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THANK YOU

We wish to thank all children and parents/carers for the very thoughtful cards, gifts and good wishes received this week ~ they are greatly appreciated by the whole staff team.

Thank you for all your support during this year ~ we hope you all have a very happy and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to seeing you at the start of the new term at 8.45am on Tuesday 5 September 2023.



YEAR 6 LEAVERS

18 children in Year 6 are leaving us today:

***Rose, Archie, Georgia, Niamh, Chloe, Jonty,
Scarlett, Reece, Spencer, Mollie, Maisie, Sam,
Reuben, Oliver, Matilda, Woody, Reo, Ernie***

In addition, we are sadly saying 'goodbye' to Matilda, Harry P, Niamh, Lucy D and Chloé who are all moving into the independent school sector.

WE SEND THEM ALL OUR VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE



Well done to our Year 6 leavers for their fantastic leavers' concert on Tuesday night ~ you were all amazing and your performance skills were very impressive.

At the end of the concert the children were presented with leavers' gifts and we would like to thank the Raygill Trust for providing the dictionaries and calculators and the LSA for the leavers' hoodies and scrolls.

A special big "thank you" to Mrs Ellison, Mrs Pickard, Mrs Hill and Mrs Binns for organising the leavers' gifts and for the way they were put together to be presented to the children on the night and, of course, to Mrs Turvey for putting the whole production together.

Year 6 Leavers' Concert ~ Tuesday 18 July 2023



Year 6 Leavers Discos ~ Wednesday 19 July 2023



All the children had a fantastic time on Wednesday evening at the leavers' discos and we loved all the outfits!! Andrew from Party Mania did a wonderful job entertaining the children and kept them very busy! Unfortunately, we had to revert to holding the discos indoors due to the variable weather forecast but all the children were amazing and had a wonderful night.

Thank you again to the LSA for providing the DJ and the refreshments. Please check out the photo gallery below.



Lothersdale Staff Leavers

As we come to the end of this academic year it is important to say a huge thank you to the following members of the Lothersdale staff team who are either retiring this summer or leaving to start new roles in September.

On Monday, Mrs Aldren and Mrs Twigg were presented with cards and flowers and, on Wednesday, a leavers' tea party took place on the playground at which flowers and cards were presented to Mrs Walker, Mrs Hill, Miss Baker & Mrs Driver.

We are very thankful for their dedication to our school during the time they have been with us, and we are very grateful for the care and commitment they have shown to our children. They will all be greatly missed by us and we wish them all the very best for the future!



Mrs Hill

Mrs Walker

Mrs Twigg

Mrs Driver



Miss Baker

Mrs Aldren



Message from Mrs Walker

Executive Headteacher

Hello everyone!

As we finally come to the end of this academic year and an extremely busy week of events in school, it is of course time to say lots of **special goodbyes** to those pupils and staff who will be leaving us. Our **18 Y6 pupils** who will be joining their new secondary schools in September have been a wonderful cohort and we are very proud of the progress and many achievements they have made over the year and across their time in Lothersdale, including some excellent end of KS2 SATs results which have been shared with them this week (and see below). I have enjoyed the chance to get to know them all a little during my time in school this year and wish them all the very best for what I'm sure will be very exciting futures. We say a special thank you also to their families for the support they have given to their children and the school over the years. We are also losing **5 other pupils** and their families from across school due to house and school moves, so we wish them well in their new settings and again, say a big thank you to their families too for their work and support during their time with us.

As detailed in previous Friday News reports, this week we said farewell to some **staff members** who have contributed in so many different ways to the school over the last few years: **Mrs Hill, Mrs Aldren and Miss Baker. Amandine Driver** is also sadly leaving her role as French teacher at Lothersdale to take up a new teaching post at Giggleswick School, although will still remain linked to our school in an advisory capacity for French; next year, class teachers will take over the teaching of weekly French across school, with support and planning from Amandine.


