

AUTUMN TERM ■ ISSUE 3 ■ FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2023

*Well done to this week's*

**Lothersdale**  
**LEGENDS**

Reception ~ **Sienna**  
Year 1 ~ **Beulah**  
Year 2 ~ **Elliott L**  
Year 3 ~ **Laila**  
Year 4 ~ **Emily**  
Year 5 ~ **Jude**  
Year 6 ~ **Tess**



## EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ AUTUMN TERM 2023 ~ FIRST HALF

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Soccer Tots</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	<b>Running Club</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	<b>Art Club</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	<b>Supersports</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	<b>Dance Club</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm
-	<b>Young Voices Choir</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm	<b>No Drama this week</b>	-	<b>Football</b> 3.15 to 4.15pm
-	-	-	-	<b>Sewing Club</b> 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

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# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Class 1 – Monday & Friday

Class 2 – Monday & Thursday

Class 3 – Tuesday & Friday

Class 4 – Tuesday & Friday

**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.

**SAVE THE  
DATE**

*Please note there may be circumstances in which these dates are subject to change. More information will follow at a later date about events listed below:*

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| <b>W/c 2 Oct 2023</b> | - World Space Week  |
| <b>Mon 2 Oct 2023</b> | - Class 4 Outdoor Adventure Week ~ Parent Information Evening at 7:00pm |
| <b>Mon 2 Oct 2023</b> | - Grandparents' Day   |
| <b>Thu 5 Oct 2023</b> | - National Poetry Day   |
| <b>Wed 8 Nov 2023</b> | - LSA Bag2School Collection   |

**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.*

### W/c 25 September 2023

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| <b>Mon</b> | - LSA Annual General Meeting in school at 7:30pm (everyone welcome)  |
| <b>Tue</b> | - Deadline for completing & submitting the Class 1 Bedtime Story Day online form   |
| <b>Wed</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Class 3 visit to Keighley Worth Valley Railway</li> <li>- Visit from Winston Plowes, poet</li> <li>- <b>Rescheduled:</b> KS2 South Craven Cluster Cross Country event at South Craven School (selected pupils)</li> <li>- <b>No DRAMA this week due to the Cross Country and unforeseen teacher commitments</b></li> <li>- Deadline for completing &amp; submitting the Grandparents Day online form</li> </ul> |
| <b>Fri</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Class 1 Bedtime Story Day</li> <li>- Class 3 swimming lesson</li> </ul>   |

## Message from Mrs Tyson

Dear Parent / Carers

We have had another fantastic week here, at Lothersdale Primary School. Your children are now fully settled into school routines, are engaged with their learning and embracing new challenges. It has been wonderful to see new friendships form in the playground and children displaying kind and thoughtful behaviours. I am so proud of every child in school and they deserve recognition for their fantastic attitudes. There is much to be celebrated – here are a few highlights of the week:

### **Learning Walk**

This week, I conducted my first round of formal learning walks. I am pleased to report that the culture for learning across school was strong, with every child engaged and being appropriately challenged. The school environment reflects a safe, happy place to be and the children's feedback echoes this. Staff have responded quickly to implement the new curriculum and this is now reflected in the children's books and some of their working walls within the classroom. The children's learning is progressive and sequential, clearly demonstrating the skills that they have learned and are now applying to their written work. Hopefully, the children are now able to speak confidently about some of the core knowledge that we sent home at the start of the term.

### **Magnificent Me**

This half term, the PSHE theme across school is 'Magnificent Me'. Assemblies have been tailored to this theme and children are encouraged to ask the following questions: Why are you magnificent? How can you demonstrate your magnificence? How are your peers magnificent? What can be done to celebrate their magnificence? I have begun and ended each week with these four questions and children are now becoming more confident in answering and exploring the ideas behind this topic. Our aim is to promote self-esteem, explore identity and celebrate diversity.

Next week, we are welcoming Coram Life Education into school to deliver staff training. Coram Life are an incredible organisation, who provide high quality PSHE resources, workshops and training for schools to ensure PSHE delivery is of a high standard. As a school, we will be using their SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendships) resources to support our delivery of the PSHE curriculum. To conclude this PSHE topic, we will be hosting a 'Magnificent Me Week' in school on Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October. More information to follow.

### **Winston Plowes – Poet in Residence**

I am exceptionally proud to announce that this year, we have appointed a 'Poet in Residence' to work with the school over the next 18-24 months. Mr Winston Plowes (Mr Winston to the children) is an experienced poet and land artist with a plethora of experience working in primary schools across Yorkshire.

Winston is passionate about instilling a love for poetry within young writers and fostering a fascination of the arts. Winston will be working with children across school to create poetry linked to our curriculum; he has begun exploring the magnificent me theme with the children. This week, Laila Thomas received the poetry medal for her efforts. Take a read of her beautiful and thought-provoking piece below.

I am sure that you will agree Winston is a wonderful addition to the Lothersdale Primary School community and I look forward to seeing what he achieves with us. If you would like to find out more about Winston, there are many articles online about the work he has done with primary schools.





