

*Well done to this week's*



Reception ~ Lucy

Year 1 ~ Peter

Year 2 ~ Joanie

Year 3 ~ Oscar

Year 4 ~ Jonty

Year 5 ~ Alison

Year 6 ~ Alfie



## HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE

### COVID MEASURES FROM 19 JULY 2021

As you know, the government has announced that from the 19th of July schools can decide to remove certain COVID measures that are currently in place, including bubbles and face coverings.

However, given the increasing COVID rates across North Yorkshire districts, and taking into account the number of COVID incidents in education, Lothersdale Primary School will be keeping COVID measures in place until the end of term to eliminate the possible transmission of Covid prior to the summer break.

Bubble groups will continue in school and face coverings worn by staff in communal areas. Parents/Carers and visitors must wear face coverings on the playground and in school.

We will also be continuing internal contact tracing for the last week of term, which will support the current gap until 16th August when self-isolation guidance for under-18s changes.

Thank you for all your support this year in helping to keep everyone safe in our school community.

#### FOOD ALLERGY WARNING

Please remember Lothersdale Primary  
School is a Nut Free Zone



**Deadlines & Reminders for  
w/c 19 July 2021**

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

- Mon** - Class 1 & Class 2 tennis sessions
- Tue** - Any outstanding school library and reading books to be returned (see below)
  - Year 6 Leavers' Concert and Presentation for parents/carers at 7pm
- Wed** - Year 6 visit to Raven Tree Top
  - Year 6 Leavers' Disco ~ 6.00 to 7.15pm ~ Class 1 & Class 2 (and Year 6!)
  - Year 6 Leavers' Disco ~ 7.30 to 8.45pm ~ Class 3 & Class 4
- Thu** - Year 6 Leavers' Lunch
- Fri** - School finishes for the summer break

**BOOSTER CATCH UP SESSIONS ~ w/c 19 July 2021**

**Monday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**



**ALL BOOSTER SESSIONS HAVE NOW FINISHED FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.  
NORMAL CLASS START AND FINISH TIMES APPLY THIS WEEK.**

**EXTENDED SCHOOLS' ACTIVITIES ~ w/c 19 JULY 2021**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**ALL EXTENDED SCHOOLS' SESSIONS HAVE NOW FINISHED FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.  
NORMAL CLASS FINISH TIMES APPLY THIS WEEK.**

**Headteacher Update  
From Mr Grogan**

*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 Parents/Carers

The weeks are flying by at an alarming pace now, and I can hardly believe that we have only one more week of term left.

The children in school are still in top form: behaviour is excellent as usual, and effort in class continues to be strong. We can see them tiring, though, and I can safely say they have all earned a rest this summer.

Another group of people who have earned a rest are our wonderful staff. I have mentioned before in the Friday News, but it is worth repeating, that the staff have worked through a particularly stressful year compared to previous years. All our staff have worked through playtimes and given up lunchtimes in order to take on the extra cleaning or supervision duties that are required during the pandemic when working in bubbles. It has become quite typical for the staff not to have any time away from the children during the day, but this should not be the case; we all look forward to an end to bubbles and a return to 'normal' in September.

As explained in the red box above, we are not changing our routine for the final week of term. We will carry on with the established Covid-19 routines in school, including split playtimes and lunches and staggered starts. I would ask that all parents join us in adhering to the rules for one last week and continue wearing face coverings whilst on school grounds. The last thing anyone wants is to miss a family holiday due to Covid contracted from someone without a mask - please do not approach our staff if you are not wearing a face covering next week.

The final week will be really fun for the children, especially with the discos on Wednesday. As per the attached flyer, these have to take place on the playground, but will nonetheless be great events and a really fun way to end the school year.

Year 6 are still very busy preparing for their end-of-year production which will be taking place on Tuesday evening to parents/carers; all the children will get a sneak peek during dress rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon. Unfortunately, Mrs Turvey will not be able to be part of the final production, as she has to self-isolate having been contacted by Test and Trace. As an extra treat for the year 6 children, to help make up for all the things they have missed out on, they will be going to Raven Tree Top Adventure on Wednesday for a chance to climb and swing from the trees.

I have finally been able to place the order for new reading and phonics books for the whole school today. I explained in previous newsletters that we had to wait for the government to validate the phonics schemes; this has now happened, and we were delighted to see that our chosen scheme has been validated. We are buying into the Rocket Phonics systematic synthetic phonics programme, with all accompanying books, for Classes 1 and 2, as well as the Reading Planet library of fiction and non-fiction for Classes 3 and 4. This is an incredibly expensive purchase for a small school, but the resources really are top quality and all children in school will see the benefit. Reading will be the number 1 priority in school next year, and this investment will help us to ensure that all our children develop into fluent readers who take enjoyment from reading.

