

Well done to this week's



Lothersdale LEGENDS

Reception ~ Evie

Year 1 ~ Adam

Year 2 ~ Aravon

Year 3 ~ Lizzy

Year 4 ~ Henry

Year 5 ~ Sam

Year 6 ~ Isla H



FOOD ALLERGY WARNING
Please remember Lothersdale
Primary School is a Nut Free Zone



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:

- Wed 8 Dec 2021** - Whole School Christmas Concert (TBC)
- Thu 9 Dec 2021** - LSA Christmas Wreath Workshop at Lothersdale Village Hall from 7pm
- Thu 20 Jan 2022** - LSA Movie Night

DEADLINES & REMINDERS FOR w/c 8 November 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** - LSA Bonfire Cake Stall ~ remember to bring in baking and money
- Class 1 visit to Christ Church Lothersdale
- Whole School Flu Immunisations
- Tue** - Craven Cross Country Finals at Giggleswick (selected pupils)
- Wed** - School Council deadline regarding the Remembrance Service
- Y5/6 Clay Workshop – deadline for confirming attendance
- Fri** - Class 3 swimming lesson

EXTENDED SCHOOLS' ACTIVITIES ~ AUTUMN TERM 2021 SECOND HALF

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Between the Spines 3.15 to 4.15pm	Magic Book Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	Board Games 12.45 to 1.15	STEM 3.15 to 4.15pm	Football 3.15 to 4.15pm
Soccer Tots 3.15 to 4.15pm	Street Dance 3.15 to 4.15pm	Drama EYFS/KS1 3.15 to 4.15pm	Supersports 3.15 to 4.15pm	
Woolcraft 3.15 to 4.15pm		Drama KS2 3.15 to 4.15pm		

The member of staff/activity provider will bring the children out to the main school gate at the end of each session to ensure a safe handover to parents/carers.

HAVING FUN GETTING FIT

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Class 1 – Mondays & Fridays
- Class 2 – Monday & Thursdays
- Class 3 – Tuesdays & Fridays
- Class 4 – Tuesdays & Fridays

At our school we are collecting for...

HOW IT WORKS

Download the **MyMorrisons** app

Sign in or register to **MyMorrisons** and select Lothersdale Primary School

Scan the app at checkout or use online when shopping

For every £10 spent you will receive a GROW TOKEN to donate to Lothersdale Primary School

Lothersdale Primary School can exchange your GROW TOKENS for free gardening equipment after the collection period



Class 1	Class 2
Rec ~ John	Y2 ~ Peter
Rec ~ Elliot W	Y2 ~ Annabelle J
Class 3	Class 4
Y3 ~ Lizzy	Y5 ~ Archie
Y4 ~ Jack A	Y6 ~ Katie

Get vaccinated

Let fresh air in if you meet indoors. Meeting outdoors is safer

Wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed settings where you come into contact with people you do not normally meet

Get tested, and self isolate if required

Try to stay at home if you are feeling unwell

Wash your hands

Download and use the NHS COVID-19 app

Dear Parents / Carers

This has been another incredibly busy week in school during which the children have proved once again just how hard-working and dedicated they really are. All across school, children have been really pushing themselves to achieve, and it was no surprise to me to hear about so many of our Lothersdale Legends who were chosen this week because they were such good listeners. Our children know that listening really is the key to success, and so many are making huge progress as a result of their focus and attention in class.

A fantastic effort all round - well done, everyone!

Class 3 had a great trip out to Eureka! in Halifax this week, learning about our digestive system and the journey our food takes from Chew to the Poo! The children enjoyed the day immensely and learned a lot too. Thank you to two of our governors, Amandine Driver and Louise Lee, for volunteering to go on the visit to help supervise.

I had the pleasure of meeting with members of the LSA this week for the first time since I started at our school last year. It was really good to see some new faces to the LSA as well as those more experienced members of the group who have already dedicated so much time to helping our school to raise much-needed funds.

Planning is underway for lots of future events, and the LSA will be communicating directly with you about those. Recent events, such as the Halloween Movie Night and the pumpkin flower arranging were both hugely successful and have raised hundreds of pounds for school.

