

After School Clubs – Week Commencing 6 January 2020

Wind Band	Monday	3:15 — 4:15	Choir	Thursday	3:15 — 4:15
Chess	Friday	3:15 — 4:15			

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 97.31%. 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.

Last week, 9 classes achieved attendance of 97% or higher and the top 4 classes were:

1st - YR Mrs Brooke — 98.7%

2nd - Y5 Mrs Wildgust - 98.6%

Joint 3rd - Y4 Mrs Gillespie and Y6 Mrs Rowlands — 98.3%



Last week, 22 children lost a total of 151 minutes of education time due to lateness and only 2 classes achieved no late marks — well done to Y3 Miss Parkinson 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.



ACHIEVEMENT - Congratulations to Isaac Riches in Year 3 who has graded in taekwondo and achieved his red belt. Well done Isaac.

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.



BILLIONAIRE BOY YEAR 3 — Thank you for the positive responses about this proposed theatre trip. Please look out for a letter in the New Year.

BAUBLE COMPETITION — Thank you to all of you who took part in our annual Christmas Bauble competition. These have been displayed around school along with all the fantastic baubles from previous years. Children from Year 2 to Year 6 visited Sandholme Fold where the residents judged the winning baubles from each class to choose an overall winner and two runners-up. The children decorated the Christmas tree and hung the baubles for residents to enjoy.



Congratulations to:

Overall winner: Layla Mouzdi (year 3)

Joint runners-up: Delilah Dewhirst (year 2) and Portia Mitchell (year 6)

Other class winners: Florence Trent and Fleur Cormack (year R); Issy Peers and Evie Jocelyn (year 1); Rosa Halliwell (year 2); Emilia Stancer (year 3); Hollie Webb and Annabel Malloy (year 4); Emily Vann-Stewart & Benedikt Andrewsson (joint) and Ben Cooper (year 5); Hannah Harding (year 6).

NATIVITY SERVICES — If you have been able to attend one of the many Christmas performances given by the children, I am sure you will agree that they have been wonderful again this year. The children have worked so hard and have excelled themselves once again. It is really rewarding to see the children thoroughly enjoying sharing their enthusiasm and talents with you. We hope this has set your Christmas season off to a joyful start!

LOST PE BAG — Ava Lord in Year 5 has lost her PE bag. Just in case anyone has picked it up by mistake it is a pink bag and has her name on it. Please let the school office know if you have it, thank you.

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 rack outside 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.



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:

Mince pies
Custard

Christmas pudding
Tinned veg

Gravy
Selection boxes

Smash

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.

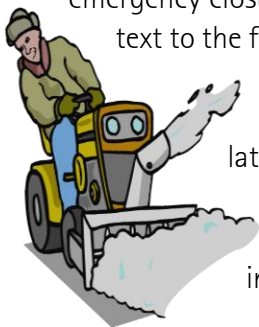


LOST PROPERTY — If your child has anything missing, please check the lost property station outside Mr Woodbridge's office. Any items not claimed by the end of term will be donated to charity.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH — A great big thank you to our fabulous team in the school kitchen and also to the staff who helped to serve and clear the meals yesterday. Our Christmas lunch was a fantastic success and the kitchen staff served over 390 meals to children, staff, helpers and members of the Governing Body.



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 have 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.



As we come to the close of a very busy and productive term, on behalf of the staff and governors of our school I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

School opens on Monday 6 January 2020. I look forward to seeing you all again at the start of the New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C Woodbridge'.

Charles Woodbridge
Headteacher

