

SUMMER TERM ■ ISSUE 26 ■ FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2024



Welcome back to school for
the start of the Summer term

Message from Mrs Tyson

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

I am delighted to report that the first week of the Summer term has been a resounding success, filled with engaging educational experiences for our children.

The week was kick-started with Times Tables Rockstar day, where pupils participated in a variety of exciting maths-based activities. The special 'Beat The Teacher' assembly was particularly exciting, fostering a competitive yet supportive atmosphere that encouraged mathematical growth and teamwork. My gratitude goes to Mr Craven for organising such a fantastic day.

Additionally, Class 3 had the opportunity to visit Skipton Castle on Thursday. This excursion was not only enjoyable but complimented their current topic on the Normans, providing a hands-on learning experience that enriched their understanding of history. The children's behaviour, whilst on the trip, was exemplary and I was extremely proud of them all as they served as ambassadors for our school community. Special thanks go to Mrs Knight for organising this enrichment opportunity.

Furthermore, we were thrilled to welcome parents into the school for parent consultations this week. It was a pleasure to meet with you all and discuss your child's progress and development. Your involvement and support are invaluable to us, and we appreciate the opportunity to work together in partnership for the benefit of your child's education.

Starting next week, you will notice additional options on the school menu, offering a wider variety of nutritious meals for our students to enjoy. We appreciate your patience whilst we continue to monitor the new in-house catering offer and gradually introduce improvements: we are keen to have a refined system in place by the end of this term.

I am excited to announce the re-launch of our extended school activities offer. We have listened to parents and pupils and I am proud that we have been able to broaden our offer and provide even greater choice: I truly believe that Lothersdale Primary School now has an enviable extra-curricular programme and as such, I urge you all to sign up to as many of these activities as you would like. Pupils will now have the chance to sign up for activities on a termly basis, allowing for greater flexibility and participation.

As always, we are committed to providing the best possible educational experience for your child, and we look forward to continuing our journey together throughout the Summer term and beyond. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community.

Warm regards
Mrs Tyson

Caretaker/Cleaner

We are pleased to welcome Iain Frankland to the staff team. Iain is our new caretaker/cleaner, who be working around school from 3pm onwards. We wish him all the best in his new role.

DEADLINES & REMINDERS

It would be really helpful if requested reply slips/payments etc. could be completed/paid by the stated deadlines to enable us to process the paperwork effectively this week. Thank you.

EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Clubs 15 Apr	French Club 12.45 to 1.15pm	Art Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	No Clubs 18 Apr	Football 3.15 to 4.15pm
	Dance Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	Messy Science 3.15 to 4.15pm		Sewing Club 3.15 to 4.15pm
	Rounders 3.15 to 4.15pm	Year 6 SATS Club 3.15 to 4.15pm		-

The member of staff/activity provider will bring the children out to the playground at the end of each session to ensure a safe handover to parents/carers

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SESSIONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Year 3 & Year 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Year 3 & Year 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am
-	-	Year 4 TIMES TABLES 8.20 to 8.45am	-	-

These clubs are for selected groups or pupils.

All pupils attending these clubs must be registered for safeguarding and health & safety reasons. **Please note: the sessions start promptly at 8:20am so that children can complete the relevant tasks without disruption from any late arrivals. Late arrivals beyond 8:25am will not be able to attend the session. In this instance, please ensure that your child is supervised until the start of the school day. Many thanks for your support.**

HAVING FUN GETTING FIT

PHYSICAL
EDUCATION

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Class 1 – Monday & Friday

Class 2 – Monday & Thursday

Class 3 – Tuesday & Friday

Class 4 – Tuesday & Friday

Lothersdale

REC	LEXI and PETRA
Y1	VESPER and GEORGE
Y2	FRANKIE H and ELLIOTT L
Y3	LUCY K and ADAM
Y4	BOHDAN and PHOEBE
Y5	JUDE and CHARLOTTE
Y6	HENRY and NATTY

SCHOOL COUNCIL

W/c 15 APRIL 2024

- Mon** - No Extended Schools' Activities today
 - Year 4 Eshton Grange Residential Parent Information Evening at 6pm
- Tue** - Extended Schools' Activities start today
 - Deadline for booking a place on the LSA Movie Night
- Wed** - **LEGENDS 1 Year Anniversary Party** ~ after school session (please see flyer below)
- Thu** - No Extended Schools' Activities today
 - LSA Bag2School Collection ~ please leave in the Parent Shelter by 9.30am
 - LSA Movie Night

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.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all our parents/carers for attending this week's Parent Consultations.