On behalf of everyone in school, I would like to thank each and every parent who has had any involvement in the planning of these events.

The main purpose of the LSA fundraising this year is going to be our school library. In keeping with our whole-school focus on, and passion for, reading, it was agreed that improvements to the look and layout of the library, as well as new books for all ages, would be a very wise investment which will benefit all the children in school.

This week on the playground a child made reference to Squid Game, and that prompted me to look for an information guide for those parents/carers who are not aware of this Netflix show that has become something of an online phenomenon. At the end of the Friday News there is a guide to Squid Game which will provides vital information for parents/carers about the content of the show and the risks it poses to children's wellbeing if viewed. If, like me, you have been blissfully unaware of this latest online trend, it is worth educating yourself, particularly those of you with older children who have access to the internet on their own devices.

Have a great weekend everyone

Colum Grogan

Lothersdale

Y1	HUGO and PIPER
Y2	THEO and EMILY
Y3	JUDE and SOPHIE
Y4	VIOLET and ERIC
Y5	MAISIE and ERNIE
Y6	ISLA P and OSCAR

School Council Elections

Well done to the following children who have been elected on to the School Council.

One of their first roles will be representing school at the Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorial in Lothersdale on Sunday 14 November 2021 and a letter has been emailed out to parents/carers today.

Please email the school office by Monday 8 November 2021 to confirm if your child is, or is not, available to attend.

SCHOOL COUNCIL



Bonfire Lunch ~ Friday 5 November 2021

Thank you to Mrs Grosschmidt for serving us a wonderful Bonfire Lunch today - the toffee apple muffins were amazing!

Congratulations to **Matilda** in Class 4 who is the lucky winner of the Dolce Competition – she won a £5 Amazon voucher for finding the lucky star under her plate at lunchtime.

Remembrance Service at Lothersdale Village War Memorial ~ Sunday 14 November 2021



We would like members of the School Council to represent the school at the Remembrance Ceremony at the village war memorial on Sunday 14 November 2021, along with Mrs Bateman, Miss Thompson and other staff members. Letters have been emailed to parents/carers of School Council members today and we would be grateful if you could email school by Wednesday 10 November 2021 to confirm whether or not your child is able join us.

All children in school, along with their families, are also more than welcome to join the School Council and staff at this service and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Please meet in the school playground from 10.30am and we will walk over to the Memorial at 10.45am in time for the service. The School Council have been asked to attend in their school uniform and other children from school who would like to attend can also wear their uniform if they wish.

Wednesday 17 November and Thursday 18 November 2021



The class consultation lists have been emailed to parents/carers today confirming your allocated time slots(s) for the forthcoming Parent Consultations.

Every effort has been made to meet requests but, if you are unable to make the time allocated, please ensure you contact the school office as soon as possible to arrange an alternative time. If you have already confirmed you cannot make either of the dates, you will be contacted separately to arrange an alternative date.

The time slots are 10 minutes duration and teachers have been advised to ensure appointments do not run over; we would be grateful if you could arrive just before your appointment time to avoid congestion. Face masks must be worn at all times.



Whole School ~ 2021/2022 Nasal Influenza Vaccination Programme



The Child Immunisation Team are scheduled to be in school on Monday 8 November 2021 at 1pm. Please note they will only vaccinate children whose parents/carers have submitted consent. Those parents/carers who missed the deadline and emailed school to confirm they would like their child vaccinated, will be contacted by a member of the Immunisation Team when they come into school on Monday.

LSA

Lothersdale
School Association

FORTHCOMING LSA EVENTS

Monday 8 November 2021
Bonfire Cake Staff

Monday 15 November 2021
Bag2School

Saturday 27 November 2021
Christmas Fair

Thursday 9 December 2021
Christmas Wreath Workshop

Bonfire Night

BONFIRE CAKE STALL

MONDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2021

Have fun baking at the weekend and bring your cakes to school on Monday morning for everyone to buy and enjoy at break time. Any remaining cakes will be sold in the school playground after school from 3.00pm

Don't forget to bring some pennies too!
(All proceeds to the LSA)

**REMEMBER
REMEMBER
THE 5TH OF
NOVEMBER!**

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation

Lothersdale Primary School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.

