

AUTUMN TERM ■ ISSUE 8 ■ FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023



We wish you all a very relaxing
half-term holiday and look forward to
seeing you again at 8.40am on
Monday 6 November 2023

This week we have reflected on our ability to recognise, respect and own our magnificence - and celebrate the magnificence of others. Through art, conversation, individual and group activities such as magnificent self-portraits, learning about the determination and perseverance of Olympians, creating personal statements celebrating achievements and dreams, and detailed portrait paintings with words to describe magnificence.



It is often difficult to say why we are magnificent (we feel shy and unsure) but throughout this term we have all become more confident sharing and celebrating ourselves and our friends. *Written by Natty, William, Henry, Oscar and Jack (Y6)*

Message from Mrs Tyson

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your child in good health and high spirits. As we approach the end of the first half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the progress and achievements we've made so far and to share some important information as we prepare for the next stage in the school year.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. We firmly believe that a strong bond between school and home is essential for the success of our students, and your active involvement has played a crucial role in making this term a productive one.

Over the past several weeks, your child has shown remarkable growth and development. It's been a pleasure to witness their enthusiasm for learning, their creativity, and their commitment to their studies. We have celebrated many achievements, both big and small, which have contributed to the positive classroom environment we strive to maintain.

We have celebrated many exciting events in school this half term, including Space week, Magnificent Me week, the Harvest Festival and Grandparents' Day.

As we approach next half term, I would like to inform you about some important dates and events to keep in mind:

Parent-Teacher Consultations: We will be conducting parent-teacher consultations on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November. This is an excellent opportunity for us to discuss your child's progress, address any concerns, and set goals for the remainder of the school year. You should have now received confirmation of your child's slot.

School Events: We have some exciting school events and activities planned for the next half-term. These include field trips, cultural celebrations, and other opportunities for your child to explore and learn in various ways. Some of our scheduled events are as follows:

6th – 10th November: School Council Election Campaign

9th November: Jonny Brownlee is visiting school for the day (more information to follow)!

10th November: Remembrance Day

13th – 17th November Anti-bullying week (to include World Kindness Day and an anti-bullying picket)

15th and 22nd November: Winston Plowes - poetry workshops

20th November: Odd Socks Day

21st and 23rd November: School Open Days

27th November – 1st December: Inter-faith week

27th November: Parent phonics workshop

28th November: Parent reading workshop

4th December: Reading immersion event for children

8th December: Human Rights Day

15th December: Christmas craft afternoon for families

19th December: Christmas concert



Facebook: Following our update regarding the suspension of our Facebook page, we have decided to create a new one so that we can continue updating you on outcomes from the events listed above. Please follow our new Facebook page via the QR code.

School Improvement priorities: Our three school improvement areas are as follows:

1. Teaching and Learning
2. Targeted Academic Support
3. Wider Strategies

Next half term, we will be giving greater attention to targeted academic support and we have designed a dynamic approach to interventions. This means that your child will receive additional support, when necessary, to avoid misconceptions and to address any gaps in knowledge through same day interventions. The aim of this approach is to ensure maximum pupil progress for all.

Assessment and Homework: Your child will continue to receive regular assessments and homework assignments. Please continue to support them in managing their time effectively and provide a quiet space for study and completion of homework tasks.

We encourage you to maintain open communication with us. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress or well-being, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher on the gate at the end of the day, or via the school office. We are here to support your child's learning journey in every way we can.

Thank you once again for entrusting us with the privilege of educating your child. We look forward to another half-term filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences.

Wishing you and your family a restful and enjoyable break. We can't wait to welcome your child back for the next half-term of exciting learning adventures!

Melanie Tyson
Headteacher

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SESSIONS					HAVING FUN GETTING FIT
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Year 3 & Year 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Year 3 & Year 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	Class 4 READING PLUS 8.20 to 8.45am	
-	-	Year 4 TIMES TABLES 8.20 to 8.45am	-	-	

These clubs are for selected groups or pupils.
All pupils attending these clubs must be registered for safeguarding and health & safety reasons.
Please note: the sessions start promptly at 8:20am so that children can complete the relevant tasks without disruption from any late arrivals. Late arrivals beyond 8:25am will not be able to attend the session. In this instance, please ensure that your child is supervised until the start of the school day. Many thanks for your support.