*'I am free in my dreams  
You are the thoughts that bare my mind  
I am limitless anywhere  
You are the world I step on  
I am smart in my own way  
You are my mind that helps me think'*

~ Laila Thomas, Poet

### **The circus has come to Lothersdale!**

This half term, Class 4 are reading 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister. This is a beautifully illustrated book, which is set at the circus. Our aim is to write a setting description so we brought the circus to Lothersdale, to enable us to do so! Children enjoyed an immersive lesson exploring the senses. They generated ambitious vocabulary and phrases to depict a circus using the stimulus provided: popcorn, music, lights, magical props, videos and pictures. Some of their suggestions were:



*'As the buttery sweet popcorn melted in my mouth, I held my breath - for the amazing trapeze artist had just swung across a flaming fire.'*

*'The fanfare trumpeted over the clamour of the crowd.'*



*'Acrobats hung, knotted within suspended orbs.'*

*'A strobe shone a spotlight.'*

*'The ringmaster's voice boomed over the crowd.'*

Well done class 4 – I am excited to write the setting descriptions with you next week!

### **Reception Baseline Assessments**

Some of you may be aware that in 2021, the government introduced a statutory Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA), which must be carried out in the first 6 weeks of your child starting school. The baseline includes assessment activities for maths development and communication and language development and last no longer than twenty minutes.

I would like to thank Mrs Bateman who has worked one to one with your children this week to carry out the baseline in a child-friendly and exciting way. All children felt supported and encouraged throughout.

### Key Dates

We have lots of exciting events coming up this half term. Grandparent's Day and Science Week to name a few. Please make sure to check our 'key events calendar' to ensure you have noted them all. More information about these events will follow nearer the time.

I wish all families have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week!

Mrs Tyson

## 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.*

### Class 3 Swimming Lessons ~ Revised Time



We have managed to secure a revised swimming time at Craven Pool for our Class 3 weekly swimming lessons on Fridays, which will now take place at 1:15pm until 2:00pm.

The children will leave school at 12:45pm and return to school in time for the normal school pick up.

### Class 3 & Class 4 South Craven Cluster Cross Country Event ~ Wednesday 27 September 2023



Unfortunately, the first cluster sporting event was cancelled last Wednesday due to the weather and has now been rescheduled.

All children who were due to run in the Cross Country event last week will now run against local primary schools on Wednesday 27 September 2023 (unless you have informed us otherwise). **GOOD LUCK TO OUR CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS!**

### Extended Schools Drama ~ Wednesday 27 September 2023

Please note that there is no Drama session next week due to the Cross Country event (the majority of pupils who currently attend Drama are running in this event) and unforeseen teacher commitments. This session will be refunded via your SchoolGateway app.

### Class 1 ~ Bedtime Story Day! ~ Friday 29 September 2023



Class 1 (Reception) are having a Bedtime Story Day on Friday 29 September 2023 and a letter was emailed to parents/carers today. Please complete the form via the link or QR code on the letter by Tuesday 26 September 2023.

Class 1 will come to school in their PJs or onesie (**they will still need their school shoes and coat**), along with their favourite bedtime story book. We look forward to seeing parents/carers in school from 9:00am to 9:30am to share a story with your child.



### Lothersdale Grandparents Day ~ Monday 2 October 2023

A letter has been emailed to parents/carers today regarding our Grandparents Day event in school on Monday 2 October 2023. This is an exciting opportunity for grandparents to spend time with their grandchildren in school.

Please ensure you complete the online form on behalf of the grandparent(s) attending by Wednesday 27 September 2023.

<https://forms.office.com/e/xqJYKdLGKu>





### World Space Week:

**Monday 2 October – Friday 6 October 2023**

We are delighted to tell you that we will be celebrating World Space Week this year.

Here are some of the exciting things we have planned for in school. Further information will be provided next week.

**Monday 2 October** - Space week assembly at 10.30 to 'launch' the week and excite the children.

**Wednesday 4 October** - Planetarium visiting the school. More information to follow.

**Thursday 5 October** – Dolce Space Day Special Menu

### Flu Immunisations 2023-2024

Your child is due to receive their **annual nasal flu vaccination** at Lothersdale Primary School on Tuesday 10 October 2023 and a letter was emailed to parents/carers today.

Please click on the E-consent link below to complete the form if you have not already done so. It is important that this information is collated in advance of the vaccination visit. Please ensure you have completed the form by Thursday 4 October 2023 at the latest. **Please complete the form even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination or if they have received it elsewhere.**



<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/northyorkshire>



### Class 4 Outdoor Adventure Week ~ 16 to 20 October 2023

A letter, consent form and information booklet was sent home via bookbags yesterday to parents/carers of children in Class 4.

A Parent Information Evening has been arranged for Monday 2 October 2023 at 7.00pm in school, which will give parents/carers the opportunity to ask any questions.

### Year 4 and Class 4 ~ Additional Learning Sessions

Please remember: 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.



### Parent Governor Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for the post of parent governor on our school's Local Governing Body (LGB). This is an exciting opportunity for parents/carers (including grandparents) to get more involved in the life of the school, supporting the work of staff and helping to set the direction of our future development.