By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is FSC accredited, please recycle it.

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Monday 15 November 2021

01609 780 222

www.bag2school.com

helpdesk@bag2school.com

The **Bonfire Cake Stall** and **Christmas Wreath Workshop** flyers have been emailed out to parents/carers today. Please remember to bring in baking and send your child to school with some money on Monday if they wish to purchase items from the cake stall.

Christmas Fair ~ thank you to those parents/carers who have already donated items for this year's Christmas Fair. The boxes are now located in the main reception area so please send in any donations with your child to go in their respective year group boxes. The information flyer is available to view at the end of this newsletter if you cannot remember what each year group has been asked to donate. Please email the school office if you are able to donate a prize for our Christmas Raffle.

LSA Bag2School Collection ~ It's not long to go now before our next Bag2School Collection. Remember the more bags you send to school, the more the school will earn!

Skipton Santa Fun Run ~ a flyer was sent out this week regarding this year's Skipton Santa Fun Run and we also attach a copy to this newsletter. Please remember to book your place on the **LOTHERSDALE TEAM** as soon as possible to help us try and win £250 towards school funds.

Bonfire Night ~ Superstar Tips!

Please find attached a really useful Bonfire Night information leaflet to share with your children.

CLASS 1 UPDATES
from
Mrs Bateman

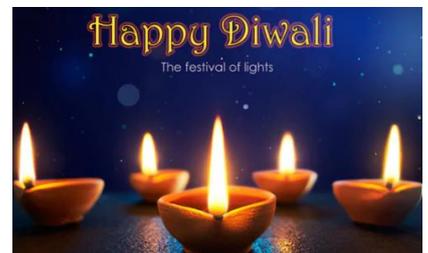
Please find detailed below Class 1 updates from Mrs Bateman. If you have any queries, please contact the school office in the first instance (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk)

The children have come back to school ready to listen, learn and try hard. They are all keen to share our new Nip and Nap story in phonics and this half term the aliens are on a snowy, ski adventure. We have



also enjoyed Mrs B's new book called *We're Going To Find The Monster* (by Malorie Blackman) which really made the children laugh. This is a super story about two children with lots of imagination and the monster is a smelly big brother who doesn't want to wake up!

The adults in Class 1 continue to support the children to be more independent. We have noticed more children trying to manage going to the toilet and washing their hands with increasing independence - we ensure they use soap and warm water and dry their hands thoroughly. Dressing for PE, taking off shirts, fastening buttons and putting shoes on the correct feet are still a work in progress for some, so please also encourage them to 'have a go' when they are home. It is a pleasure to see children helping each other to put on coats at playtime and finding water bottles and bookbags. Using scissors, snipping and cutting safely, and with accuracy is also a focus for this term - maybe this could be a task you do together at home too.



The Hindu celebration of Diwali began this week and we learnt about this special time through the eyes of a little girl called Jessica. Jessica makes diva lamps with her mum and gran to decorate their home and Class 1 are keen to make divas of their own next week with salt dough, paint and glitter.

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 begun our new topic all about Guy Fawkes.

The children have done some brilliant geography work looking at the different countries in the United Kingdom. The children found London and Lothersdale on their maps and used a compass to discuss their position. We have looked at how London has changed since 1605. The children asked some really interesting questions, and we had a great discussion.

We have continued our work on adjectives and this week looked at using the prefix un- to change the meaning of our adjectives. The children have also done some brilliant shared reading this week. We have been having lots of discussions about reading with expression and how using our best story telling voices.

CLASS 3 UPDATES
from
Mrs Knight & Mr Grogan

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

The children have had a great first week back at school including our trip to Eureka! The science show, from the chew to the poo, was very interesting and they will be deepening their learning on this topic next week.

In maths, we've moved on to subtraction and will be continuing this for the next couple of weeks. In English, we've started our new book, Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine and will be looking carefully at the vocabulary throughout the chapters.

Happy weekend and stay safe this bonfire night.