**This purchase would not have been possible without the LSA who have kindly agreed to fund the whole purchase price.** As I've mentioned before, small school = small budget, and without the LSA fundraising we would find purchases like this increasingly difficult to make.

Thank you to all members of the LSA for giving up your time to help improve the education and opportunities for all our children; and thanks to everyone for buying a raffle ticket, sponsoring a child, or donating in any other way.

Today, your child should have brought home their end-of-year report; I hope you enjoy reading these reports and keep them safe for years to come. If you have any questions following the report, please do not hesitate to contact school for a chat with the class teacher.

Have a great weekend.



**COLUM GROGAN**

### 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.***

### **Extended Schools' Activities & Booster/Reading Plus Sessions ~ Summer Term**

Please note that all our extended schools' activities and Booster/Reading Plus sessions finished today. Children will need to be collected at the normal finish times of 3.00 – 3.05 – 3.10 and 3.15pm next week.



### **Leavers' Disco Night ~ Wednesday 21 July 2021**

This year our Leavers' discos will take place in the school playground on Wednesday 21 July 2021 for all children. This is to ensure continuity of class 'bubbles' and the playground will be split into separate areas for each 'bubble' group. The forecast is looking good so fingers crossed it remains that way.

Invitations were sent out via bookbags to all children yesterday and we have also included them at the back of this newsletter for your information. We would like to thank the LSA for kindly agreeing to fund this end of term treat.

## School Library Books and Reading Books

Please return all outstanding school library books to school by Tuesday 20 July 2021. From Wednesday, staff will start to collect in school reading books in preparation for organising home/school reading for September. Therefore, we would encourage families to keep reading over the summer holidays by registering for the Summer Reading Challenge (see below), visiting the library or by enjoying books that are on shelves at home. Please remember that we have a list of recommended reads for each year group, which can found by visiting our school website: Children ~ Reading & Phonics.

## Annual Reports

Please note that Annual Reports were sent out via bookbags this week. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's report, please contact the school office to arrange to speak to your child's class teacher.



## Summer Reading Challenge 2021

### Go Green with the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is **Wild World Heroes** and is all about nature and looking after the planet.

The challenge is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited edition Wild World Heroes medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 10th July until Sat 11th September.

There will also be a fantastic programme of online activities to go with the challenge – whilst there will be some pre-recorded activities available on the @nycclibraries Facebook page, many of the activities will require bookings to be made via Eventbrite (see attached flyer).

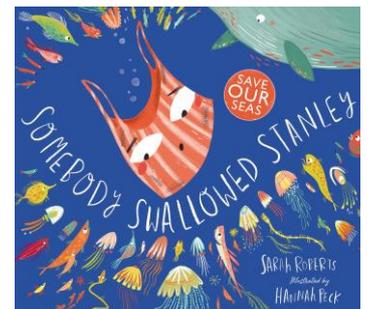
Some libraries may be able to have events in the library, depending on Covid restrictions – just ask at your local branch.

**Class 1 Updates**  
from  
Mrs Bateman

***Please find detailed below Class 1 updates from Mrs Bateman. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).***

A beautiful week, with sunny weather and sunnier children! We said goodbye to our tennis coach after a super term of sport with him. The children were pleased to hear they would see him again when they are in Class 2. We have enjoyed paper weaving (you are soon to receive a colourful treat to put up at home). This is a fiddly job which will prepare the children for sewing when they get older. Great concentration, you tried really hard.

Our writing and reading were influenced by a wonderful story called Somebody Swallowed Stanley, the tale of a plastic bag who is mistaken for jellyfish and the environmental impact of litter in our seas. The children have been considering the impact of litter on our wildlife. Class 1 DO NOT like it when people drop litter! I am very proud of our little eco-champions!



Well done, Class 1. Follow the link below to watch the story being read on CBeebies.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klAXuW5f7jl>

**Class 2 Updates**  
from  
Mr Craven

***Please find detailed below Class 2 updates from Mr Craven. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).***

This week in class 2, we have been developing our knowledge of time. The children have impressed me with how confidently they have picked up and applied knowledge on o'clock and half past. We have also begun to write our stories in the style of the enormous crocodile. We have all been in complete laughter at some of the ideas for the crocodile's next clever trick. We have some evil geniuses amongst us it seems!

All of the children have enjoyed some transition activities and I think it's safe to say all of the children are excited for the year ahead! Great work, Class 2. Only one week to go!

**Class 3 Updates**  
from  
Miss Gallagher & Mrs Daniell

***Please find detailed below Class 3 updates from Miss Gallagher & Mrs Daniell. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).***

This week Class 3 have had the opportunity to play in the woodland area and they have loved it, particularly when the weather was hot and sunny!

