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"One of our
greatest freedoms
is how we
react to
things"



**SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY
CLOSED TO PUPILS DUE
TO THE CORONAVIRUS
PANDEMIC**

**A skeleton staff will be in
school during enforced school
closure with social distancing
measures in place.**

**Please do not enter the school
premises without prior
arrangement.**

Thank you to all our parents/carers for your support and understanding. We hope you are all keeping safe and well at this difficult and unprecedented time.

We have really missed seeing all the children this week and hope that everybody has begun to adjust to new routines.

We will endeavour to keep our school community connected via the Friday News.

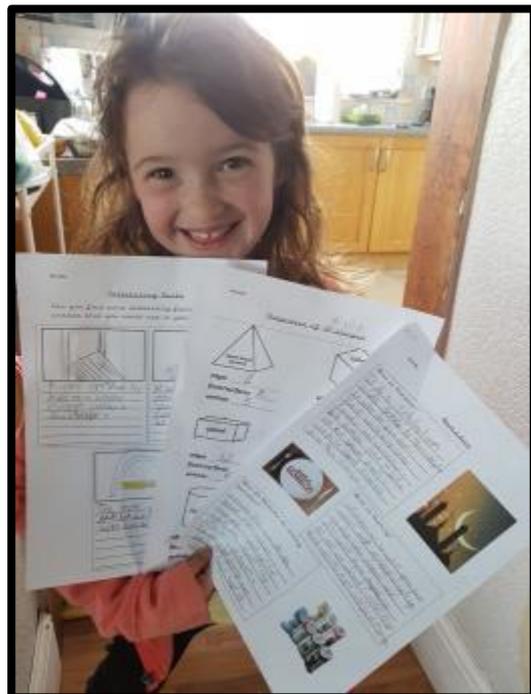
Please find detailed below headteacher updates for your information. If you have any queries regarding any of the content below, please contact the school office.

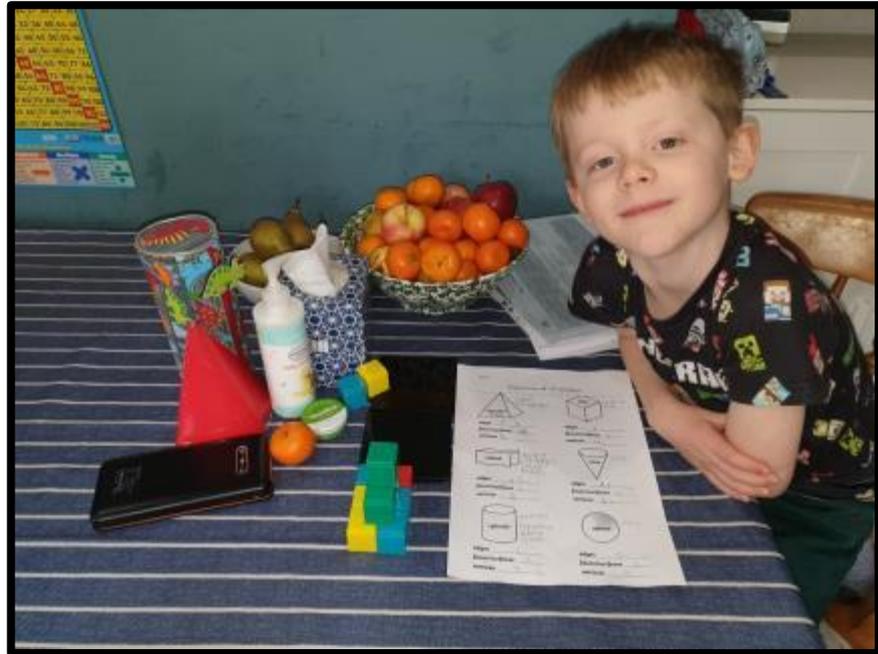
Enforced School Closure ~ Week 1

Thank you for all the wonderful comments the staff and I have received this week in recognition of the hard work that went into producing the work packs we sent home last Friday. I really wanted to provide you with structured work, that had clear instructions and a simple timetable that the children could follow each day - it appears that the work packs have been a great success! I decided on Monday that we would produce a further work pack for each child for after Easter and, with the Government's announcement about lockdown on Monday evening, the staff worked diligently to get them ready for you to collect from Wednesday. With the uncertainty about how long school will be closed for, I hope these packs will help you to maintain learning at home for as long as possible before we need to go to more online tasks further into the summer term.

The class emails have been used very well this week to ask questions of the class teachers and get top tips from them for support. It has also been really lovely to receive photos of many of the children busy with their work, enjoying creative learning or being outdoors. This has really helped the teachers and I to feel in contact as it's been a very frustrating week for us all not being able to do our usual teaching and routines!

So, below are some of the lovely photos we have received for you to enjoy and we hope the children love seeing what some of their friends have been up to during this first week of home schooling! Finally, I really hope that everyone has enjoyed the sunshine this week and has kept themselves safe at home. Please take great care!







