

Weekly Bulletin

After School Clubs – Week Commencing 11 December 2017

Activity	Day	Time	Activity	Day	Time
Wind Band	Monday	3:15 - 4:15	Multi Skills Y5	Monday	3:15 - 4:30
Athletics	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.30	Gymnastics Y5/6	Wed	3.15 - 4.30
Choir	Thursday	3:15-4:15	Chess Club	No chess club 15.12.17	

Dear Parents,

The Christian Value for this half term is 'Generosity'. We give our time generously to support each other.

ACHIEVEMENT - Congratulations to Jaimie Shaw for getting man of the match at Gomersal's match against Mount Pleasant. Well done Jamie.

We like to celebrate our achievements here at Lightcliffe. If your child has something to shout about, please let us know!



CHRISTMAS PARTIES — Our Christmas will be starting quite soon, and your child will be bringing home a letter asking for a donation of £2.00 to help towards the cost of their party food and prizes. Please send your money in as soon as possible in an envelope marked with your child's name. Thank you.

STAFF CHANGES — We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Render this week. Mrs Render has worked here at Lightcliffe for the past six years doing a wonderful job as both a Special Needs Assistant and more recently as a Classroom Support Assistant. Although Mrs Render won't be working here you will still see her around school as she has promised to come and volunteer. We would like to thank her for all her hard work for our school and hope she enjoys her time with her family and horses.

BIG SECRET — We are very sad to tell you that our wonderful Lolly Pop Man Mr Varley will be retiring at Christmas. Mr Varley has worked on Knowle Top Road crossing for over 20 years making sure our children arrive at school safely each day. He is a regular face around school accompanying the year 4 children swimming and has been a regular helper on our residential visits to Whitby. He will be greatly missed but has certainly earned a rest!



This is where the secret comes in. We would like to buy him a special retirement gift and have organised a collection which we feel sure that parents will want to contribute to. We are hoping to have a special celebration assembly and present him with the gift towards the end of term. If this is something you would like to support, please send in your donations in a sealed envelope with 'Secret' printed on the front. Remember, not a word! Thank you.

ART CLUB — Brighthouse Art Club runs at Smith Art Gallery, Halifax Road, Brighthouse, HD6 2AF between 10.30am and 12.30pm every fortnight. There's a variety of art and craft activities for 8 to 14 year olds and the cost is £5 per session. If your child is interested please contact Jeffrey Andrews on 01422 284461 or email jeffrey.andrews@calderdale.gov.uk.

SCHOOL MEALS — I would like to remind parents that there are some items that we do not allow to be brought into school for lunch. These include: flasks of soup/pasta, sweets, chocolate fudge bars, any item containing nuts (this includes Nutella bars), and fruit winders. We are happy with sandwiches, crisps (or other snacks), fruit, cut raw vegetables (eg carrot), buns, chocolate biscuits (eg Penguins, Club), cheese cubes/slices, crackers, samosa, and yoghurts. This is not an exhaustive list and more information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Lighterlunchboxes.aspx>. Thank you.

FREE LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS IN ELLAND- Handmade Parade is offering a FREE workshop to make a lantern. No experience is needed as two wonderful artists will be there to teach you everything you need to know. All are welcome. The Lamplighter parade will take place on Friday 8 December and you get a chance to join in the parade and show off your lantern creations. For further information, follow this [link](#).

OPEN DAY — Halifax fire station will be holding an open day on Saturday 16 December between 12.00pm and 4.30pm. This is in aid of The Fire Fighters Charity and there will be games, activities and children's rides. We are also reliably informed that Father Christmas will be there! The fire station is located on Skircoat Moor Road, King Cross, Halifax, HX1 3JF.



CHRISTMAS NON-UNIFORM — The last day of term, Friday 22 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.

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.

EUREKA! are holding autism-friendly Santa's Grotto sessions from 2 December to 23 December. These will be open for the first hour of every grotto day from 10.00am to 11.00am (when the museum is quiet), with 12 grotto slots available to autistic children and their families only. The sessions will be tailored in a number of ways by: turning off any flashing festive lights, having bookable sessions to prevent the need to queue, adjusting lighting to suit each child, and removing any costume items that may be triggers for children. For more information call 01422 330069 or email infor@eureka.org.uk



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ABSENCE REPORTING — We take the Safeguarding of our children very seriously here at Lightcliffe and we are now following our 'First Day Reporting Procedures'. To read the policy, please follow this [link](#). It is important that parents understand the reasons for this policy and the system we will follow in the event of your child being absent.

