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Headteacher Updates
from
Mrs Robinson

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 All

Looking at all the wonderful messages and photographs I've seen on the class emails and also having spoken to many families this week on the telephone, I know that all our children and their families are continuing to do their very best during this time of home learning. Everyone's motivation and determination to keep going with the work packs and engage with the online learning links we've provided is so impressive - maybe there are some budding teachers amongst you all? This week we have enrolled every child on 'Numbots and TimesTable Rockstars' and families should have received emails from the class teachers. In addition to this there are some good 'one-off' lessons on the BBC Bitesize website which are worth engaging with for something different. Hopefully these activities will provide some alternative options and continue to keep the children engaged with learning until we return to school.

At the moment we remain in lockdown but be assured that any return to school, when it happens, will be planned and prepared for thoughtfully and carefully.

Missing you and sending love to all families
x Mrs R x

The Blue Tit Family



EXCITING NEWS!! We are very happy to report that, after a year's absence, a Blue Tit family has returned to the nesting box outside the main entrance and a Blue Tit is currently nesting on approximately five eggs. They will certainly find it very peaceful over the next few weeks! Staff will continue to check the 'live' action on the television screen in the main reception area and we will let you know how they are progressing.

Pupil Reports

We hope you have now received your child's report but if you haven't, please email the school office. If you have any questions or queries regarding the content please use the class email in the first instance to contact your child's class teacher.

Times Tables Rock Stars & Numbots e-Learning

This week we have registered all the children onto these e-Learning platforms.

Activation letters have been emailed to all parents/carers today to enable the children to access the site and practice their times tables, using the sequenced programme of learning.

We look forward to hearing how you get on!



Reading Books

Please continue with structured reading at home as follows:



Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3

'Oxford Owls E-Books' are in line with the reading schemes that the children follow in school and parents can keep selecting books at the correct reading level. Please contact the class teachers through the class emails if you need any support with this programme,

Class 4

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 should continue to access the Reading Plus programme to maintain progress and improvement in their reading skills.



Dear Class 1,

Hello! I hope you are all safe and well. It now seems such a long time since we saw you all. At school we have really enjoyed seeing the lovely photos of you that your parents have sent in, and we've enjoyed hearing how you are getting on! If you haven't been in touch yet via our class email please do - Mrs Gallagher and I love to get an update.

We were really proud to hear that Theo has been busy and that he even took part in the Back Yard Marathon on Sunday to help raise money for Manorlands and Sue Ryder.



Well done Theo!



Well done to Evelyn, who has continued to impress her mummy as she is really enjoying her writing and trying very hard! We love this Goldilocks and the Three Bears work.



Lucy has been having fun with her learning and she has done maths with raspberries!!! Great idea and very tasty! Niamh has also been working hard and she looks super smart in mummy's glasses! Lily has been learning how to chop fruit with her mummy and make a fruit salad - delicious!



Mrs Bateman's Nature Spotting



Last week I spotted some of my favourite birds whilst on quiet walks...

Look at my pictures; do you know what they are called? Have you seen any of them too? (Ok - I might be fibbing about seeing one of them!)

Love from
x Mrs Bateman and Mrs Gallagher x

Class 2 Updates
from
Mr Craven

If you need to contact Mr Craven regarding any of the work contained in your child's work pack, please email him via lothclass2@ycatschools.co.uk

Dear Class 2

We have now finished week 6 in lock down. I really hope you are all staying safe and well. All of the emails and pictures I receive give me great motivation and often put a big smile on my face so thank you for those and keep them coming!



This week's special mention goes to Ella B for learning to ride her bike confidently! Well done. I have had some fantastic pictures of your lighthouses; I can see you all took great care with these.

I hope you have all planted your sunflower seeds and have carefully chosen where to put them so that they get enough warmth to germinate and begin growing!



Keep working hard and staying safe and I hope to see you all soon.

Mr Craven,
x Miss Thompson and Miss Laycock x



Year 1 and 2 Reading Books

Miss Thompson has very kindly gathered together new packets of reading books for every child in Year 1 and 2, and these are now available for collection in the parent shelter. We would be extremely grateful if you could return your child's last set in the envelope they were sent home in if possible so that we can sign all the books back into Class 2 and make sure they are all returned. Thank you!