In science we have come to the end of our plant topic and, this week, we looked at the movement of water in plants and how it travels through a plant from the roots to the leaves. We experimented using flowers and food colouring and the children were surprised when some flowers turned blue! Isn't science amazing?

**Class 4 Updates**  
from  
Mrs Fawcett

***Please find detailed below Class 4 updates from Mrs Fawcett. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).***

Where does the time go? Year 6 have now completed their Leavers' scrolls and memories, and have been working extremely hard on the leavers' production; they are really looking forward to performing to their parents next week. There is much excitement about the Year 6 trip to Raven Tree Tops high ropes on Wednesday, in addition to the discos on Wednesday evening.

In maths this week, Year 5 have worked on time and using timetables and have focused on the reading domains whilst answering comprehension questions. Congratulations to James who has moved up a level on Reading Plus this week – what a great achievement! Have a fantastic weekend, and we will see you on Monday for the final week of the year.

**Year 6 Leavers' Concert & Presentation ~ Tuesday 20 July 2021**

Our Leavers' Concert will take place in the school playground at 7.00pm next Tuesday, 20 July 2021, and will conclude with a presentation to our Year 6 leavers ~ we look forward to seeing parents/carers of children in Year 6 at this evening performance. Please bring your own picnic chairs and refreshments with you and pick a spot in the playground. All areas will have a good view of the children, who will be performing outside the Class 4 windows on the more elevated section of the playground.



We have hired speakers, amplifier, mixing desk and wireless microphones so the children will be heard across the playground... maybe across the village!

Please note that masks must be worn on the school playground unless seated and watching the children. We would ask that masks are worn when talking to staff or other parents/carers who are not in your 'bubble'. Please ensure you maintain social distancing at this event to eliminate the possible transmission of Covid prior to the summer break.

## Year 6 Raven Tree Top Adventure ~ Wednesday 21 July 2021



Next Wednesday morning, Year 6 will be heading to Skipton to Raven Tree Top Adventure to experience 'high life' in the trees. A letter has been emailed out to parents/carers of children in Year 6 with full details. Please arrive at school at the normal time – the minibus will leave school at 9am and the children will be back in school at approximately 12.30 to 1.00pm.

This trip has kindly been funded by the LSA and transport provided by the school.

## Current Year 5 Children (Year 6 in September) ~ South Craven School Open Evening ~ 2022 Intake

Please note that South Craven School has now rearranged the current Year 5 Open Evening (originally due to be held on 1 July) for Wednesday 22 September 2021. More details will follow in the autumn term.

### School Office Information

*If you have any queries regarding any of content below, please contact the school office ([lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk)).*

## End of Financial Year ~ Outstanding Payments

It is extremely important that all ParentPay accounts are up-to-date, and a zero or credit balance remains on accounts when school closes on Friday 23 July 2021. This is the end of our school financial year and a busy time in the school office, when all financial records are finalised to enable the YCAT finance team to close down the accounts for the year.

ParentPay has informed us that we currently have **10** accounts showing a debt amount and we would be grateful if parents/carers could keep a close check on their accounts over the next two weeks to ensure a credit balance remains and any outstanding contributions are made if possible.

## Year 6 Leavers

This is particularly important if your child is in Year 6 and about to leave us at the end of July and the following should be noted:

- If a credit balance remains on your child's account and you have other children remaining in the school, the credit amount can be transferred to the sibling account. Please inform the school office as soon as possible if you would like any remaining credit transferred after 23 July. If we have not heard from you by the end of term, then a refund will be made via ParentPay.
- If a credit balance remains on your child's account and you have no other children in school, a refund will be made via ParentPay.
- Your ParentPay account must show a zero or credit balance on 23 July, when your child leaves the school. We would therefore be grateful if you could keep all payments up-to-date prior to the end of term to avoid any outstanding debt.

## Sales of Suncream

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the school via our sales of suncream this term. You have raised **£243.00** towards school funds. Remember that we still have some limited stock available, which can be purchased via your ParentPay account.



### 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

## Community Noticeboard

*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.*



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### Speech & Language Therapy Drop-In Service (Children under 6)

Please find attached flyer regarding the Speech & Language Therapy Drop In Service for children under 6, for your information.

