

Lightcliffe Snapshot

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After School Clubs – Week Commencing 9 December 2019

Wind Band	Monday	3:15 — 4:15	Yoga Y5/6	Tuesday	8:00 — 8:45
Athletics Y6	Wednesday	3:15 — 4:30	Choir	Thursday	3:15 — 4:15
Film	Thursday	3:15 — 4:15	Chess	No chess club this week.	

Dear Parents

The Christian 'Key Words' for this school year are: **Resilience**, **Respect**, **Kindness** and **Koinonia**.

ATTENDANCE - Be an attendance **HERO**: **H**ere **E**very day **R**eady **O**n time

Overall attendance for the 2019-20 school year up to the end of last half term is 97.48%, meaning we are currently on track to meet our target of 97% attendance for the year.

Last week, 11 classes achieved attendance of 97% or higher and the top 3 classes were:

- Joint 1st - Y2 Mrs Moss & Mrs Beaumont and Y4 Mrs McDonald - 100%
- 3rd - Y1 Mrs Langhorn & Mrs Moss - 99.3%



Last week, 30 children lost a total of 178 minutes of education time due to lateness. Only 2 classes achieved no late marks for the whole week — well done to YR Mrs Brooke and Y6 Mrs Rowlands. Please remember that your child needs to be in school before 8.55am in order to avoid a late mark.

Congratulations to all the above classes, who will have **Attendance Hero Minions** added to the school attendance display.

STAFFING CHANGES — I am sad to announce that Mrs Blackhurst will be leaving Lightcliffe at the end of this term after 30 years of service to the school. She will be starting a new adventure in Australia as her husband has a new job there. We are delighted for her but sad for us as Mrs Blackhurst has been a fantastic teacher. I am also sad to announce that Mrs Edmondson will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Edmondson has been working in the Reception Unit for many years and she too will be moving abroad soon. Mrs Dewhirst will be working in Reception on Friday mornings and we welcome her to the team.

ISLAM TALK — On Wednesday this week, Dr Yasmin Hussein visited our year 6 children and gave an interesting and informative presentation about Islam. The children all learned a lot and enjoyed it. Many thanks to Dr Hussein.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES – Our Christmas will be starting quite soon, and your child will have brought home a letter asking for a donation of £2.00 to help towards the cost of their party food and prizes. If you haven't already, please send your money in as soon as possible in an envelope marked with your child's name. Thank you.





CHRISTMAS NON-UNIFORM — The last day of term, Friday 20 December will be a 'Christmas Top' non-uniform day and children can come to school dressed in their Christmas top or any other non-uniform item.



SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA — Please help us to reduce the risk of infections spreading by keeping your child off school for 2 full days after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. As long as you make it clear in the first day's message that this is the reason for their absence, you will not need to ring in on the second day. Thank you.

PFSA CHRISTMAS FAIR — Saturday was an outstanding success and it was lovely to see so many families and friends in school enjoying the lovely Christmas atmosphere. The PFSA worked incredibly hard to organise the day and raised an incredible 4147.40! This will make an enormous difference and will be used to buy resources and treats for our children. Our sincere thanks to the PFSA and to all of you for supporting this event.



A big 'thank you' and well done to children from the choir who performed at the Christmas Fair and those who played their instruments. You all did incredibly well and I'm sure your performance was enjoyed by everyone.



JOSH'S ROCK SALE - Josh Ward (year 6) would like to thank everyone who bought a painted rock or raffle ticket from his stall at the Christmas Fair. He is delighted to announce that he has raised over £350 for charity. This money will be split equally between Adoption UK and Cancer Research UK. Well done, Josh!

PFSA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE — Thank you and congratulations to the children who sold the most raffle tickets this year, winning an Amazon voucher each:

- KS1 — Aria Mistry (108 tickets)
- KS2 — Rayyan Hamid (110 tickets)

The following raffle prizes have yet to be claimed — please call at the office with your winning ticket:

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| £50 — Nisha — ticket number 04599 | Posh chocolates — M Farrar — 04613 |
| Prosecco — Standeven — 00162 | Chocolate tub — Kylie Waite — 01538 |
| Port tube — Leah Wright — 05909 | Pins & Twins artwork — Kevin Mullins — 01537 |
| Face painting set — Mr A Baker — 02726 | Santa boxes — Emma Martin — 06065 |

NHP CHILDREN'S CENTRES are excited to let you all know about the new "50 things to do before you're 5" App that Calderdale Council have developed in conjunction with the Children's Centres and lots of other local partners.