Year 4
reading plus®

TUESDAY 8.30 to 8.55 am	THURSDAY 8.30 to 8.55 am
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For Safeguarding and Health & Safety reasons, please email the school office to register your child on either, or all, of the above sessions

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)



Class 4
reading plus®

MONDAY 8.30 to 8.55 am	WEDNESDAY 8.30 to 8.55 am	FRIDAY 8.30 to 8.55 am
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For Safeguarding and Health & Safety reasons, please email the school office to register your child on any, or all, of the above sessions

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term; we hope you all enjoyed the holiday, despite the decidedly inclement weather!

We have had a great first week back in school, focusing on reasoning and problem solving with addition and subtraction and the formal method for long multiplication too. Our KIRF homework consolidates the properties of 3D shapes – faces, edges and vertices.

In English, we have pre-defined and established the word class of new vocabulary before continuing to read our class text, and the use of modal verbs have also been a focus of deliberate practice.

Check-ups of the individual lists of Year 3/4 and 5/6 Key words will continue next week. Remember to learn these alongside the weekly spelling pattern.

Congratulations go to Reece Jolly, Scarlett Jefferies, Maisie Oddy and Jarvis Jefferies who have completed their current level on Reading Plus; you are making excellent progress. Please remember that part of your weekly homework is to complete five reads and one vocabulary exercise on Reading Plus each week.

Have a great weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Y5/6 Clay Workshop ~ Monday 22 November 2021

A letter was emailed to parents/carers of Y5/6 children who have expressed an interest in taking part in the Clay Workshop at South Craven School on Monday 22 November 2021.

Please ensure you confirm your child's attendance by Wednesday 10 November.

**SPORTING
EVENTS**

Please find detailed below information regarding sporting events taking place out of school. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Craven Cross Country Finals ~ Tuesday 9 November 2021



Good Luck to all our runners ~ **Emily, Lucy H, Robyn, Tess, Maisie, Matilda, Reuben, Reece, Georgia T, Katie, Betsy and Isla P** - who are representing the Craven Schools' Cluster in the next round at Giggleswick School on Tuesday 9 November 2021.

**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
INFORMATION**

If you have any queries regarding any of the content below, please contact the school office on 01535 632510 or via lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk

SCHOOL OFFICE TERM TIME HOURS

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00
Tuesday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00
Wednesday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00
Thursday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00
Friday	8.00 - 12.00	2.00 - 4.00

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 on 01535 632510 during the hours listed to make an appointment to see a member of staff.

Please note that the School Office is busier than normal at present and, as a result, this is having an impact on our response times, and we are unable to get back to you as quickly as we would like.

We will endeavour to answer all urgent queries within the school day however, any non-urgent queries will be prioritised. We would therefore be grateful if you could check your emails, the Friday News 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.

It would also help us if you could ensure any requested information is returned to school on time to enable us to achieve the corresponding deadlines.

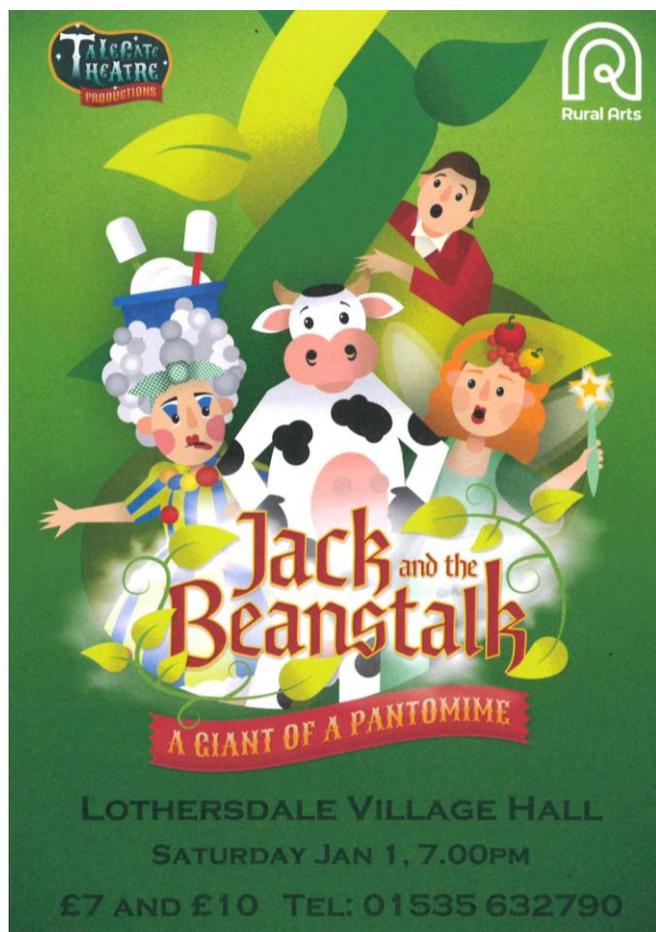
Thank you all in advance for your support.