## 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:

- Fri 16 Jul 2021** - All Extended Schools' Activities finish today
- Fri 16 Jul 2021** - All Booster Catch Up Sessions / Reading Plus finish today
- Tue 20 Jul 2021** - Year 6 Leavers' Concert and Presentation at 7.00pm
- Wed 21 Jul 2021** - Class 1 & Class 2 Leavers' Disco ~ 6.00pm to 7.15pm (with Year 6)
- Wed 21 Jul 2021** - Year 6 visit to Raven Treetop Adventure in Skipton
- Wed 21 Jul 2021** - Class 3 & Class 4 Leavers' Disco ~ 7.30pm to 8.45pm
- Thu 22 Jul 2021** - Year 6 Leavers' Lunch
- Fri 23 Jul 2021** - School breaks up for the summer at 3.15pm
- Wed 1 Sep 2021** - Skipton Music Festival Competition ~ closing date for entries
- Mon 6 Sep 2021** - School closed for Staff Training Day
- Tue 7 Sep 2021** - School re-opens for the 2021-2022 academic year
- Wed 22 Sep 2021** - Class 2 visit to Eureka! Children's Museum
- Wed 22 Sep 2021** - Year 6 (current Year 5) South Craven School Opening Evening – 2022 Intake
- w/c 18 to 22 Oct** - Class 4 residential visit to Humphrey Head
- 25 to 27 May 2022** - Year 4 residential visit to Eshton Grange



This week's  
**PHOTO GALLERY**





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## CLASS 1 & CLASS 2

Wednesday 21 July 2021

6.00pm to 7.15pm

Year 6 invite you to attend their Leavers' Disco in the school playground from 6pm to 7.15pm.

Please arrive at the main school entrance as usual at 6pm and a member of staff will direct you.

Please collect promptly at 7.15pm to avoid contact with Class 3 & Class 4 children arriving for their disco at 7.30pm.

**PARTY  
MANIA  
DISCOS**



## CLASS 3 & YEAR 5

Wednesday 21 July 2021

7.30pm to 8.45pm

Year 6 invite you to attend their Leavers' Disco in the school playground from 7.30pm to 8.45pm.

Please arrive at the main school entrance as usual at 7.30pm and a member of staff will direct you.

Please do not arrive before 7.30pm to avoid contact with Class 1 & Class 2 children leaving their disco at 7.15pm.

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## Drop In Service



### **Our Speech and Language Therapy Drop-In Service is still running – just not as usual at the moment**

If your child is UNDER 6 years of age and you have any concerns about their speech and language skills we are able to offer a telephone consultation with a Speech and Language Therapist.

You will be able to discuss your concerns with the Therapist, who can then provide advice to support your child's speech and/or language development.

To arrange an appointment, please telephone our admin team on:

# 01535 292821

Advice and information about how you can support your child's speech and language development can be found on the following links:

 Airedale Speech and Language Therapy

 [www.airedale-trust.nhs.uk/services/therapies-and-rehabilitation/speech-and-language-therapy](http://www.airedale-trust.nhs.uk/services/therapies-and-rehabilitation/speech-and-language-therapy)

[www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people](http://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people)



Lothersdale Primary School  
**SUNCREAM FOR SALE**

All proceeds go towards school funds



**£2.80**  
 Protect & Dry Touch  
 Invisible  
 Extra Water  
 Resistant 50 Spray



**£2.80**  
 Protect & Moisture  
 Water Resistant 50  
 Spray



**£2.80**  
 Kids Protect & Care  
 Extra Water  
 Resistant 50+  
 Lotion



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 Extra Water  
 Resistant 50+ Spray



**£2.80**  
 Protect & Moisture  
 Water Resistant 30  
 Spray



**£2.80**  
 Protect & Moisture  
 Water Resistant 20  
 Spray



**£2.80**  
 Protect & Moisture  
 Water Resistant 15  
 Spray



After Sun Lotion



**£1.50**  
 Kids Protect & Care  
 Pocket  
 Size 50+ Suncream 50ml

All the above are 200ml bottles unless otherwise stated. Limited stock is available ~ please refer to your ParentPay account if you wish to make a purchase.  
 Many thanks.

**We must  
keep on protecting  
each other.**



**HANDS**



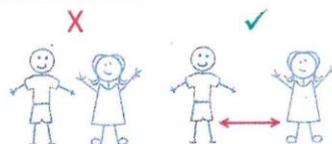
**FACE**



**SPACE**



**LOTHERSDALE  
Primary School**



*'Lothersdale leaves lots of legroom'  
to keep us safe!*

## **PLEASE HELP US KEEP SCHOOL SAFE:**

- Please follow all instructions**
- Face coverings must be worn on the school site**
- Use the ONE WAY SYSTEM when dropping off and collecting children**
- Keep your distance**
- Please don't crowd the school entrance/exit**
- No entry to the school building without a prior appointment**

Thank you



for

your support



**Lothersdale Primary School**  
*ensuring all pupils  
achieve their  
full potential*



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