This week, it was great to be able to celebrate our pupils' achievements in the **end of year assessments** and we hope that you have enjoyed reading your child's report, which provides more detail about these and progress made over the year or key stage. In the end of KS2 (Y6) SATs, our pupil cohort achieved above or well-above national scores at both expected and greater depth standards in Reading, Maths, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Reading/Writing/Maths combined. In other nationally-reported assessments lower down the school, we have had similarly excellent results too: at the end of KS1 (Y2), results were above or well-above national expectations; in the Y1 Phonics Test, 100% pass was achieved by the cohort, well above the national 76%; and at the end of EYFS, another above national result was achieved for the 'Good Level of Development' measure. A HUGE well done to all our fantastic pupils – they should be very proud of their achievements! A big thank you to our wonderful staff team for all the hard work, teaching and support they put in every day to make a difference to every pupil in our care; and also, thanks from us in school to all our families at home for your ongoing support.

And finally... as I leave my role as Executive Head today, handing over to Mrs Tyson in September, I would like to say **my own special farewell and thank you** to everyone in our whole school team and community for the support you have given me over the last 1 ½ terms. It has been a challenging year of change and development for the school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my role leading and working with you all, the inspiring pupils, incredibly dedicated staff – very ably led by your interim Heads of School, Mrs Bateman and Mr Craven, supportive governor team and families. I know that we have achieved much over a short time together! I wish you all the very best in your next phase of development – which I'm sure is going to be a very exciting and promising one – and I will take away many happy memories of the very special school community which Lothersdale is and which it has been a real privilege to be part of this year.




This week, the class with the best attendance is

CLASS 3

3	4		2
Class 1*	Class 2*	Class 3*	Class 4*
93.33%	93.23%	96.77%	96.76%

Well done **CLASS 4**

You achieved the best attendance throughout this academic year

4	2	3	
Class 1*	Class 2*	Class 3*	Class 4*
95.33%	96.78%	96.62%	96.96%

**this year's attendance levels are lower than our expected 97% and we would like parents/carers to help us in improving pupil attendance next year. Thank you in advance for your support.*



Congratulations to the following children who have managed to complete the whole of this academic year without succumbing to illness or any other absence. What an achievement!! Certificates were presented to the children at this morning's assembly. Well done everyone.

CLASS 1	CLASS 3	CLASS 4
Max	Bohdan	Georgia
	Jude	Oliver
		Oscar
		Reece
		Tess

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:

- Tue 6 Sep 2023** - Individual School Photographs ~ 1:15pm
- Wed 20 Sep 2023** - South Craven Cluster KS2 Cross Country Event
- Tue 10 Oct 2023** - Flu immunisations
- Harvest Festivals:
 - 9.10am – Class 1 & Class 2
 - 2.00pm – Class 3 & Class 4
- Tue 19 Dec 2023** - Whole School Christmas Concert

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 4 September 2023

- Mon** - School closed for Staff Training (unless your child is booked into LEGENDS)
- LEGENDS is open today (pre-bookable places only)
- Tue** - **School re-opens at 8.40am for the new academic year**
- Wed** - Deadline for booking a FREE or PAID Extended Schools' Activities place for your child
- Deadline for payment for school bookbag and PE bag (Reception)
- Deadline for contribution towards Class 3 swimming lessons autumn first half
- Fri** - Class 3 swimming lesson

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.

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



This year's Summer Reading Challenge '**Ready, Set, Read**' aims to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer break, empowering young people to forge new connections with others and unleash the power of play, sport and physical activity through reading.

Children are challenged to get reading over the summer holidays. From July to September, through taking part in the free Challenge, children will be able to join a superstar team and their marvellous mascots as they navigate a fictional summer obstacle course brought to life with illustrations by children's illustrator Loretta Schauer, rewarded by free incentives including stickers.

The Summer Reading Challenge shines a light on the power of public libraries as a hub for local communities and will bring together the benefits of sport, play and creativity. The Youth Sport Trust has developed fun family activity cards, which alongside the official 2023 Summer Reading Challenge book collection, will aim to keep imaginations moving over the school holiday. The Challenge and activity cards are available to access through the online digital platform, summerreadingchallenge.org.uk, to allow those with limited physical access to the library to join in. By participating in the challenge, young people will have the opportunity to explore new reading material, develop skills, and discover new interests.

New September School Information

School Hours

May we remind all parents/carers that school starts at 8:45am and we would be grateful if all children could be on the school playground at 8:40am ready to come into school.