Class 3 Updates
from Miss Gallagher
& Mrs Daniell

If you need to contact Mrs Gallagher or Mrs Daniell regarding any of the work contained in your child's work pack, please email them via lothclass3@ycatschools.co.uk

I hope you've enjoyed the new work packs and getting back into the flow of home learning again. It has been lovely to see some of you taking your work outside this week to enjoy the sunshine. It's a shame the weather has turned a little bit colder but hopefully you're still smiling. Your artwork of rivers for the geography topic looks great! I know some of you spent so long making them and I'm proud of all of you for having a go! Isla P even had a go at making some pointillism artwork on Purple Mash too.



This week should be the week you have been writing your own play scripts. Hopefully you've managed to recall all the learning we did at school to help you too.

In Maths, the angles work will have finished now and you will be moving onto lines. See how many different sets of lines you can find on your daily walks. If you live near a railway track, what lines are those? Finding maths in your everyday lives will help you to understand it more. I absolutely love how Jarvis, Scarlett and their dad found an app to describe symmetry. The photos really made me laugh.

Next week is the start of our new history topic, Anglo Saxons. Each day I will upload the PowerPoint to the class page of the website for you look at. I love teaching history and I'm sad we can't delve into this new topic together. Hopefully you will still get the love and enjoyment out of it that you would have done if we were at school. I know Spencer is ready and prepared to battle with the Anglo Saxons. Keep me updated with how you get on with the new learning.



Whilst in school, Class 3 have access to Epic! and I have now arranged for the children to use their logins whilst at home during school hours. Epic! is an online system allowing children to read a range of books including comics, E-books, fiction and non-fiction.

Please follow these instructions to access Epic! at home for your child:

Laptop or Chromebook

1. Students go to www.getepic.com/students
2. Students enter class code PES4037
3. Click on their name and they're in!

iOS/Android

1. Download the Epic! app from the app store
2. Students open the Epic! app
3. Students enter class code PES4037
4. Click on their name and they're in!



I have also added the instructions of how to log onto Epic! to the Class 3 web page. Now you can access thousands of books on your laptop or tablet!

Congratulations to Noah for completing the backyard marathon, which has raised money for Manorlands and Sue Ryder - we're all very proud of you!

Please keep sending in your photographs of you doing work - keep practising your times tables and neat handwriting. Remember BBC (bum back of chair) and tripod grip.

Now I know this is all a lot different from doing work in school, however I am so proud of you all for just giving it a go and trying your best like I know you would do in school.

We miss you all so much and we hope to see you all very soon. In the meantime, stay safe, stay home and stay smiling.

x Miss Gallagher, Mrs Daniel, Miss Russell and Mrs Binns x

P.S. Keep practising head, shoulders, knees and toes in French.



Class 4 Updates
from
Mrs Fawcett

If you need to contact Mrs Fawcett regarding any of the work contained in your child's work pack, please email her via lothclass4@ycatschools.co.uk

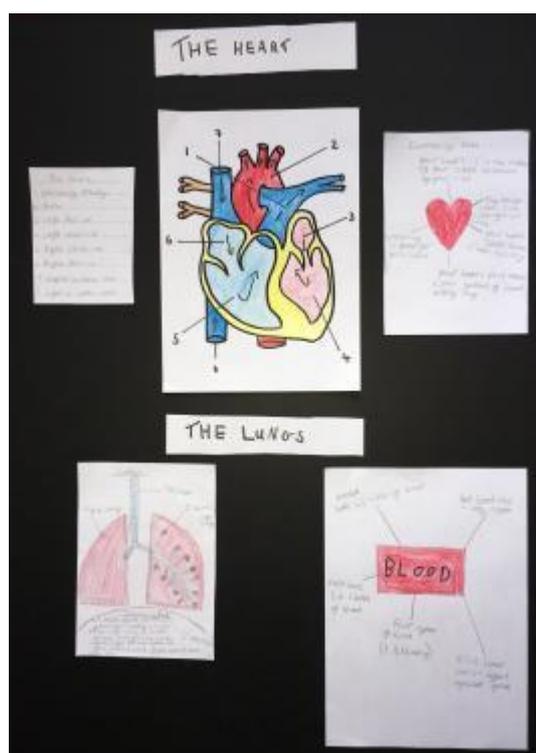
Hello Class 4, we hope you are all keeping well and have had another great week. Thank you very much for sending in the emails with your news of both school work and fun projects you have completed. It's lovely to make contact with you and see how you are getting along. We really miss you all!



This week, Year Five have continued to focus on mental maths work, consolidating doubling and halving, fractions of quantities and addition and subtraction, work on decimal place value, decimals as fractions and rounding decimals being their new learning.

Year Six have continued with their arithmetic work and have consolidated radius, perimeter and circumference, volume of cubes and cuboids and coordinates in all four quadrants.

