

Weekly Bulletin

After School Clubs – Week Commencing 15 October 2018

Activity	Day	Time	Activity	Day	Time
Wind Band	Monday	3:15-4:15	Multi Skills (Y5)	Monday	3:30-4:30
School Grounds	Thursday	3:15-4:15			

Dear Parents,

The Christian 'Key Words' for this half term are: Resilience, Respect, Kindness and Koinonia.

ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Freya Waddington in Year 3 for achieving Level 6 in her STA swimming awards.

Viktor Cairns in Y2 passed the Calderdale Diving Awards Level 1 on Friday at Halifax Pool. Well done Freya and Viktor!



CHOIR — Please note, there will be no choir for the next two weeks (18 and 25 October) Please collect your child at the usual time. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE FOR WEEK COMMENCING 1 OCTOBER

Last week 9 classes achieved over 97% attendance and the top 3 classes were:



1st - Y6 Mrs Webb 98.33%

Joint 2nd - Y3 Mrs Hustler, Y5 Mrs Schoon, Y5 Mr Wildgust 98.02%

Overall attendance for the 2018-19 school year up to the end of last week is 97.3%.

WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION

- We are hoping to create a special piece of artwork to commemorate the centenary of WW1 ending. We would like you to begin saving the bases of round clear plastic bottles — any size will do. Please wash them, cut them off the bottles and then send them in to your child's class. Look at this video to see how it's done: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwmqJKXoAgw>.



Thank you! We hope you will see the stunning result of this Art project in the next few weeks.

BETTER READING SCHEME — We are looking for volunteers for our 'Better Reading' scheme in school. 'Better Reading' volunteers work with the same child over a period of ten weeks to improve reading and help to promote a love of books. If you can spare half an hour, three times a week we would love to hear from you! Please contact Mrs Laycock or a member of the school office team.

APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL TIME – Just a couple of reminders:

Please avoid collecting your children before the end of the school day unless it is absolutely essential - wherever possible, appointments should be made before or after school.

Please notify the office in advance (in person or by telephone/email) if you do have to take your child out of school (or if they will be in late) for an appointment.. In addition to informing the office, parents of children in KS2 can also make a note in their child's planner. Thank you for your co-operation.

YEAR 1 TOYS WORKSHOP — Parents of children in Year 1 will have received a letter about a Toys workshop to be delivered by Historical Interpretations. If you have not done so already, please return the reply slip along with your contribution to the cost by Tuesday 16 October. Thank you.

VISITORS' TOILET — We have recently had a high number of requests at the school office to use the toilet at pick-up time. As all visitors must be escorted when in school (for Safeguarding reasons) and the corridors can be very crowded at this time, this leaves the office under-staffed and sometimes unattended. To help the office staff provide the best service they can at this busy time, please ensure wherever possible that younger siblings use the toilet before coming to school and that you only ask to use the visitors' toilet in exceptional circumstances. Thank you.

STARTING SCHOOL — We have an open evening for parents who may be interested in their children joining us in the Reception class from September 2019. This will be held on Wednesday 14 November at 6.30pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend and no appointments are necessary. **Mr Paul and his team will be providing food samples for parents and friends to try so take care not to fill up with your dinner!**



Applications open on 19 November 2018. To apply for a school place, you must apply online by 15 January 2019 at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions. If you do not have internet at home, facilities will be available at Calderdale's Customer First Offices in Halifax and also at Calderdale libraries. Assistance with the process can also be sought at the Customer First Offices or on 01422 392617. You may also contact our school office team who will be delighted to help you. If you would like a leaflet about applying for a primary school place, please contact school and register your child's name. The 'Admission to Primary School' booklet 2019 is available on the council website at <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/process> or can be viewed at your local library or in school. The offer of places will be made on 16 April 2019.

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES — I would like to remind parents of children in Year 6 that the closing date for applications is 31 October 2018. Further information can be found on the [Calderdale Website](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk). If you require any help or further advice, please contact a member of the office staff.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES — As part of Lightcliffe Primary School's commitment to providing a rich and varied curriculum we will be again holding our Friday afternoon enrichment activities for children from Year 2 to Year 6. Year 2 children have brought home a booklet to choose their activities from and need to return the form to school no later than Monday 15 October. Children in years 3 to 6 have chosen their activities at school.

The first block of Enrichment will begin on Friday 9 November and will run for four consecutive weeks. We will endeavour to ensure that each child takes part in as many of their preferred activities as possible.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY — Our Parents' Evenings will be held on 24 and 25 October. Invitations were sent out on Wednesday via text and email. The last day that the system will be open for bookings is Thursday 18 October so please make sure you book your appointment(s) before then.



Our school photographer will be coming on 5 November to take pictures of your children. Proofs will be sent home shortly afterwards. As always, you are under no obligation to purchase anything.



UNIFORM SALE – Our PFSA have a selection of 'pre-loved' uniform for sale and will be opening shop after school tomorrow under the canopy outside the school office from 3.00pm. Come along and bag a bargain! All proceeds go towards PFSA funds.



PFSA SCHOOL DISCO — The PFSA have very kindly organised a disco for the children in years 1 to 6. This will take place on Friday 9 November with Y1, Y2 and Y3 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm and Y4, Y5 and Y6 from 7.15pm until 8.15pm. Tickets cost £3.00 and will include a drink and some sweets. These will be available from Monday 15 October and are strictly limited on numbers. You can buy tickets from the school office, or if you send the money with your child in an envelope marked 'Disco' and your child's name and class, the ticket will be sent home with your child.