8:45am	Morning Registration (all children must be in school at this time)
10:30am	Morning Break
12:15pm	Lunch
1:15pm	Afternoon Registration
3:15pm	School Day Ends
3:15 – 4:15pm	Extended Schools Activities take place

LEGENDS Before & After School Clubs

7:30 - 8:40am LEGENDS Breakfast Club (pre-booked sessions only)

3:15 – 6:00pm LEGENDS After School Club (pre-booked sessions only)



All LEGENDS Before & After School Club sessions are booked and paid for in advance via the SchoolGateway app. If you would like your child to attend, please ensure you read the LEGENDS Parent Handbook to familiarise yourself with the procedures and booking process.

Please note:

School Training Day sessions must be booked 5 days in advance.

Breakfast Club sessions must be booked by 4:30pm the day before the session weekdays only (eg. If you are booking a Monday Breakfast Club session, please book by 4:30pm on a Friday).

After School Club sessions must be booked by 1:30pm on the day of the session.

For parents/carers new to the school in September, a message will be sent via our communications system to confirm when you are able to access all our payment systems. This will be done once our current academic year end has been completed.

PE Sessions ~ Autumn Term

Our PE schedule for next term is listed below for your information:



Class 1	-	Monday ~ Football (Soccer Hub), Friday ~ FMS (Coach: Gerry)
Class 2	-	Monday ~ Football (Soccer Hub), Thursday ~ FMS (Coach: Gerry)
Class 3	-	Tuesday ~ Dance (Kanga Sports), Friday ~ Swimming
Class 4	-	Tuesday ~ Dance (Kanga Sports), Friday ~ Football (Coach: Gerry)

Extended Schools Activities ~ Autumn Term

Extended Schools Activities will restart the week commencing Monday 11 September 2023 and the Activity Flyer and notes will be emailed out to parents/carers over the summer holidays. A copy will also be available to view on the school website.



FREE Clubs: Please email the school office (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) by Wednesday 6 September 2023 to book a FREE activity place for your child. It would be helpful if you could include the name of the club(s) in the subject header to help us identify the replies easily. Activities will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

PAID Clubs: the deadline for payment for children taking part in paying clubs is Wednesday 6 September 2023 to enable your child to take part in his/her chosen club.

Your child's name will only be entered on the activity lists once payment has been made. The extended schools' accounts will be removed from the payment system once the deadline has passed so it is important that payments are made promptly.

All extended schools' activities finish at half term during the week ending Friday 21 October 2022.

Please note that we are unable to add your child to an activity list once the deadline has passed and the lists have been distributed to providers and LOOSC. It is therefore important that you help us to avoid your child missing out on an activity by adhering to the stated deadline.

School Uniform

May we remind parents that the definitive school uniform list is available to view on the school website and no other clothing can be accepted. It is important that children are wearing the correct uniform when representing the school.

Shoulder length hair and longer (boys and girls), must be tied back in accordance with our school policy.

We would be grateful if all parents could ensure that all items of clothing are also named. All uniform will be checked at the start of the autumn term. Many thanks for your support.

Welcome
to the
Lothersdale
**SCHOOL
OFFICE**

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SCHOOL OFFICE TERM TIME HOURS		
	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	8.00 – 12.00	1.00 – 4.00
Tuesday	8.00 – 12.00	1.00 – 4.00
Wednesday	8.00 – 12.00	1.00 – 4.00
Thursday	8.00 – 12.00	1.00 – 4.00
Friday*	8.30 – 10.30	3.15 – 3.45

Visitor access into school is via prior appointment only, in line with the school's Health & Safety and Child Protection Policies.

Please telephone the School Office during the hours listed to make an appointment to speak to a member of staff.

**Please note that Mrs Ellison is not in school on Fridays and the office will be manned between the stated hours for urgent messages only*

REMEMBER TO KEEP PUPIL CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION UP TO DATE!



Please refer to the Friday Newsletter and the school website prior to emailing or contacting school, as most of our day-to-day information can be located within these communication portals. The school website address is <https://www.lothersdaleschool.org.uk>

Governing Body letter to children

Please find attached end of year letter from the school's Governing Body.

YCAT Trustees letter to parents/carers

A letter from the YCAT Trustees was emailed to parents/carers yesterday.

School Office ~ End of Year

Next week, Mrs Ellison will be carrying out year end protocols in school and it is therefore important that all parent payment portals are up-to-date or in credit.

Please therefore ensure that your child(ren)'s ParentPay, SchoolGrid and School Gateway accounts have a zero or credit balance when school closes on Friday 21 July 2023, particularly if your child is a Year 6 leaver.