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.

Lothersdale Community Events at Lothersdale Village Hall



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:

- Mon 8 Nov 2021** - LSA Bonfire Cake Stall
- Mon 8 Nov 2021** - Healthy Child Team ~ Influenza Immunisations
- Tue 9 Nov 2021** - Craven Cluster Cross Country Finals at Giggleswick School (selected pupils)
- Mon 15 Nov 2021** - LSA Bag2School Collection
- Wed 17 Nov 2021** - Parent Consultations – 2.00 to 7.30pm
- Thu 18 Nov 2021** - Parent Consultations – 2.00 to 5.30pm
- Sat 27 Nov 2021** - LSA Christmas Fair
- Tue 7 Dec 2021** - Proposed date for the whole school Christmas Concert (TBC)
- 25 to 27 May 2022** - Year 4 residential visit to Eshton Grange

Community Events:

- Sun 28 Nov 2021** - Skipton Santa Fun Run

THE GREAT SKIPTON SANTA FUN RUN

Sunday 28 November 2021

Rotary 
Club of Skipton Craven



LOTHERSDALE TEAM

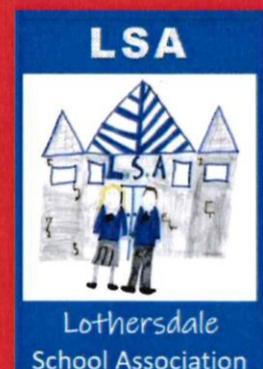
If you, or family and friends, are intending to take part in this year's Skipton Santa Fun Run, we have a Lothersdale Team set up to try and raise money for the school. The first 10 charities, schools or organisations to enter a team of 25 or more, will receive a £250 incentive.

All you have to do is make sure that all entries have the same team name, LOTHERSDALE TEAM, and once entered, email the individual names through to admin@skiptonsantafunrun.co.uk

If you have already entered, please amend the name on the booking form to LOTHERSDALE TEAM and then email the names as above.

Fingers crossed we will be one of the first 10 organisations to win the incentive!

Many thanks
Lothersdale School Association



LSA CHRISTMAS



FAIR DONATIONS

Thank you for your continued support of the LSA and all the events organised this year so far. We are looking forward to our annual Christmas fair which has been cancelled the last few years due to COVID!

We are asking this year for donations to help make the event extra special. If you know of anyone or can yourself donate anything for the raffle it would be gratefully received. We are doing our normal hampers with a rainbow twist this year but are also looking for any vouchers, family experiences, shop vouchers that can be donated. Please send any information to the LSA email: lsalothersdale@gmail.com

We are also asking for general donations for us to put together some rainbow hampers. Each year group has been assigned a colour, and we would like donations of that colour to be donated, it can be anything. For example red might be anything from Maltesers to beef gravy granules! Details below:



Reception - red
Year 1 - orange
Year 2 - yellow
Year 3 - green
Year 4 - blue
Year 5 - purple
Year 6 - pink



Boxes will be available in the reception area after half term for you to place your donations.

And finally, we are looking for jam jars and bottles for the tombolas. It can be bottles of anything, and jam jars can be filled with anything from hair accessories to craft supply's.

Our next meeting is Monday 1 November and we would love to see for anyone to come along and help us plan other fun activities or events for the following year. Alternatively, if you are unable to attend the meetings feel free to email us with any suggestions or ideas you may have.

Thank you all in advance for your continued support.