Please note that on this occasion our Reception children are not able to attend. They will, of course, be invited once they have been in school a little longer. Thank you.

PFSA CHRISTMAS FAIR – STALLHOLDERS NEEDED

Do you run a craft, food or gift business? If so, your school Christmas Fair needs you! The PFSA are looking for a selection of small businesses to take out a stall at this year's Christmas Fair. In past years we've had suppliers of gifts, Christmas crafts, cakes and lots of other festive goodies, and



we're hoping to provide some fantastic new stalls as well as old favourites for our visitors this year. The fee is £20 + a raffle prize donation then the rest of your takings are yours to keep. If you'd like a stall, please email lightcliffepfsa@gmail.com so you can be allocated a space.

We're also seeking external 'Christmas market' type stalls to join our cosy drinks hut this year too (e.g. hog roast, bratwurst, hot chestnuts, small rides, etc) so please get in touch if you can provide those too.

Here's to our best Christmas Fair ever!



SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL — We are delighted that we now have a Crossing Patrol on Knowle Top Road - this will certainly make things much safer for our children before and after school. However, this is only temporary cover until a permanent post holder can be found. Do you or someone you know have free time in the morning or afternoon (or both!) and want to help save children's lives? The hours are 8.15 to 9.05am and 3.15 to 3.50pm (7 hours and 5 minutes per week). Uniform and training are provided. The rate of pay is £8.75 per hour. If you are interested please enquire at the school office or email carolyn.miles@calderdale.gov.uk. Please spread the word!

LIFESTYLE - The Better Living Team will be visiting school on Monday 26 Nov (KS1) and Tues 27 Nov (KS2) to deliver Better Living school health days. These days cover a variety of lifestyle topics to educate the children on how to become fitter and healthier and encourage them to make good choices in terms of nutrition and exercise.

We would like to offer parents a chance to come and speak to us on the day (times TBC) to ask any questions they may have about what free support is available in Calderdale. Did you know you can access:

- 👉 Better Living weight management and exercise classes
- 👉 Activity cards/activity vouchers
- 👉 Alcohol reduction service
- 👉 Lifestyle sessions?
- 👉 Slimming world vouchers
- 👉 Stopping smoking service
- 👉 Pre and post-natal mums' classes

Eligibility criteria apply but all of the above are free to Calderdale residents! By pre-booking and attending the parents' session you will automatically receive 8 free activity vouchers (1 pack per family) so why not come and chat to us about how the Better Living Team can support you and your family? At the Parents Evenings held in October we will have lots of information available for you to take away. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact *The Better Living Team* on 01422 230230, or contact school. Further information on how to book will be sent home once times have been confirmed.

CAN YOU HELP? During our recent Harvest Festival at school one of our parents had their car broken into and a tablet computer stolen. Did you see anyone suspicious around the White Peugeot Teepee, registration number PN11 HHD? The car is easily noticed as it has cat stickers all over it. If you have any information, please let the school office know and we will pass it on.

CREATE A POPPY! - To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War Armistice children are invited to create a poppy to be displayed in Halifax Town Hall during Remembrance Week. Poppies can be crafted out of any material: paper, wool, metal, plastic, wood, fabric, glass, clay etc. Size: to fit on a window sill — bunting is also welcome. Exhibits will be judged by the Mayor and Mayoress of Calderdale. Drop your poppies in at the Town Hall on Friday 2 November between 5 and 7pm. For more information, contact Councillor Marilyn Greenwood on 01422 374090 or email councillor.mgreenwood@calderdale.gov.uk.



COMMUNITY EVENT — On Saturday 20 October at 7.30pm there will be an evening of well-known songs from films at St. Matthew's Church, Wakefield Road. These will be sung by Aidan Edwards and Juliet Montgomery accompanied by the Northowram Singers. Tickets cost £8 and are available from St. Matthew's Church Fridays: 28 September, and 5, 12 and 19 October between 10.00am and 12.00noon. Also available at Colin's News, Lightcliffe Tea Rooms or email lightcliffechurchyard@gmail.com. All proceeds in aid of The Friends of St. Matthew's Churchyard.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD— Once again, as a school we will be supporting the charity 'Operation Christmas Child'. Your child has brought home the information you need to 'build a box'. Boxes can contain small items such as: toy cars, yo-yos, skipping ropes or small balls, pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, paper or perhaps a solar calculator, colouring books and picture books. Also, non-liquid hygiene items such as toothbrushes, soap, washcloths etc. Little extra items could include a T-shirt, socks, hair clips or torches (with batteries). The only items that are not

allowed are toothpaste, sweets and anything connected with gambling e.g. cards, dice or dominoes. We hope that this is something you will be able to do together over the half-term holiday. We have a limited number of decorated and plain shoe boxes available. If you would like one of these, please contact the office. For further information on this appeal, please follow this [link](#).

CALDERDALE HERITAGE WALK — The latest walk on Sunday 28 October is around the area where Rastrick meets Brighouse. It grew from around 1840 onwards into a complete new community with, not just houses, but its own small mills, places of worship, shops, pubs etc. If you'd like to join the walk, meet Ian Philp at 2:15pm in the car park adjoining the Assembly Rooms, Briggate, Brighouse HD6 1EL. The cost is £3 for all ages.

For more information visit: <http://www.calderdaleheritagewalks.org.uk/current.html> or email CdaleHeritageWks@aol.com. (Keep an eye on the Facebook page to see any late alterations.)

Charles Woodbridge

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