If you were unable to attend and still wish to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient appointment with the class teacher.

Y3-4 Maths Challenge at South Craven School ~ Wednesday 10 April 2024

Huge congratulations to our eight mathematicians from Class 3 ~ [Lucy K](#), [Edward](#), [Laila](#), [Berkeley](#), [Penny](#), [Annabelle J](#), [Annabelle K](#) and [Lily](#) ~ who joined other local schools for this year's Maths Challenge at South Craven School on Wednesday. The children worked extremely well in three challenges and Mr Craven was very proud of you all. Well done!

Times Tables Rock Stars Day

What a brilliant way to start the term with a bang (or should I say a Rock n Roll)! It was fantastic to welcome the children back to school dressed in all of their wonderful costumes. We began the morning with an assembly to discuss the importance of our number facts and set the challenge for the day - to beat the teachers! Over the morning, each class spent time practising their number facts and times tables in preparation to complete against the teachers in some quick-fire questions. All of the teachers were incredibly impressed with how hard the children worked (they really wanted to win!).

Competition time and George in Year 3 was first to challenge a teacher. Mrs Bateman was picked and the first challenge was on. It was a tight battle, 3-1, then back to 3-3 before George eventually overcame the challenge to win the first round 5-4. Unfortunately, this was the writing on the wall for teachers. Challengers from each year group came and went, taking the victory with them with the end result being 6-1 to the children! Well done to all of Lothersdale.



Class 3 visit to Skipton Castle ~ Thursday 11 March 2024



We had a brilliant time exploring Skipton Castle with our two tour guides. The children learnt lots of really interesting facts about what life was like in the castle. We will provide more information and photos in next week's Friday News.

The school is currently £60.00 short of the total required to make this Class 3 trip financially viable (87.5% of contributions received) and the school must now take this shortfall from the curriculum budget to make up this loss. The payment remains open on School Gateway if you have not yet made a contribution (however small), and still wish to do so. Thank you for your support.

Extended Schools ~ Summer Term 2024



The activity flyer including booking notes to parents/carers was sent out via email today for extended schools' activities taking place next week, from Tuesday 16 April 2024. A copy is also available to view on the school website.

FREE Clubs: Please email the school office (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) by midday on Monday 15 April 2024 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 serve basis.

PAID Clubs: the deadline for payment for children taking part in paying clubs Summer 1st Half is midday on Monday 15 April 2024 and Summer 2nd Half is Friday 17 May 2024. Payment can be made in full for the summer term or in two instalments. 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 SchoolGateway once the deadline has passed so it is important that payments are made promptly.

There will be no clubs on the following dates: Thursday 18 April 2024 (LSA Movie Night) and Thursday 4 July/11 July 2024 (Sports Day and LSA Summer Fair).

There will be no Art Club on Wednesday 19 and 26 June 2024

There will be no Football on Friday 5 July 2024

The Activity lists will be emailed out to parents/carers on Monday 15 April 2024.

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

Year 4 Residential Visit to Eshton Grange ~ Parent Information Meeting – 15 April 2024



A meeting for parents/carers has been arranged for Monday 15 April 2024 in school at 6.00pm and will give parents/carers the opportunity to ask any questions. The meeting should last no longer than an hour. **Please note that pupils should not attend as this enables parents/carers to freely discuss any concerns they may have.** Pupils will be able to talk about the Eshton Grange visit in class with the class teacher nearer the time of the visit

Welcome to the Lothersdale **SCHOOL OFFICE**

Telephone:
01535 632510

Email:
lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk

Access into school (parents/carers/contractors/visitors) is via prior appointment only, in line with the school's Health & Safety and Child Protection Policies.

Please telephone the School Office during the hours listed to make an appointment to speak to a member of staff.

*Please note that Mrs Ellison is not in school on Fridays and emails will be checked on her return on Mondays. Urgent messages should be left on the school answer machine, which will be checked at intervals throughout the day.

