‘Lothersdale leaves lots of legroom’ to keep us safe!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following pupils who will be celebrating their birthdays next week and we will miss singing for:

TEAGAN
VIOLET

We hope you have a lovely day!
Dear Parents/Carers
It has been wonderful to see the majority of the children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 again this week at our ‘keeping in touch’ events. The afternoons have been very successful and the staff and children have loved being back together and are looking forward to meeting up again next week.

I am very pleased again to welcome our new Headteacher from 1 September, Colum Grogan, to Lothersdale School. Under normal circumstances Mr Grogan would have been coming into school and been able to meet you at end of term events however, as this is not possible at this time, he has provided the section below in today’s newsletter. As you will all be aware, the Government’s plan is for schools to fully open in September and I shall be working with Mr Grogan to plan the arrangements for this during the rest of the term and over the summer holiday, updating you as necessary.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Mrs Robinson

Message to Parents and Carers from Mr Grogan
I wanted to write a short note by way of introduction. My name is Colum Grogan and I was recently appointed as Headteacher of Lothersdale Primary School. I feel immensely proud to have been appointed Headteacher of such an amazing school and I really cannot wait to take up the position in September.

I would love to be able to visit school and introduce myself to parents in the playground but unfortunately that is not yet possible. I was encouraged to hear this week that the plan is that schools will be open as normal from September as this is something that we all need, especially the children who have suffered much disruption over recent months.

By way of a brief background: I have been teaching for 13 years after a mid-life career change following many years in the telecommunications industry. I have taught in Keighley, in Bradford and currently in Barnoldswick, so have a good range of experience. I have an extremely busy home life - I am married and have 3 school-aged daughters and one dog.

Since my appointment, I have spoken with Mrs. Robinson on many occasions and this dialogue will continue throughout the summer to help ensure as smooth a transition as possible. I know that standards are extremely high in all areas at Lothersdale and I will work tirelessly to ensure that these standards are maintained in the future. I also know that there is a great team of staff at school and I look forward to many years of working with them all. I also very much look forward to meeting each of you and getting to know the wider Lothersdale community.
Keep your child safe online
It is important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage children to speak to you if they come across something worrying online.
These resources provide guidance for parents and carers to keep children safe online. They will, amongst other things, support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

- **Thinkuknow** by National Crime Agency-CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) provides resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online.
- **Childnet** has developed guidance for parents and carers to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as guidance on keeping under-fives safe online.
- **Parent Info** is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP, providing support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations.
- **NSPCC** has guidance for parents and carers to help keep children safe online.
- **UK Safer Internet Centre** provides tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre.

Have fun and get silly with this year’s Summer Reading Challenge - it’s all online!

Silly Squad, the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge, is set in a fun house and this year is all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

The challenge started earlier than normal this year, on 5th June, but you can sign up online right through to September at sillysquad.org.uk and find heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games, a place to keep track of your books and rewards to unlock along the way.

The challenge is aimed at all children from 4 to 11 who just need to read anything that makes them happy - whether it be a comic, joke book, poetry, fiction or non-fiction, in digital or print format, an e-book borrowed from the library or a something they already have at home.

North Yorkshire Libraries are still closed so we cannot offer the usual printed materials but we have a terrific selection of children’s’ eBooks and eAudiobooks available to download for free at www.northyorks.gov.uk/digitallibrary. You’ll need your library card and PIN to download them but it’s no problem if you are not a member - just call 01609 533878 to join.

Please also keep a look out on your local library Facebook page and the North Yorkshire Libraries Facebook page (@nycclibraries) for special Silly Squad activities and reading recommendations.
Remember to keep logging on to the online learning platforms to support your child’s learning

**Maths for All year groups**
Log in:
- play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/87514
- play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student/87514

**Reading for All year groups**
Log in:
- my.risingstars-uk.com

**Maths for All year groups**
Log in:
- whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/

**Reading for Class 4**
Log in:
- https://student.readingplus.com

**Spelling for All year groups**
Log in:
- https://www.spellzone.com

**Reading for Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3**
Log in:
- https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk
It’s been a busy and creative week for Class 1 learning about the work of the French artist Henri Matisse.

But first… what are we doing in these photographs?

The children began their week with a snail hunt with Ms Binns around the school playground and garden… the snails were well hidden but with magnifying glasses they found them!

With pictures of Henri Matisse’s cut out works, including The Snail and Algae to inspire them, the children all created colourful collage works and beautiful spiral patterns.
During the hot weather the children enjoyed calm, cool spaces to work (in a breeze wherever possible) and they really became artists!

We also discussed the meaning and importance of the word *diversity*. The children listened to stories about a variety of different families and they designed flags to represent themselves which included their favourite colours and drawings of things they think are special including their families and friends and pets.

Thank you for remembering to use your knife and fork this week! Our dining hall looked like a restaurant with the delicious food and good table manners!

*Love from*

x Mrs Bateman, Mrs Gallagher & Mrs Binns x

**Reception to Year 1 Transition**

Today we have begun some of our transition activities for the children in Class 1 for September as Mr Craven joined them all for their P.E. lesson with Gerry. Mr Craven will teach the children in September when they move to being Year 1s in Class 2 and so, for the remaining weeks until the end of term, Mr Craven will spend time with the children on a Friday afternoon getting to know them and talking about what it will be like in Year 1.
Dear Class 2

What a hot week! I hope you have all enjoyed the sunshine but stayed safe and worn lots of sun cream. It was lovely to see most of the Year 2’s on Thursday and I hope you all had as much fun as I did. It was fantastic to see so many big smiles and hear about everything you have been doing during this lockdown period. I am really looking forward to next week already!