In English, both Years Five and Six have read more of our class text *Wonder* and have written diary entries and a letter to an agony aunt/uncle. The quality of the work I have been sent has been excellent: varied sentence structures, vocabulary chosen for effect, accurate punctuation and gripping reads too ~ keep up this excellent standard of writing everyone!



I have had enthusiastic feedback about the learning in science. Clearly, you have focused well whilst studying the heart and have enjoyed conducting the Heart Rate investigation with members of your families ~ poor mums and dads must have been exhausted!

I have received excellent PowerPoint presentations illustrating new learning, and it was great to see result tables, graphs and photographs included in these too.

The 2dos have been set up for the computing units ~ 3. 6 and 5.4; please refer to the guidance as you work through these units over the next few weeks, and have fun.

Have a great weekend and relax; it looks like the sunny weather will be making a welcomed comeback!

Love
x Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Hill x



Reverend Thomas's 'Thoughts and Reflections' for the Week

We list below this week's thoughts and reflections from Reverend Thomas. Please have a listen - we hope you like them.

Phones

<https://youtu.be/9twPQq5Ulwk>

Identity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxXipoHARKY>

Keys

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTPEGaOOPBc>

Shells

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSSKouqzZMo>

Time

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7c149aJvCkU>

Chance

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LiHvy2slC-E>

School contact during enforced closure

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

Class 3 Swimming Lesson Contributions ~ Spring Term

Please note that the deadline for payment of Class 3 swimming contributions was Monday 23 March 2020.

Swimming is an important part of the curriculum but unfortunately the school receives no extra funding for swimming and relies on parental contributions to enable the children to take part in this activity. To date the school has received 57% of contributions, which currently means a shortfall to the school of approximately £450.00 for the spring term lessons.

The ParentPay swimming account has now been adjusted regarding the cancelled swimming sessions at the end of the spring term and refunds issued where applicable (please see ParentPay section below). If you have not yet had chance to make a contribution towards your child's swimming lessons for the spring term, the swimming account will remain open until the end of the academic year in July to enable you to make a contribution. Many thanks for your support.

ParentPay ~ Refunds

We can confirm that refunds have now been made via ParentPay for the following items:

Class 3 Swimming Spring Term ~ £12.75 per pupil refund made for cancelled sessions on 20/3, 27/3 and 3/4 to pupil accounts where payment has been made for spring term second half.

Art Club ~ £11.25 per pupil refund made to pupil accounts for cancelled sessions on 19/3, 26/3 and 2/4.

Farming & Nature ~ £6.00 per pupil refund made to pupil accounts for cancelled sessions on 19/3 and 2/4 (there was no session scheduled for 26/3 due to Parent Consultations).

Drama ~ £2.25 per pupil refund made to pupil accounts for cancelled session on 2/4 (there was no session scheduled for 26/3 due to Parent Consultations).

Supersports ~ £7.50 per pupil refund made to pupil accounts for cancelled sessions on 26/3 and 2/4.

Football ~ £7.50 per pupil refund made to pupil accounts for cancelled sessions on 27/3 and 3/4.

Year 6 Leavers ~ Scrolls

Please remember the deadline for returning Year 6 Leaver Scroll sheets is Thursday 7 May 2020 if you have not yet had chance to complete and return. Many thanks.

Pre-admissions Register of Interest List

The school Pre-admissions Register of Interest List for a potential reception place at Lothersdale Primary School has filled up quickly for next year's September 2021 admission group. It is important that parents/carers register their interest for a reception place for their child as soon as possible (even if you live in the village) to enable us to determine potential numbers and the impact it will have on the future school roll. Please be aware that entering your child's name on this list does not constitute the offer of a Reception place.

Admission Year	Entry Date	Date of Birth Range	No. of Places Available	Registrations of Interest Received to Date
2021/2022	Sept 2021	1.9.2016 to 31.8.2017	15	11
2022/2023	Sept 2022	1.9.2017 to 31.8.2018	15 (TBC)	7
2023/2024	Sept 2023	1.9.2018 to 31.8.2019	15 (TBC)	1
2024/2025	Sept 2024	1.9.2019 to 31.8.2020	15 (TBC)	1

If you have not yet registered your interest for your child on any of the above school lists, please download a copy of the school's register of interest form available from the school website or, alternatively, contact Mrs Ellison, in the School Office, via email on lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk as soon as possible for a form.

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
- Class 3 page - class log in for Epic! Digital Library
- VE Day activities on Class Pages
- Home Learning weekly timetables on each class page.



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