SCHOOL OFFICE TERM TIME HOURS		
	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Tuesday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Wednesday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Thursday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Friday*	CLOSED	CLOSED

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

Please refer to the Friday Newsletter and the school website prior to emailing or contacting school, as most of our day-to-day information can be located within these communication portals. The school website address is <https://www.lothersdaleschool.org.uk>

School Water Bottles

Please ensure all children bring a school water bottle to school in line with the school's policy. No other water bottles or other containers are permitted. Many thanks for your support.

LEGENDS 1st Anniversary ~ Wednesday 17 April 2024

It is hard to believe that LEGENDS is coming up to its first anniversary – where has the time gone!

We thank all our parents/carers for supporting this important school facility over the last year and we look forward to your continued support.

We are celebrating our 1st Anniversary with an after school party session next Wednesday, 17 April and invite all our children to attend. Bookings must be made in the normal way and we would ask that you book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as places are limited.

**Celebrating
1 Year of
LEGENDS**

Wednesday 17 April 2024

Thank you for supporting us this year with our **LEGENDS** Before & After School provision. Deborah and Nicola have done a wonderful job over the past year and we would like to invite all children to our 1 Year Anniversary Party next Wednesday, 17 April 2024, which will take place during the after school session. A party buffet will be served.

Places are limited and should be booked as soon as possible via the SchoolGateway app to avoid disappointment.

If you wish, bring your party outfits to change into!

**it's
PARTY
TIME!**

PARTY GAMES AND PARTY TEA ~ BOOK YOUR PLACE ASAP TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Traffic Management

A letter was emailed to parents/carers on Tuesday regarding traffic management outside school and the initiatives implemented by school and parents to help alleviate traffic congestion outside school at peak times.

WALKING BUSES



We would like to extend a special thank you to the fantastic team of parent helpers who have been instrumental in establishing the walking bus initiative. This initiative not only promotes a healthier lifestyle but also helps alleviate traffic congestion around the school. Please see the attached information about the Walking Bus and how your child can participate if feasible for your family.

Lothersdale School Walking Bus

A new School Walking Bus has been trialled recently and is now open for everyone to join. We'd love for you to be part of it!

How it works

Before school: Children are dropped off at the layby at 8.20am each morning (we set off at 8.25am so feel free to join us further down the village if you arrive later than this). See map.

After school: The afternoon bus will meet by the blue tables (on the secure school side of the fence where staff normally release the children) and set off as soon as we've got everyone together. Collection is from the layby at 3.35pm.

Supervision: A rota has been drawn, which includes at least two adults per walk. If you're interested in joining the rota, even on an ad hoc basis, please let us know – we welcome as many helpers as possible to allow flexibility within the team.

Safety: All of the children joining the Walking Bus will be asked to wear a hi-visibility vest. This is for a few reasons –

- 1) It makes it much easier for the adults to keep an eye on the group
- 2) The children are more visible to cars driving through the village (we've also noticed that this slows the traffic down)
- 3) The adults can count the children more easily before they go into school.
- 4) It's the official Walking Bus kit ... and who wouldn't want to be part of that!

Benefits:

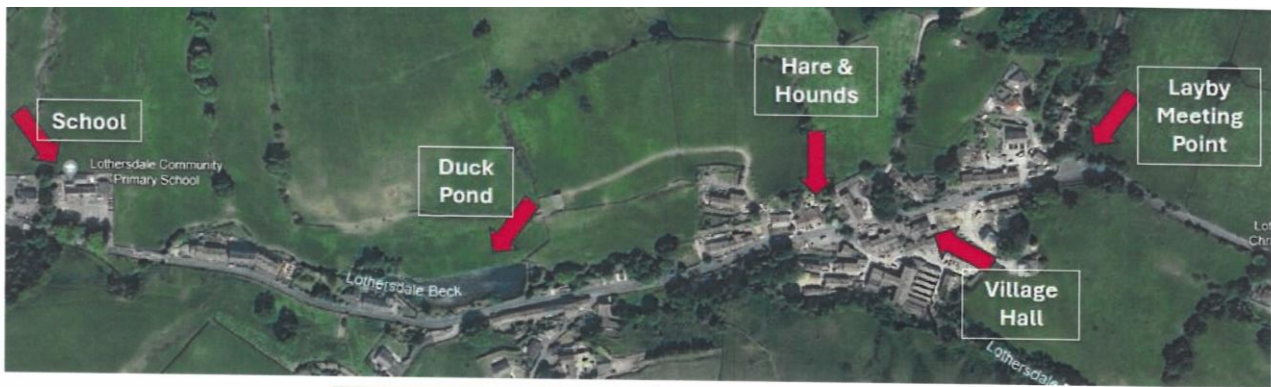
- fewer cars outside school at drop off / pick up time (one of the trial days saw a reduction of over 10 cars at school!).
- a chance for the children to get more fresh air & exercise.
- a chance for the children to enjoy conversations with friends along the way, or even make new friends.
- parents get a longer day & don't have to struggle for a parking space outside school.