If you do receive any text or email reminders over the next couple of weeks, we would be grateful if you could ensure that any requested information or payment is provided as soon as possible to support us with our end of year administration.

ParentPay and School Gateway

Over the summer we are hoping to move cashless payments from ParentPay to School Gateway, to make administration less time consuming and to cut down on the number of parental logins. The School Gateway app is currently used to book onto LEGENDS Before and After School Club and we would ask that all parents/carers set up an account if you have not done so already to help with the transition. Instructions to access the app are included in the LEGENDS Parental Handbook which was emailed to parents/carers towards the end of the Spring term.

Extended Schools' Activities ~ Autumn Term

We will be working on our autumn term extended schools' activities over the summer break and a copy of the activity flyer will be emailed out to parents/carers when this has been finalised.

Class 3 Swimming Lessons (current Year 2 & Year 3)

Class 3 swimming lessons will start on Friday 8 September 2023 and a letter will be sent out to all parents/carers of children currently in Year 2 and Year 3 over the summer holidays once we receive the costings from Craven Pool.

The payment for the Class 3 Swimming lessons will also be added to SchoolGateway over the summer. Please note that, although these lessons are part of the school curriculum, the school receives no extra funding for swimming and relies on parental contributions to enable the children to take part in this activity.

This academic year the school has had to absorb the unexpected extra cost of the swimming lessons because of the percentage of contributions received:

Class 3 – 78%

Class 3 – 93%

As funding is extremely tight across all schools, this is having a negative impact on our learning resources and we would be extremely grateful if you could therefore help us by contributing towards your child's autumn term swimming lessons, however small that contribution may be.

No child will be excluded if his or her parents/carers do not contribute, but if insufficient voluntary contributions are received then regrettably, this activity will not continue.

Dolce ~ School Meal Provision

A letter has been emailed alongside this week's newsletter for parents/carers of children currently in Reception to Year 5 regarding an update on our catering provision and an increase in the cost of a school meal for children currently in Year 2 to Year 5.



An **LSA Summary** of events and monies raised this academic year will be sent out separately with this newsletter.

LSA 'Grow a Pound' Project!

A huge thank you and well done to all children who participated in the Grow a £1 project. We have been so impressed with the commitment and entrepreneurial ideas, plus the support of parents/carers and all those who bought services/projects from the children. We have sent a big thank you to Bentley, who kindly donated the initial £1 to each participating child.

We are thrilled to announce that the total amount raised is a whopping **£2,070.00!!**

The winner was announced in our morning assembly on Thursday – **MW in Class 1 raised £158.47!** MW and his brother (who joins Lothersdale School in 2024), sold homemade fudge in the village. Apparently “the postman kept coming back for more fudge!”. Well done, boys, we are very proud of you both!



This event was kindly
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 **Saturday 12th August 2023** 

Hillbilly Honkystonk

Beer ★ FODDER ★ Rodeo bull ★ Live music



Megan Lee



Matt Hodges



Andrea Pattison is
Dolly

And...



The
Counterfeit Celts



Tickets £35
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THE GOVERNING BODY

21 July 2023

Dear Children

As the school year draws to a close, we cannot believe what another interesting and challenging year it has been!

Lothersdale Primary School has a dedicated team of teachers and support staff who work tirelessly to provide you with the highest quality teaching and learning; and to provide a safe, caring, exciting and fulfilled school life.

You don't always see us around the school, but your school's Governing Body has been working hard in the background on your behalf, consistently supporting and challenging the schools' leaders to ensure they provide the best education possible. We would like to thank all those involved with the school for their commitment in making Lothersdale unique and successful.

The school year has been somewhat disrupted with the change of leadership during this academic year; however, I am sure you join me in thanking the whole school for their pro-active approach to enable your teaching and learning to continue. It has been an extremely difficult time for everyone and I am proud of the school and all of you for your positive thinking.

We say a final farewell to children in Year 6 as they leave primary school to start at their new secondary schools. We also welcome all our new reception children, who we hope will thrive and have a happy time at Lothersdale Primary School.

Finally, I hope you all have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September, when the fantastic, new-look team of teachers, support staff and school Governors will again do everything in their powers to deliver the best learning experience possible.

Enjoy your holiday.

Yours sincerely

ANDREW TWIGG

Chair of the Governing Body



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*ensuring all pupils
achieve their
full potential*



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