WEEKLY TIMETABLE
Class 1 – Monday & Friday
Class 2 – Monday & Thursday
Class 3 – Tuesday & Friday
Class 4 – Tuesday & Friday

EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES ~ AUTUMN TERM 2023 ~ SECOND HALF				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soccer Tots 3.15 to 4.15pm	Running Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	Art Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	Supersports 3.15 to 4.15pm	Dance Club 3.15 to 4.15pm
-	Young Voices Choir 3.15 to 4.15pm	French Club 3.15 to 4.15pm	-	Football 3.15 to 4.15pm
-	-	-	-	Sewing Club 3.15 to 4.15pm

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

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 21 Nov 2023** - Open Day for prospective parents/carers for September 2024 Reception Intake
- Thu 23 Nov 2023** - Open Day for prospective parents/carers for September 2024 Reception Intake

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 30 October 2023

- Tue** - Deadline for online submission for a secondary school place ~ September 2024
- Wed** - Deadline for confirming a FREE Extended Schools Activity place for your child
Deadline for booking a PAID Extended Schools Activity via SchoolGateway

W/c 6 November 2023 ~ School Council Election Week!

- Mon** - **Poppies on sale during breaktimes this week to support the Royal British Legion**
 - Please remember to bring in your Poppy Pebble!
 - Please bring in your School Council Election Poster today, Tuesday or Wednesday
 - School re-opens at 8.40am after the half-term break
- Tue** - Parent Consultations ~ 2:15 to 6:00pm
 - LSA Meeting at The Hare & Hounds at 7:30pm (everyone welcome)
- Wed** - **LSA Bag2School Collection ~ by 9.30am in the Parent Shelter (see below)**
 - LSA Deadline for Christmas Card orders
 - Parent Consultations ~ 2:15 to 6:30pm
- Thu** - School Council Speeches and Voting
 - Shelterbox Assembly
- Fri** - Class 3 swimming lesson
 - School Council Results announced
- Sun** - Remembrance Sunday Service at Lothersdale War Memorial (*see below*)

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.

Residential Visits Survey ~ Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5

A letter containing a link to our Residential Visits Survey was emailed to parents/carers of children in Years 3, 4, & 5 yesterday. We would be grateful if you could complete the short survey by Monday 6 November 2023 to help us with the planning of future residential visits. Thank you for your support.

Parent Governor Vacancy ~ Election Ballot

Thank you to all those parents/carers who supported our two nominees and submitted their ballot papers. Once all the protocols have been completed, the results will be made known after the half-term break and the Parent Governor confirmed.



Parent Consultations ~ Tuesday 7 November & Wednesday 8 November 2023



Our Parent Consultations will be taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday after half-term and appointment slips were sent home via bookbags yesterday.

Each appointment is for 10 minutes, 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.

School Council Elections ~ w/c 6 November 2023

A letter was emailed to parents/carers yesterday regarding our School Council Elections, which will take place after half-term, when a new School Council will be appointed on Friday 10 November for this academic year.

Lothersdale School Council is a group of children from Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4 (2 pupils from each year group) who represent the views of all our pupils, giving them an opportunity to have their voices heard and be part of the school community. They help to make decisions about school life, organise charity events, theme days or represent the school at events.

Please encourage your child to take part in the election process and we attach the flyer below for your information.

Extended Schools ~ Autumn Term 2023 Second Half



The activity flyer including booking notes to parents/carers was sent out via email yesterday for extended schools' activities taking place after half-term. A copy is also available to view on the school website. *Please ensure you read the bookings information before applying for a club place.*

FREE Clubs: Please email the school office (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) by Wednesday 1 November 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 serve basis.

PAID Clubs: the deadline for payment for children taking part in paying clubs is Wednesday 1 November 2023 to enable your child to continue with 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 SchoolGateway once the deadline has passed so it is important that payments are made promptly.

French Club: next half-term we are excited to be able to offer you an after school French Club run by Mrs Alison Gander. We will need a minimum of 6 pupils to make the club viable and a maximum 12 pupils can attend. This a fantastic opportunity for our KS2 pupils to improve their French language skills and to become confident French speakers.