If your child feels a little unsure about the idea, why not join us on the walk with them to offer reassurance and see how they get on? This has worked well for a few children during the trial.

School permission: The school requires parents/carers to inform them if their child will be using the afternoon Walking Bus for safeguarding purposes. They don't need to know dates/times; just that the child will be using the Walking Bus at some point.

Contact: If you'd like to join the team of helpers, or your child/ren would like to join the Walking Bus, please contact Anna Chapman: 07718 651872. There is a Walking Bus What's App Group that we use for communication (messages are kept to a minimum!).





The walking bus has been brilliant so far. We love walking to school with our friends!

The walking bus flips the stress and congestion of drop off time into something really positive!

It benefits me because I am now able to get a parking space at the school I work at as I can arrive before 8.45am!

My boys & I have really enjoyed being part of the walking bus. It's great to see the way the kids of all ages interact and laugh and joke along the way while getting 10 minutes fresh air walking through the village rather than stay in the car waiting for pick up or drop off. Brilliant idea to help ease the congestion around school.

I think the walking bus is helping to reduce traffic near the school and I think it's a great way of helping the children get that extra bit of exercise.

The energy of the kids and the things they come out with, with the peaceful sights and sounds of the village is a really mindful way to start the day. Plus, it's free exercise!

It's a healthy, fun & social way to start the day - my son loves it!

Absolutely love the idea of the walking bus. I'd never heard of one before. My kids walk each day and thoroughly enjoy every minute. The children are all chatting happily as they walk to school, getting exercise and fresh air as they prepare for the day ahead.

From a parents' point of view the walking bus allows me to do the school run and still get to work on time, which means I can support more at home and see the kids for longer. It's a brilliant idea!



LSA Movie Night ~ Thursday 18 April 2024

The LSA Movie Night is taking place on Thursday 18 April 2024 after school. The movie, *Wonka*, is a PG rating. If your child would like to come along, please ensure payment is made via the School Gateway app by Tuesday 16 April 2024. In order to confirm the booking, you will need to tick the consent form to confirm you are happy for your child to watch this movie.

The school has had a few emails from parents/carers indicating that they cannot find the payment on SchoolGateway and cannot remember if they have paid. We can confirm that the payment is removed from your App, once payment has been made, unless the deadline has passed. If you therefore currently cannot see the payment on the App, then payment has been made. You can double check this on your App by looking at your transaction history.





LSA Bag2School Collection ~ Thursday 18 April 2024

Please remember to bring in your bag(s) of unwanted clothing/items as per the list below on Thursday 18 April 2024. All bags should be left in the Parent Shelter before 9.30am on Thursday morning. Please do not leave in the shelter overnight if the weather is wet as they will not be able to take the bags for re-use.

You can put them in bin bags, or the Bag2School bags which were sent out this week. **Please do not use any other bags.** This is the last Bag2School collection of this academic year.

They accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:	They DO NOT accept:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing ✓ Paired shoes (tied together/elastic band around) ✓ Handbags / hats / bags ✓ Scarves and ties ✓ Jewellery ✓ Lingerie ✓ Socks ✓ Belts ✓ Soft toys ✓ Household linen / curtains / towels ✓ Household bedding (sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Duvets and blankets X Pillows and cushions X Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats) X Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing X School uniforms with and without logo X Corporate clothing and workwear X Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



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 15 Apr 2024** - Year 4 Eshton Grange ~ Parents Information Evening
- Tue 16 Apr 2024** - Extended Schools' Activities start
- Thu 18 Apr 2024** - LSA Bag2School Collection
- LSA Movie Night
- 22 to 24 May 2024** - Year 4 Residential visit to Eshton Grange

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