Remote Learning during school closure

If you need to contact the class teachers regarding any of the work contained in your child's work pack, please email them via the following class emails:

lothclass1@ycatschools.co.uk

lothclass2@ycatschools.co.uk

lothclass3@ycatschools.co.uk

lothclass4@ycatschools.co.uk

The teachers will try and answer all emails as soon as they can between school hours. We are always keen to receive photographs and news about what the children are up to but please do not feel that you have to send photos of completed work unless your child is particularly proud of it or would like some feedback on it.

Reading Books



Understandably, it will not be possible for us to change reading books during this period of closure. However, to support the continuation of structured reading at home the children in Classes 1, 2 and 3 have received log-ins from their class teachers in their work packs for online reading through 'Oxford Owls E-Books'.

These books are in line with the reading schemes that the children follow in school and should enable parents to keep selecting books at the correct reading level. If you need any support with this programme, please do not hesitate to contact the class teachers through the class emails.

Children in Class 4 should continue to access the Reading Plus programme at this time. Mrs Fawcett was very proud of all the children in Year 5 and 6 children this week when she received their progress reports from Reading Plus. Every child has made significant personal progress since September which is testament to their hard work and commitment to improving their reading skills - amazing!

Class 3 ~ Design Technology Project

Next week Miss Gallagher would really love it if all the children in Class 3 could send her a photograph of the torch they make as part of their design technology project. She would also love to see copies of the design and evaluation sheets that the children complete too via the class email, as she's really going to miss completing the project with all the children.

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.

School contact during enforced closure

If you wish to contact the school please email via the office email address (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk),

ParentPay

This week we have instigated shutdown procedures on our ParentPay system in accordance with instructions from ParentPay, This should prevent meal debits being automatically charged to ParentPay accounts for children in Class 3 and Class 4 from 23 March 2020.

Class 3 & Class 4

Please ensure that you check your ParentPay account and clear all outstanding meal balances by return. We remind parents/carers that all school meals must be paid for in advance and therefore is it important that your child(ren)'s meal account(s) now show(s) a zero or credit balance in line with our school meal procedures.

As it is uncertain when the school will re-open, our next step will be to look at meal accounts holding significant credit and we will contact you individually to confirm if you would like this credit to be refunded or retained on your ParentPay account.

Refunds

This week we have started the process to refund parents/carers for cancelled swimming and extended schools' sessions. ParentPay have provided us with new guidance regarding this process and we hope to have refunded all applicable ParentPay accounts by the end of next week.

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



Food Allergy Warning

Please remember Lothersdale Primary School is a Nut Free Zone



THE LOTHERSDALE DECORATED EGG COMPETITION!

The Lothersdale Primary School **Decorated Egg Competition** may not be taking place in school this year, but all the staff would still love to see your creations!

If you would like your 'egg' to be featured in next week's Friday News, then email a photograph to the school office email by close of play on Thursday 2 April:

lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk



Please think about some 'eggcellent' decorating ideas and get busy creating!!

Keeping Fit While at Home During Covid19



Dear Parents and Children,

As the School Games Organiser for the Craven Area of North Yorkshire, I would like to help you all in an attempt to ease the burden of having children at home for the foreseeable future.

I have put together some ideas which hopefully help to keep your children and you active, through this worrying time. I will keep looking for new ideas and forward them on.

With schools now closed and lots of us working from home, having to distance ourselves from social situations and gatherings, it's easy to let levels of physical activity drop or even stop.

In fact, at times like these, it is more important than ever to keep active, to keep ourselves physically well, as well as to improve our mental wellbeing.

Short bursts of physical activity will help to keep your child's mind fresh and enable them to focus better on the work that they will have been set from their schools to complete at home while the country is attempting to come through the Covid19 outbreak.

Adults at home with their children can also join in with these activities!

The vast majority of these activities need very little space and can be carried out in the comfort of your own home. There are a variety of activities depending on the age and physical capabilities of the individual.

The Chief Medical Officer recommends that all children and young people do a minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity a day. This does not have to be in one go and can be spread out across the day. This helps with both their physical and mental wellbeing.

I hope that this helps you all over the school closure period.
Look after yourselves and each other.

Ian Simons.
School Games Organiser (Craven)



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

GoNoodle gets kids up and moving to fun, engaging content and games. There are dances, yoga sessions, mindfulness activities which have all been designed as an opportunity for children to wake up their bodies, engage their minds and be their best.



<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=joe+wicks+youtube>

Joe Wicks, otherwise known as "The Body Coach" is an English fitness coach, TV presenter and author. His fitness method uses short intense High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) workouts.

Join in "P.E With Joe" on YouTube to try and help children stay active while off school.



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

Type 'TEAM GB' into your search engine and go to videos. Here you will find lots of videos made by Team GB athletes and coaches. Some of these are more demanding and challenging than others.



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/10-minute-workouts/>

A set of six 10 minute exercises designed to be done at home without the need of any equipment.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/get-inspired/32416767>

Lots of videos for you to follow and join in with top athletes and coaches from a variety of sporting backgrounds. These have been designed for you to do at home without the need for equipment.



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