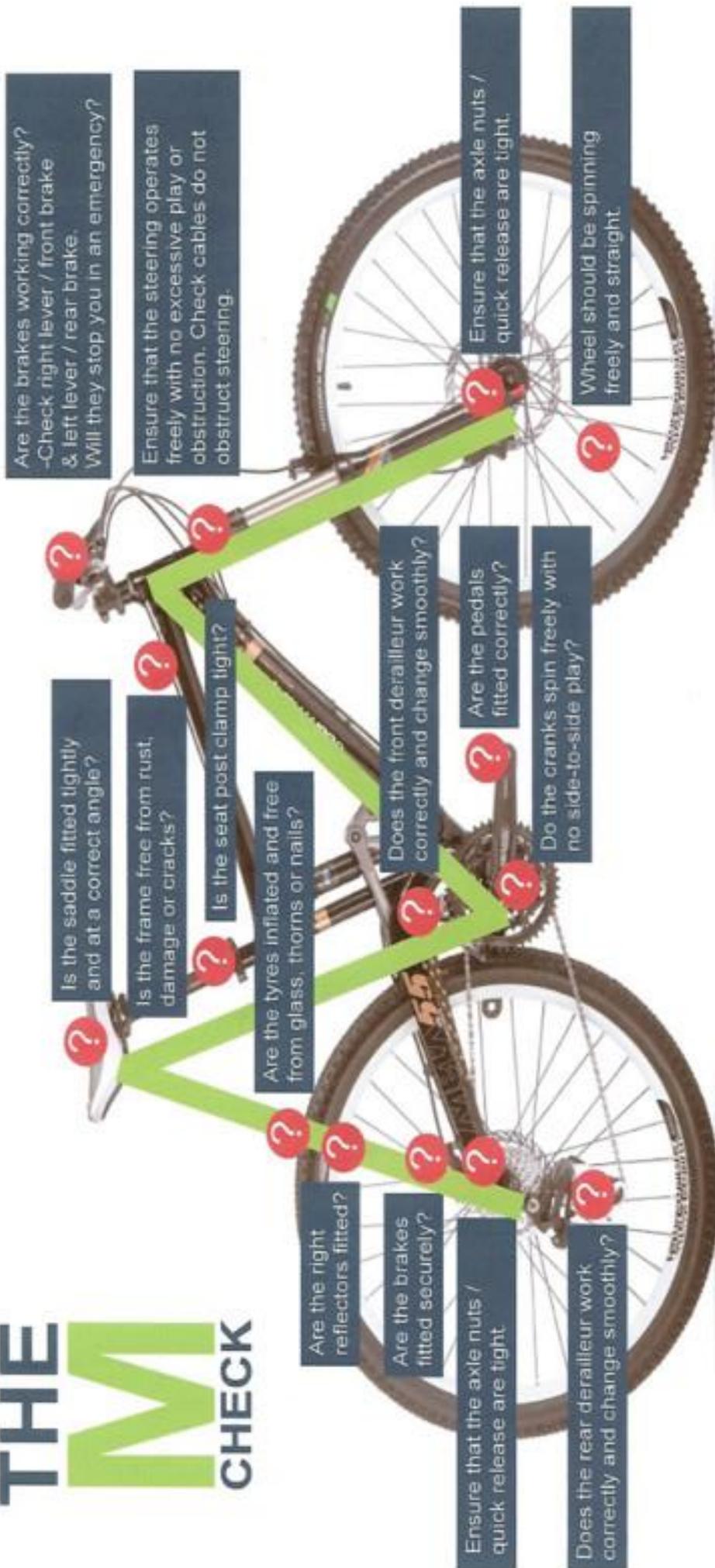
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MONDAY	PIZZA Potato Wedges Peas Beans ***** Shortbread Biscuit	SAUSAGES Creamed Potatoes Sweetcorn Broccoli ***** Krispy Bun	PIZZA Potato Wedges Peas Sweetcorn ***** Flapjack
TUESDAY	COTTAGE PIE Cabbage Sweetcorn ***** Carrot Cake	FISH FINGERS Potato Wedges Beans ***** Lemon Cake	SAUSAGES Creamed Potatoes Carrots Broccoli ***** Raspberry Bun
WEDNESDAY	CHICKEN Creamed Potatoes Carrots Cabbage ***** Lancashire Cookie	CHICKEN Creamed Potatoes Carrots Green Beans ***** Cherry Shortbread	CHICKEN Roast Potatoes Carrots Cauliflower ***** Jaffa Cake
THURSDAY	MEATBALLS Pasta with Tomato & Herb Sauce Garlic Bread Broccoli & Cauliflower ***** Flapjack	CHICKEN KORMA Basmati Rice Mixed Vegetables Naan Bread ***** Chocolate Cookie	BEEF BOLOGNAISE Pasta Garlic Bread Peas & Cauliflower ***** Cinnamon Cookie
FRIDAY	FISH & CHIPS Peas Ketchup ***** Vanilla Bun	FISH & CHIPS Peas Ketchup ***** Sultana & Lemon Muffin	FISH & CHIPS Beans Ketchup ***** Chocolate Krispy

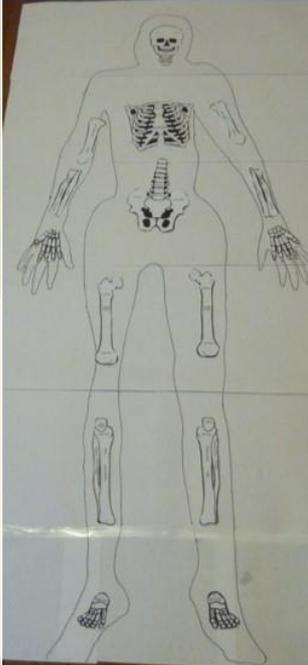
Fresh Bread, Flavoured Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Pot available daily

■ Due to circumstances beyond our control, it may be necessary to change from the printed menu ■

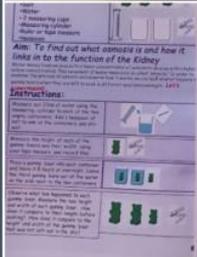
THE M CHECK



Make sure your bike is safe to ride, follow The M Check.