All extended schools' activities finish on Friday 15 December 2023 and children should be collected from school at the normal time of 3.15pm week commencing 18 December 2023.

The Activity lists will be emailed out to parents/carers by Monday 6 November 2023.

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

There will be no clubs on the following dates: Monday 11 December 2023 due to the LSA Bingo Night.

POPPY APPEAL

We will be selling poppies, poppy keyrings, wristbands and ruler snap bands from Monday 6 November 2023. Everything is £1 apart from the ruler snap bands, which are £1.50.

We will be selling them at playtime and lunchtime every day after half-term.

Thank you

Remembrance Service at Lothersdale Village War Memorial ~ Sunday 12 November 2023



We would like members of the School Council* to represent the school at the Remembrance Ceremony at the village war memorial on Sunday 12 November 2023, along with Mrs Bateman, Miss Thompson and other staff members.

**Elections for members for the School Council will be taking place w/c 6 November 2023. If your child is hoping to be elected to the School Council, please keep Sunday 12 November free so that they can take part in the Remembrance Sunday Service, if elected. Elections will be held on Thursday 9 November and the results announced in the Lothersdale Legends Assembly on Friday 10 November 2023. Thank you for your support.*

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.



REMEMBRANCE
PROJECT 2023

POPPY PEBBLES



This year we will be hand painting pebbles to commemorate Remembrance Sunday on 12 November 2023.

This is a whole school project and all the painted pebbles will replace the existing pebbles painted by our children in 2020, which can be seen in the village War Memorial near the park entrance.

We would be really grateful if you could search for the perfect 'pebble' over half-term for your child to bring into school on Monday 6 November 2023 to paint. Your child's 'pebble' will need to be around the size of an adult's palm or bigger as it will be easier for your child to paint in school.

All the children will be focusing on the importance of the poppy symbol and what it means ahead of Remembrance Day.

Have fun 'pebble' picking!

Welcome to the
Lothersdale **SCHOOL OFFICE**

Telephone:
01535 632510

Email:
lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk

Access into school (parents/carers/contractors/visitors) is via prior appointment only, in line with the school's Health & Safety and Child Protection Policies.

SCHOOL OFFICE TERM TIME HOURS

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Tuesday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Wednesday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Thursday	8:00 – 12:15	1:15 – 4:00
Friday*	CLOSED	CLOSED

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 emails will be checked on her return on Mondays. Urgent messages should be left on the school answer machine, which will be checked at intervals throughout the day.

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>

Year 6 Application Form for a Secondary School Place ~ September 2024

Please remember that the deadline for the submission of application for a secondary school place in September 2024 is on Tuesday 31 October 2023. If you have not already completed the online application form, please do so as soon as possible.

Primary School Admissions ~ September 2024

Online applications can now be made via the Local Authority for reception places at Lothersdale Primary School for September 2024. The online common application form must be submitted by no later than Monday 15 January 2024. Letters from North Yorkshire County Council regarding applying for a school place have been issued this week to all those families who are on the school's pre-admissions list for September 2024. If you are the parent/carer of a child, or know of a child, who is eligible to start primary school next September and whose name is not on the school's register of interest, please contact the school as soon as possible.



LEGENDS Updates

Please remember that all bookings **must** be made in advance via the SchoolGateway App to secure your child's place at one of our LEGENDS sessions.

Monday Morning Breakfast Club Session ~ if your child is attending this session, please note that the deadline for bookings is **Friday by 4:30pm**. The register for the Monday session is printed out after 4:30pm on a Friday and passed over to LEGENDS staff.

We are getting a number of children turning up on a Monday morning who have not been booked on by the stated deadline and this is causing extra work for staff in LEGENDS and the School Office.

Childcare Vouchers

Please note that we now take Fideliti Childcare Vouchers along with Edenred and Childcare Choices. If you wish to use one of the childcare vouchers listed below to pay for LEGENDS sessions and you have not already informed us, please ensure you contact the school office prior to making any bookings or payments so that your account can be correctly set up on the system.





