

# Lightcliffe Snapshot

Issue 13

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## After School Clubs – Week Commencing 16 December 2019

Wind Band	Monday	3:15 — 4:15	Film	Thursday	3:15 — 4:15
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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 week is 97.39%. Although we are currently meeting our target of 97% there has been a steady decline in this figure - hopefully this will pick up in the new year. Parents of children who have fallen below 90% attendance this term (persistent absentees) will be contacted in due course.

Last week, 12 classes achieved attendance of 97% or higher and the top 4 classes were:

1<sup>st</sup> – Y2 Mrs Moss & Mrs Beaumont and Y4 Mrs McDonald — 98.5%

2<sup>nd</sup> – Y6 Mrs Rowlands - 98.3%

Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> – Y2 Mrs Blackhurst and Y4 Mrs McDonald — 97.8%



Last week, 24 children lost a total of 179 minutes of education time due to lateness and late marks were recorded in every single class. Parents of children who are often late will be contacted in due course. 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** – We are delighted to tell you that we have appointed Mr Ball as our Head Chef from January 2020. Mr Ball has many years experience in the catering field and we are looking forward to welcoming him to the team and trying his new menus!



**CHRISTMAS PARTIES** – Our Christmas have begun 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.



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

£50 — Nisha — ticket number 04599

Face painting set — Mr A Baker — 02726

Prosecco — Standeven — 00162

Santa boxes — Emma Martin — 06065

**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](http://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.



**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 at the Church. They are looking for:

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| Mince pies | Christmas pudding | Gravy           | Smash |
| Custard    | Tinned veg        | Selection boxes |       |



**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.

**CHRISTMAS AT ST MATTHEW'S** — Everyone is invited to the following services over Christmas:

- Sunday 22 December 6.30pm - Carols by candlelight, mince pies and mulled wine.
- Christmas Eve - Christingle Services for all ages at 3pm and 5pm and the Midnight Service at 11.30pm.
- Christmas Day 10am - parish Communion Service.

**MOBILE PHONES** — Just in case Santa brings mobile phones for any of our Year 5 or 6 children, I would like to remind parents that they must complete a mobile phone agreement form (available from the office) before they are allowed into school. Phones must be clearly labelled with your child's name, switched off and handed in at the school office each day and school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage.



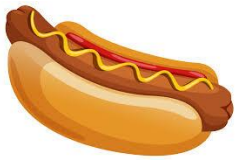
**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

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** — Tomorrow, Friday 13 December, is the deadline to order a Christmas lunch or hot dog meal for your child, if they do not already have a school meal on those days. Please complete the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to school with your payment of £2.30, if relevant. 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.



*Charles Woodbridge*

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**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.