The LSA



NOVEMBER 2021



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BONFIRE NIGHT EDITION

Remember, remember...these top tips for having a more sustainable Bonfire Night to help create a less **explosive** impact on our planet!

LET'S START WITH A BANG!

Did you know, around Bonfire Night more air pollution is created than all of the UK's waste incinerators do in a **WHOLE YEAR*** With approximately 5-14% of all UK dioxin emissions produced around that time!

Here are some sustainable tips to help make those **oohs** and **aaahs** more eco-friendly:

- If the thought of missing out on fireworks is too much, then try to go to a public display instead of a private one to minimise the amount of air pollution – grab all your friends and family and go together for a fun, shared experience!
- Coloured fireworks contain heavy metals and toxins that are incredibly damaging to the planet, however, white fireworks tend to have less harmful chemicals in them.
- Better yet, **choose sparklers instead of fireworks!** Sparklers don't create as much air pollution as fireworks but still create that bright and shiny experience. If possible, opt for eco-friendly sparklers made of bamboo or wood to help reduce waste. [Here are some great ones that were recommended by our Photography team!](#)
- If you are looking to host a bonfire or firework display this year, then check out the [air pollution here](#) for your desired date to ensure the impact is minimal – **still air means more pollution hangs around in one place!**

*According to a statement released in 2012 by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)



IT'S GETTING HOT IN HERE...

Bonfires, as mentioned, are bad for the environment and release a load of pollution into the air as well as our noses and lungs, which can cause a lot of irritation. **But how can you have Bonfire Night without a bonfire?** Fear not, if it is too hard to forgo the bonfire altogether, then here are some tips to help make them a little bit eco-friendlier for not only us but the wildlife and the planet too...



- **BUILD THEM ON THE DAY** - As it is nearly the hibernating season, animals can often be found snuggled up in a warm woodpile. So, try to build your bonfires on the same day they are being lit and give them a good check over before you do to make sure nothing is having a snooze inside!
- **DON'T MAKE THEM TOO BIG** - Ash created from burning bonfires can be caught in the air and land in a nearby river or lake. This ash will alter the pH balance of the water and harm local ecosystems!
- **NATURAL ONLY PLEASE** - Avoid burning man-made materials or plastic as these can release very harmful chemicals and pollutants into the air. Instead, build your bonfires from natural, dry, seasoned woods. And remember, do not burn anything wet or damp as this creates more smoke!
- **THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX** - For a greener fire, why not opt for a fire pit instead? Fire pits are designed to keep the fire contained as much as possible and collect the ash rather than having it directly on the ground. There are now many smokeless fire pits available to help reduce air pollution too. Plus, you can use them year after year!

DON'T MESS WITH THE PLANET!



Banned in Wales since February 2018 but not yet banned in either England or Scotland, Paper or Chinese Lanterns, although pretty, can cause a lot of damage to wildlife!

The outsides of the lanterns are made from paper, but the frames are usually made of wire or bamboo that will drop from the skies once extinguished, **where animals can become trapped and entangled or the frame ingested with devastating results!**

SPARKLING ARTS & CRAFTS

If you decide not to attend any bonfires or firework displays this season but do not want to miss out on the fun and colour, have a go at replicating the magic with these arts and crafts! Perfect for rainy day afternoon activities with the kids...



- Why not create your very own firework displays using black paper and colourful paints. Or get creative and make natural explosive scenes using sticks and leaves that you can forage from your local park or during woodland walks!

- Get hands-on and create a bonfire masterpiece using handprints – here is a giant version from [The Let's Go Club on CBeebies!](#)

- Make your very own hedgehog art with our [Cosy Crafts blog with Laura Brand](#), which has a fab salt dough recipe, or our [National Trust Make Your Own Hedgehog](#) downloadable template!

WANT SOME S'MORE?

As the saying goes, there is no smoke without a fire, so if you choose to go without a bonfire this season, then here are some tasty Bonfire Night treats that you and the littles can whip up. No open flames required!



