

# Weekly Bulletin

*After School Clubs – Week Commencing 10 September 2018*

Activity	Day	Time	Activity	Day	Time
Wind Band	Monday	3:15 — 4:15	Choir	Thursday	3:15 — 4:15

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the summer break. We have had an excellent start to the school year. The children all seem to have settled well into their new classes. We were especially pleased to welcome our Reception children into school and would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Parkinson who is our new Year 6 teacher.

**OFFICE** — We have continued with our improvements regarding safeguarding children at our school. We have moved the school Admin Office to a new location to the left hand side of the school kitchens. The benefit of this move is that no visitors will be entering the playground to access the school. Indeed, the only time that the school gate will be opened is in the morning when you bring your children to school and in the afternoon when you collect them. This is a significant improvement around security for children in school.

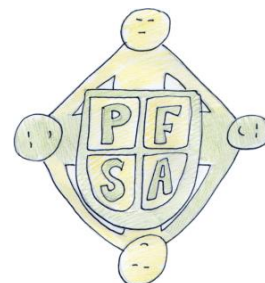


We have also built a canopy outside the new Admin Office where parents will be able to wait without getting wet and this will provide a safe place to park prams and buggies when accessing the Office. The new entrance does not have room for prams and buggies so we are requesting that these are left under the canopy area.

The Office will open at 8.30am each day to enable us to serve you more effectively in the mornings. There is also a post box outside the Office where you can post letters, forms etc., if you do not need to speak to a member of staff. There is also a rack of useful forms eg., request for absence forms, meal change request forms etc.

**ACHIEVEMENT** – We love to hear about the things our children have been doing! If your child has had a special achievement, why not let us know and we can share it in our bulletin?

**PFSA** – The Parents, Friends and Staff Association are a friendly group of volunteers, who organise fundraising events to benefit the children in our school. They are all members of the school community and everyone with a connection to the school is automatically a member. The group's valuable input means we are able to provide lots of 'extras' to the curriculum and lots of 'treats' which we would otherwise struggle to do. Over the years they have provided lots of exciting things including: books, transport to events, sports equipment, parties, contributions to the outdoor shelter and 'Trim Trail' and large play equipment to name but a few! The next meeting will be on Monday 17 September at 6.30 and will be held in school. Everyone is welcome, particularly new parents who may have lots of new ideas! There will be plenty to talk about including the Car Boot Sale and the Christmas Fair. Do come along and share your ideas if you are able.

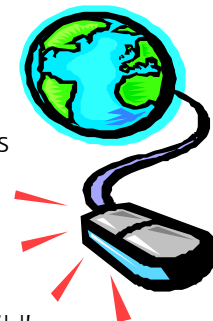


EXCELLENT!  
Congrats BRAVO!  
AWESOME!  
YAY! way to GO!  
YOU ROCK! Fantastic!  
AMAZING!



**THE PFSA ARE ON FACEBOOK!**— In order to do our best to communicate all the PFSA events and efforts with you as efficiently as possible, we have created a group page on Facebook, please do take a moment to find us and join the group. This will ensure you are kept up to date with all the latest news, events and ticket information. The group is called 'PFSA Lightcliffe' and can be accessed via the following [link](#). Please be aware that the PFSA & School respectfully request that this page be used solely for the purpose of communications and enquiries concerning the PFSA events only. Thank you.

**COMMUNICATION** — Over the next few days there will be a number of letters coming home so please be sure to ask your child if there have been any letters each day so that you will be kept up to date. Please remember that this newsletter is usually sent via email and it is therefore important that you let the Office staff know if your email address has changed. It is also published on the school [website](#). If any of your other contact details have changed (new mobile phone numbers etc) please be sure to let the Office staff know.



### **IMPORTANT NOTICE - SCHOOL MEALS ARRANGEMENTS**

Please remember to inform the school Office if you are making any changes to your child's meal arrangements. Your child's meal pattern has automatically carried over into this academic year so it is vital that you let us know if you are amending things in any way. Please complete an orange 'meal change request' form available from the Office. If your child is in KS1 and is having the 'Free School Meals' we would be really grateful if you would let us know if your child changes to packed lunches to avoid us wasting food. Please note children in Year 3 now have to pay for their school meals which cost £2.10 per day. Thank you.

Please note, school meals are payable *in advance* and can be paid by cash, cheque or online using the 'school money' system. If you require assistance with the online system, please contact the school office staff who will be happy to help you. We are not able to support debt for school meals and you will receive a text/letter if your account is in arrears. We hope you will support us in keeping up to date with your payments. Thank you.

**SCHOOL POLICIES** — Parents may be interested to know that a selection of our school policies including Child Protection, Anti Bullying, Complaints Procedure and Behaviour Management are posted on the school website for your reference. These can be found by clicking this [link](#).

**PARKING/ ROADWORKS** — We are very concerned about the parking around school both at the start and end of the day. This has been particularly bad due to the roadworks along Wakefield Road. We would ask that you park away from our neighbours' driveways and take care not to block vision for people trying to exit side roads around our school.

I would also like to remind all parents not to park/turn along Knowle Top Drive either before or after school. I would be grateful if everyone would consider our neighbours and ensure that this road is left clear at all times. **Please also note that you should not use the school car park at any time or pull into the car park when turning your car around**, as staff arrive at school from very early in the morning. We thank you for your co-operation and support with these matters.

**ABSENCE INFORMATION** — Please remember to ring school and leave a message on the answer machine (before 9.00am) if your child is absent. If your child is late for school (after 8.55am), you **MUST** sign the late book at the school Office. If your child is not marked in the register or in the late book, we will assume they are 'missing' and you will receive a text or telephone call to check that all is well. We trust you will help us to ensure your child's safety by keeping us informed in this way. Thank you.

**FREE ARTS AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES** — Celebrating Halifax Heritage Festival there will be FREE craft activities at Halifax Central Library and Archives on Saturday 8 September between 10.00am and 3.00pm. Based in The Imaginarium, there will be an exciting range of creative activities for all ages, inspired by heritage features in the library building. No need to book — just drop in! For more information about this event contact Local Studies Library on 01422 392631 or email [reference.library@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:reference.library@calderdale.gov.uk).



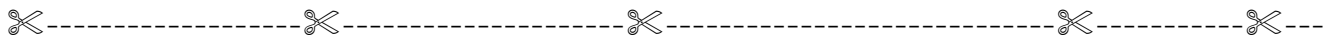
**MOBILE PHONES** - I would like to remind parents that only children in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to bring mobile phones to school. Phones must be clearly labelled with your child's name, switched off and handed in at the school Office each day. **Please note, you MUST complete a mobile phone agreement form before allowing your child to bring their phone and school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage.**



**CHOIR** — The school choir is open to all KS2 children (Year 3 to Year 6) and practises on Thursdays between 3.15pm and 4.15pm in the school hall with the first one being next Thursday, 13 September. If your child would like to be part of the school choir, please complete the slip at the bottom of the Bulletin and return it to Mrs Webb. The choir will also be taking part in the Young Voices concert early next year.

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Charles Woodbridge



Return to Mrs Webb

LIGHTCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR — 2018/2019

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ (name) to take part in the school choir on Thursday evenings after school and will make arrangements to collect him/her at 4.15pm each week.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer

Date \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS.

**THANK YOU!**