It gives you 50 different, low cost and no cost activities that you can do with children aged under 5. There are lots of ideas for resources and children's learning and it gives examples of where you can do the activities in Calderdale. You can download it from your app store today.

All the NHP Children's Centres will be delivering "50 things to do before you're 5" activities in the stay and play sessions this week and staff in these sessions will be able to show you how to download the app.

Why not pop along to one of the Centres' groups this week and join in the fun and download the app.

STARTING SCHOOL — Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 are due to start primary school in September 2020. The application process opened on 19 November 2019. To apply for a school place, you must apply online by 15 January 2020 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 2020 is available on the council [website](#) or can be viewed at your local library or in school. The offer of places will be made on 16 April 2020.



CHRISTMAS AT THE CO-OP - Reception and Year 1 were invited to take part in a mini Christmas decoration competition by Andrea at the Co-op. All the entries are now displayed in the Co-op in Hipperholme if you'd like to go and have a look. Andrea has prizes for the classes and a voucher for the best Christmas decorated plate which we will announce at the end of the term.



BRIGHOUSE FOODBANK – The foodbank is looking for donations that will make the food parcels extra special at this time of year. A collection box is located in St Matthews Church at Lightcliffe — all donations very welcome. They are looking for:

Mince pies
Custard

Christmas pudding
Tinned veg

Gravy
Selection boxes

Smash



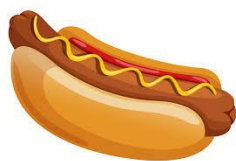
EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURE - Just a reminder regarding the emergency closure procedures. In the event of the school having to be closed, you will receive a text to the first contact on your child's records (please ensure that the office has your up to date mobile number). You can also check the school website. If there is heavy snow during the day, please check the school website in the first instance as this will be kept up to date with the latest information. If we decide that the school needs to close we will of course, send you a text. However, if you are still concerned you can ring school on 01422 202235. Hopefully, these measures will not be needed but it is better to be prepared. Please do not ring school in the mornings to check if we are open as this overloads the system.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here is a list of upcoming events in school. Tickets and further information regarding the class performances will be sent home nearer the time.

Tuesday 10 December	1.30pm	Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 11 December	9.30am	Year 3 Concert in School
Wednesday 11 December	1.30pm	Y1 Christmas Party
Thursday 12 December	9.30am	Year 4 Concert in School
Thursday 12 December	1.30pm	Year 5 Christmas Party
Friday 13 December	1.30pm	Year 3 Christmas Party
Monday 16 December	1.30pm	Year 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 December	9.30am	Year 1 Concert in School
Tuesday 17 December	2.00pm	Year R Concert in School
Wednesday 18 December	1.30pm	Year R Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 December	2.00pm	Year 2 Nativity Service in Church
Thursday 19 December	11.45am	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 December	2.00pm	Y5/Y6 Nativity Service in Church (Ticketed)
Thursday 19 December	7.00pm	Y5/Y6 Nativity Service in Church (Ticketed)
Friday 20 December		Christmas Non-Uniform Day
Friday 20 December	9.30am	Y6 Disco
Friday 20 December		School Closes
Monday 6 January		School Opens

CHRISTMAS LUNCH — This year our Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 19 December. All children are welcome to take part in this event and join with staff, governors and school helpers for an extra special Christmas dinner! If your child normally has sandwiches and would like a Christmas dinner, please complete the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to school with your payment of £2.30 (KS2 only) no later than Friday 13 December. Unfortunately, orders cannot be taken after this date, as we have to finalise numbers. Please note, if your child already has school meals, a Christmas Lunch will be ordered for them automatically and you will not need to send in a slip.



Friday 20 December will be a special 'Hot Dog' day to celebrate the end of term (there will be other choices available including baked potatoes, sandwiches and ravioli). Again, everyone is welcome to join in. Simply complete the form below to order your child's meal if they normally have a packed lunch. For further information on our school meals and menus, please check the school website.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Woodbridge".

Charles Woodbridge

Lightcliffe CE Primary School - Christmas Lunch/Hot Dog Lunch 19/20 December 2019

My child Class.....

(Please make your selections below)

... would like a Christmas lunch.

I enclose £2.30 as payment (Key Stage 2 only).

or I will pay on School Money (KS2 only)

... would like a Hot Dog lunch.

I enclose £2.30 as payment (Key Stage 2 only).

or I will pay on School Money (KS2 only)

Signed..... Parent / Carer.