In school, we have enjoyed writing our tongue twister poems so I hope you have at home too. Robyn, your alliteration was brilliant! There is more poetry in next week’s packs so continue to have fun with that.

It’s hard to believe that we only have three weeks left of this school year. The maths work shall continue to begin to prepare you for the next year and you are all more than ready for that next step. Keep working hard at home because everything you do now will be so helpful for next year.

It sounded like all of you are enjoying the online learning - Purple Mash, Numbots, TTRS as well as the online reading. Keep using these resources and other games that can be found on iPad and computers to help keep learning fun!

I’ve included a picture of some chilli plants (unfortunately William’s sunflower was a casualty as it made a tasty treat for ‘Philip the Pheasant’). Keep the pictures coming in as I love seeing them.

Keep working hard and having fun!

× Mr Craven, Miss Thompson and Miss Laycock ×
What glorious weather we have had this week! On Tuesday and Wednesday, Years 3 and 4 had the chance to meet up with their peers again and join in with a Gerry PE session. It was amazing to see all the children who were able to come and it definitely looked like you’ve all grown!

Gerry had planned fantastic socially distanced lessons, with everyone keeping in their own spaces. After that all the children had chance to catch up in smaller groups and chat about how lockdown and home learning has been.

Next week will be a little different for Year 4s as they will have some time to get to know Mrs Fawcett who will be your teacher when you move into Class 4 in September. I thought it would be really nice for the children to think of some questions about life in Class 4 that they may like to ask. Additionally it would be good if they could bring their arithmetic papers back as they may be going through the answers together.

Finally, please remember to bring back any equipment the children have at home that they’ve finished with. Next week they will be using the magnets for the forces lessons so once they’re finished with please return them into the boxes in the parent shelter.

Take care, stay safe and enjoy the new work ready for next week.

Love from
× Miss Gallagher, Mrs Daniell & Miss Russell ×
Year 3 ~ Keep in Touch Day ~ Wednesday 24 June 2020
Year 6
We have had another great week in school and are particularly pleased that the glorious weather has returned! It has been lovely being able to get out at playtimes and lunchtimes, giving us a chance to catch up with our friends.

Year 6 have turned their attention to dividing fractions by integers this week using the 'leave, change, flip' method of working. This has led to reasoning and problem solving encompassing the four fraction calculation methods which have been consolidated since our return. We are all adept at changing to a common denominator, converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers and vice versa and simplifying our answers. Having brushed up on times table and division facts and ensuring that we are able to recall them randomly and at speed, our challenge this week has been to recall different multiples of the times table facts we know so well, e.g. 0.6 x 7, 6000 x 5, 40 x 9, 3 x 800 etc.

Our PE session on Tuesday took us on a lovely circular walk around Lothersdale; like mountain goats, everyone climbed the hills with ease and thoroughly enjoyed taking in the beautiful countryside that we are so lucky to have on our doorstep. We were blessed with fantastic weather on Thursday, and it was a pleasure to push ourselves during Gerry's PE session in the park.

It was clear to see on Monday, that children had worked hard over the weekend to ensure fluent and clear delivery of their leavers' play lines ~ we have been impressed with the widespread confidence and conviction amongst the Year 6. The costumes and props look great ~ thank you very much for helping your child to assemble these at home. The performance is almost 'there' and we hope to commit it to film next week; everyone is very excited!

It was lovely to see the Year 5 children altogether again on Monday afternoon. Gerry worked them all really hard in 'Gerry's Gym' across at the park but they all rose to the challenge and kept going - well done! We hope they all loved catching up with their friends and we look forward to seeing them all again next Monday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Love from
Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Hill x
Year 5 ~ Keep in Touch Day ~ Monday 22 June 2020

[Images of children practicing sports on a green field]
Reverend Thomas's 'Thoughts and Reflections'
We list below this week's thoughts and reflections from Reverend Thomas. Please have a listen - we hope you like them.

BREAD:  https://youtu.be/IkP2X41fXKo

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

School Office Updates
If you have any queries regarding any of content below, please contact the school office via email: lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk or telephone: 01535 632510 Opt 4.

School Uniform
If you are starting to think about purchasing school uniform for the autumn term, please remember that the uniform list is available to view on the school website and this is the definitive list.

School Uniform shops may be selling variations of pinafore dresses (tartan), skirts, shorts etc, but parents/carers must adhere to the school's own uniform list as sometimes the uniform shops do not consult us when they produce new variations of school clothing. We will only change the uniform after consultation with the Governing Body and you will be informed of any updated items through the school newsletter.

School Term Dates ~ 2021/2022
Please find attached copy of the school term dates for the academic year 2021/2022 for your information. Taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress and we would be grateful if parents/carers could therefore avoid taking children out of school during term time.
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Five Staff Training Days are included in these dates:
- Monday 6 September 2021
- Tuesday 4 January 2022
- Monday 6 June 2022
- Monday 25 July 2022
- Tuesday 26 July 2022