A letter and information was emailed to parents/carers yesterday. If you are interested in this role and would like to find out more about what is involved, please speak to Mrs Tyson or Andy Twigg, our Chair of Governors, in the first instance, before completing a nomination form. We look forward to hearing from you.

### LSA Annual General Meeting ~ Monday 25 September 2023

Please see the flyer below regarding next week's LSA Annual General Meeting for your information. We look forward to seeing as many parents/carers as possible on Monday 25 September 2023.





The LSA Annual General Meeting will be held in school on Monday 25 September 2023 at 7:30pm.

We would like all our parents/carers to support us in some way – this might be as part of the committee, helping out at events when you can or donating items towards our fundraisers.

The school is only part-funded by central government for most of its projects and therefore relies heavily on contributions from the LSA to improve its facilities and equipment.

This is a wonderful opportunity for new parents/carers to meet other parents/carers, staff and others connected to the school; to socialise in a fun and relaxed environment; to make suggestions and to help plan future events.

We are recruiting for a new Vice-Chair and Treasurer – if you are interested or would like more information, please contact Anna Chapman or Donna Laycock by email on [lsalothersdale@gmail.com](mailto:lsalothersdale@gmail.com)

**We are looking forward to another fun-filled year of fundraising and events for the children and look forward to seeing you on 25 September 2023**



## 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:*

- Mon 25 Sep 2023** - LSA Annual General Meeting in school
- Fri 29 Sep 2023** - Class 1 Bedtime Story Day
- Tue 31 Oct 2023** - Deadline for online submission for a secondary school place
- Tue 10 Oct 2023** - Flu immunisations
- Harvest Festivals:
  - 9.10am – Class 1 & Class 2
  - 2.00pm – Class 3 & Class 4
- W/c 16 Oct 2023** - Class 4 Residential and Activity Week
- Tue 19 Dec 2023** - Whole School Christmas Concert

*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.*



## OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

Keighley

TUESDAY 24TH -  
FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Skipton

MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER  
- FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

BOOK ONLINE

10AM - 3PM

EARLY DROP AND  
LATE PICK UP NOW  
AVAILABLE. PLEASE  
SEE WEBSITE FOR  
MORE INFO

[WWW.SOCCERHUB.ORG.UK](http://WWW.SOCCERHUB.ORG.UK)





## Health & Safety Reminders

### Food Allergy Warning ~ Nut Free Zone



Just to remind parents/carers at the beginning of the new school year that we do have a number of children in school with an allergy to nuts and one child with a severe allergy to peanuts. The school is a nut free zone and we would ask that you ensure any nuts or products containing nuts are not brought into school. This is particularly important if your child is bringing a pack up into school for lunch. Thank you for keeping our children safe!

### Before school

Please note that school registration is at 8:45am in class and children should be in school at this time. Members of staff will be on the school playground from 8:40am to direct all children into school ready for morning registration. If you arrive at school earlier, please supervise children accordingly until a member of staff is present. *Please note that vehicle access to the school playground is required up until 8:30am and therefore no-one should be on the playground before 8:30am for health and safety reasons.*

No children should be left unsupervised on the playground.

### After School

Pick-Up: At the end of the day, children should be collected promptly at 3.15pm from the playground. Please note, however, that the last lesson of the day finishes at 3.10pm and parents/carers must remain outside the school premises until after this time, to allow children to return from the playing field or leave the playground. If our child will be collected by a different family member or friend, please ensure the school office is made aware. School staff can only let children go with a nominated adult if parents/carers cannot pick up for any reason.

We would ask that parents/carers leave the playground as soon as possible after collection at 3:15pm as the playground is used by LEGENDS and after school clubs.

### Access to the Woodland Area

Please remember that access to the woodland area is not allowed outside normal school hours (before 9am and after 3.15pm). We would therefore be grateful if parents/carers could supervise children accordingly to ensure they do not enter the woodland area before and/or after school.

### Traffic Management outside school

**Please do not park at the bottom of the school drive where the cones are; we have a visually impaired child who needs to be close to school. Please ensure all family members are aware if dropping off or collecting.**

We would remind all parents/carers to park respectfully and avoid blocking any gates/school entrance etc and parking on yellow or white keep clear lines. Not only is this an important health and safety issue but villagers, who do not have children in the school, still need to be able to travel freely through the village at these peak times. We would be grateful for your cooperation in this matter.

### Mobile phones & cameras



Please note that, in line with our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policies, the use of mobile phones and cameras is not allowed anywhere on the school premises, without the prior permission of the Headteacher. We would be grateful if this information could be communicated to any relatives/friends, who may come onto the school premises with your child.

### Photography/video recording

Whilst we want to allow you to record special moments in your children's lives e.g. participating in the Christmas concert, Sports Day, etc., we ask that you respect the wishes of other parents and our school policy, by not uploading any digital images or recordings on to the internet or other social media sites, from cameras and mobile phones, without other parents' permission.



### No Dogs on School Premises

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school premises in line with the school's health and safety policies. If your child is collected by other family members, please ensure they are also made aware. Many thanks.

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ensuring all pupils  
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