- Toasting marshmallows over the fire is a traditional Bonfire Night activity. But these chocolate-dipped alternatives in our [Yummy Bonfire Treats blog](#) created by our very own Emily are just as good! Plus, no gooey mess – **Phew!**

- A must-have autumn favourite, toffee apples can often be found in the supermarkets but are usually covered in plastic wrapping! Why not give them a go at home instead and make with your own choice of topping and no single-use plastic. Here's a fab recipe in our [Autumnal Tasty Treats blog!](#)

- And here's something a little more decadent, these [Peanut Butter Brownies from the National Trust](#) are super-duper yummy!



I hope that these tips have sparked your interest to have a sustainable Bonfire Night this year!

Please do share what you get up to with us at

bigchange@welovefrugi.com

for a chance to become next month's Sustainable Superstar.

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What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

AGE RESTRICTION
15+
Suitable only for 15 years and over.

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed to young audiences by the nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show, Squid Game. The series, rated 15+, is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread in various guises across online platforms, with a heightened risk of children and young people potentially viewing unsuitable content. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Squid Game is all about.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some might argue that Squid Game contains content that might not even be suitable for older teens, let alone young children. Characters are brutally tortured and killed through stabbings or getting shot as a result of rules developed and enforced by a masked game master. The show also features sexual content and threats of sexual violence, as well as a strong theme of gambling that runs throughout the whole show.

APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Whilst the content is very much adult-themed, some features of the show seem to appeal to young children at face-value. The name "Squid Game" may be interpreted as a programme aimed at children rather than adults. The content itself, such as the bright and childish aesthetics, may also appeal to young children, particularly as there's a focus on playground games to go with it.

SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS

When using social media and streaming sites, content is recommended based on what is the user has consumed i.e. what they have watched or searched for. Therefore, there is a greater chance of your child being exposed to similar violent or horror-themed content on social media after watching a show like Squid Game.

VIRAL SPIN-OFFS

As well as Netflix, Squid Game has grown in notoriety and prevalence on other platforms, like TikTok and YouTube, with clips of the show going viral. On YouTube Kids, a number of successful channels have taken advantage of the Squid Game trend, creating content such as "How to Draw Squid Game Characters" videos. Its popularity has also led to the creation of app games that put the player in the role of a contestant who is killed if they lose a game.

SCENE RE-ENACTMENTS

Squid Game's pervasive presence on social media has encouraged many content creators to re-enact scenes from the show, which has led to reports of children wanting to also imitate those scenes displayed on social media at home and in school. Much of this content stems from the "Red Light, Green Light" game from the first episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Netflix has easily accessible built-in parental controls that allow you to set up a profile for your child with a specific age rating, block them from watching certain shows and even lock their account so it can't be accessed by anyone else. Netflix also allows you to access your child's viewing history to make sure they're not watching anything inappropriate for their age.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

Squid Game has become a social media craze and it's possible your child will see some content related to the show on various platforms. Therefore, it's important to be aware of which websites your child has visited on their smartphone, tablet or laptop, and to also keep an eye out for which accounts they are following on social media platforms, such as Instagram and TikTok.

MONITOR BEHAVIOUR

Due to the viral nature of the show, even if your child has not seen Squid Game, it's important to keep an eye on their behaviour. There have been reports from schools of children "playing Squid Game" in the playground and acting aggressively towards the losers as a way to replicate the consequences of losing in the TV show. Viewing content that makes your child feel uncomfortable could also cause them to feel distressed or distracted, so it's important you can easily spot the signs.

CHECK AGE RATINGS

Age ratings on TV shows and films are a way to gauge what is suitable for audiences of different ages. If you are unsure about the content your child is watching, check the age rating to see if the TV show or film is deemed suitable for their age group. If not, try watching the show yourself or talking to other parents who have seen it before to get a better understanding of why it's been rated a certain way.

HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Making sure your child is comfortable telling you about what they see online can go a long way to ensuring you are kept in the loop about their online use. Showing an interest in what your child is doing online gives you the opportunity to discuss what is and is not appropriate for their age group, and how they might recognise their own feelings towards content they see.

WATCH THE SHOW

If you're trying to figure out whether you should let your child watch Squid Game, it might be a good idea to watch the show yourself first. Doing so will allow you to get a better understanding of the show's content and themes, as well as help you decide if this is something you'd feel comfortable with your child being exposed to.

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