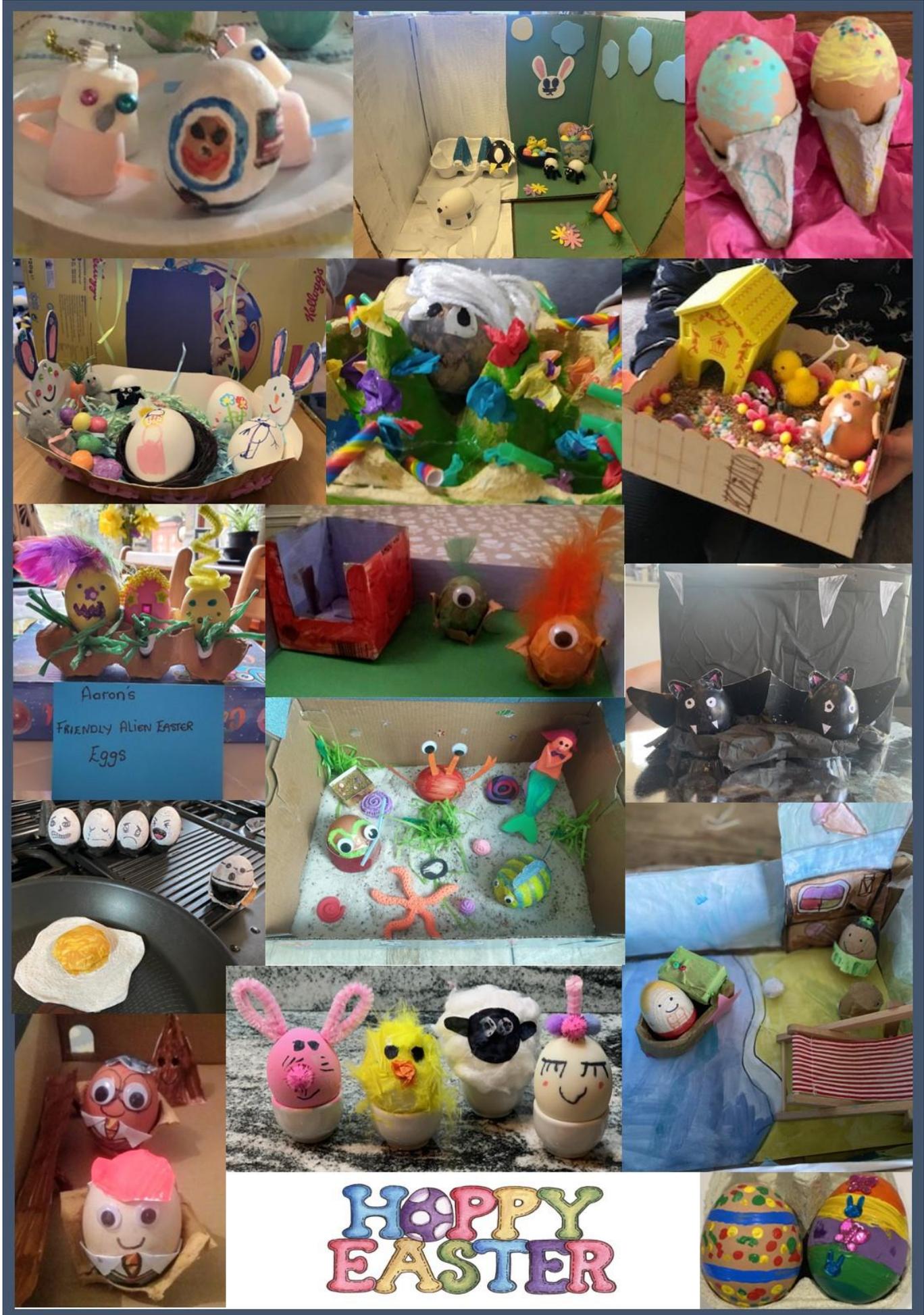
This week's PHOTO GALLERY











Aaron's
FRIENDLY ALIEN EASTER
Eggs

HAPPY
EASTER

Join us on Zoom for Easter Friday Fun Friday 2nd April, 10.30am



Half an hour of stories, songs, crafts & cooking



For your **FREE craft pack and for
the Zoom access code contact:
The Revd Helen Collings, Vicar
T: 01535 636679**

E: revd.helen.collings@gmail.com

**We must
keep on protecting
each other.**



HANDS



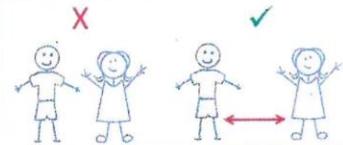
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SPACE



**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



Lothersdale Primary School
*ensuring all pupils
achieve their
full potential*



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