LSA HALLOWEEN BAKE SALE

Thur 26th Oct | 3:15 pm



Thank you to everyone who supported Thursday's **Halloween Bake Sale**, either through baking or purchasing the wonderful bakes on offer, or both!

You all helped to raise an amazing **£161.50** towards school funds.



Thank you to those of you who have already returned Christmas Card orders to school. If you would still like to place an order, please ensure the completed order form and payment is returned to school sealed in the envelope and that any cheques are made payable to **Lothersdale School Association**.

Please return to school **by the morning of Wednesday 8 November 2023 at the absolute latest** to enable us to meet the printer's deadline in time for Christmas.



LSA Bag2School Collection ~ Wednesday 8 November 2023

Please remember to bring in your bag(s) of unwanted clothing/items as per the list below on Wednesday 8 November 2023.

All bags should be left in the Parent Shelter before 9.30am on Wednesday morning. Please do not leave in the shelter overnight if the weather is wet as they will not be able to take the bags for re-use.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation

Lothersdale Primary School

www.bag2school.com

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:

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2023
 in the Parent Shelter before 9.30am

FSC
 www.bag2school.com
 01609 780 222
 helpdesk@bag2school.com

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION ~ WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2023

The next Bag2School Collection will be held on Wednesday, 8 November 2023 ~ remember to bring in 'good quality' unwanted items for re-use to raise money for school.

Remember the more bags you send to school, the more the school will earn!

They accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:	They DO NOT accept:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing ✓ Paired shoes (tied together/elastic band around) ✓ Handbags / hats / bags ✓ Scarves and ties ✓ Jewellery ✓ Lingerie ✓ Socks ✓ Belts ✓ Soft toys ✓ Household linen / curtains / towels ✓ Household bedding (sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Duvets and blankets ✗ Pillows and cushions ✗ Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats) ✗ Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing ✗ School uniforms with and without logo ✗ Corporate clothing and workwear ✗ Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Next LSA Meeting ~ Tuesday 7 November 2023

The next LSA meeting will take place at the Hare & Hounds in Lothersdale at 7:30pm on Tuesday 7 November 2023 and everyone is welcome to attend. The main focus is the Christmas Fair and we would be grateful for as much support as possible to enable us to ensure the event runs as smoothly and successfully as possible. Many thanks.

- Tue 31 Oct 2023** - Deadline for online submission for a secondary school place
- Mon 6 Nov 2023** - School re-opens for Autumn 2nd Half
- Tue 7 Nov 2023** - Parent Consultations
- Tue 7 Nov 2023** - LSA Meeting at The Hare & Hounds at 7:30pm (everyone welcome)
- Wed 8 Nov 2023** - Parent Consultations
- Wed 8 Nov 2023** - LSA Bag2School Collection
- Thu 9 Nov 2023** - Shelterbox Assembly
- Sun 12 Nov 2023** - Remembrance Sunday at the Village Cenotaph
- w/c 13 Nov 2023** - Anti-Bullying Week
- Mon 13 Nov 2023** - World Kindness Day
- Wed 15 Nov 2023** - Winston Plowes (Poet) in school pm
- Wed 15 Nov 2023** - Y5/6 South Craven Cluster Girls Football Tournament
- Fri 17 Nov 2023** - BBC Children in Need
- Mon 20 Nov 2023** - Odd Socks Day
- W/c 20 Nov 2023** - Road Safety Week
- Tue 21 Nov 2023** - Open Day for prospective parents/carers for September 2024 Reception Intake
- Thu 23 Nov 2023** - Open Day for prospective parents/carers for September 2024 Reception Intake
- Wed 22 Nov 2023** - Winston Plowes (Poet) in school pm
- Wed 22 Nov 2023** - Y5/6 South Craven Cluster Clay Workshop
- Sat 25 Nov 2023** - LSA Christmas Fair
- W/c 27 Nov 2023** - Inter-Faith Week
- Mon 27 Nov 2023** - Parent Phonics Workshop
- Tue 28 Nov 2023** - Parent Phonics Workshop
- Mon 11 Dec 2023** - LSA Christmas Bingo Night
- Fri 15 Dec 2023** - Christmas Craft Afternoon
- Tue 19 Dec 2023** - Whole School Christmas Concert

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