This is the procedure we will follow if your child is absent from school:

Parents must contact the office by 9.00am every morning to tell us that their child is absent (even if you have already let the teacher know) unless...

- You have advised us that the child will definitely be absent for a specific period of time
- You have already completed an Absence Request Form
- You have confirmed that the child has had sickness or diarrhoea (or the child has been sent home from school the previous day with sickness or diarrhoea), in which case a 2 day absence is required and assumed. **You still need to ring in from day 3 onwards though.**

Please note that we cannot assume that because a child was absent due to illness one day that the same applies the next day.

If your child arrives late (after 8.55am) you **MUST** go to the office and sign them into the 'late' book so that we know they are in school. As part of the process both registers and the late book are checked. If we have no record of a reason for absence at this point you will receive a text to the first contact on your child's records asking you to confirm where they are.

If there is no response to this text by 9.40am the office staff will start ringing all other contact numbers for the child until they speak to someone and ascertain their whereabouts. If they are still unable to speak to someone, Mrs Dunkley (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mr Woodbridge are informed and a decision has to be made about whether to carry out a home visit and/or report the absence to the relevant authority

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here is a list of events in school. Please keep checking the website for further updates.

Tuesday 12 December	1.30pm	Year 3 Christmas Party
Wednesday 13 December	9.30am	Year 3 Concert in school
Wednesday 13 December	1.30pm	Year 5 Christmas Party
Thursday 14 December	9.30am	Year 4 Concert in school
Thursday 14 December	1.30pm	Year 2 Christmas Party
Friday 15 December	1.30pm	Year 1 Christmas Party
Monday 18 December	1.30pm	Year 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 December	9.30am	Year 2 Concert in school
Tuesday 19 December	2.00pm	Year R Concert in school
Wednesday 20 December	2.00pm	Y1 Nativity at St Matthew's Church
Wednesday 20 December	1.30pm	Reception Christmas Party
Thursday 21 December	7.00pm	Y5/Y6 Carol Service at St Matthew's Church
Thursday 21 December		School Christmas Lunch
Friday 22 December		Christmas Non-Uniform Day
Friday 22 December	9.30am	Year 6 Christmas Party
Friday 22 December		School Closes
Monday 8 January		School re-opens

NEW APP! — We have introduced a new app and you should have received a message from Teachers2parents with instructions on how to install it. We hope this will be a useful tool and help to keep you up-to-date with school life.

POLLUTION — I would like to give a polite and gentle reminder to encourage people to switch off their engines whilst waiting around school. Obviously, most drivers don't leave their engine running we have noticed a few parents sitting in cars waiting for drop off / pick up with their engines on. Not only is it polluting the atmosphere unnecessarily and wasting money, but it's polluting around our children's school. Thank you for your co-operation

CAN YOU HELP? On Friday 1 December a leaf blower was stolen from a silver Nevada pick up parked on Wakefield Road whilst the driver was collecting a child from our school. If anybody saw anything we would be grateful if you could let us know. Thank you.

MEAL CHANGES — If you submit a 'Meal Change Request Form' please ensure that you receive your receipt to confirm your request has been processed. If you don't get a receipt this could mean it hasn't been received by the office and may well still be in your child's book bag!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH — This year our Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 21 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 £2.10 no later than **Friday 15 December. Unfortunately, orders cannot be taken after this date, as Mr Paul has to finalise his 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. **If you child is in Key Stage One and usually has a packed lunch, you still need to let us know if they would like the Christmas/Hot Dog dinner and book with the school office.**



Friday 22 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. For further information on our school meals and menus, please check the school [website](#).

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Lightcliffe CE Primary School - Christmas Lunch/Hot Dog Lunch

21/22 December 2017

My child

Class.....

Please make your selections below

Would like a Christmas lunch. I enclose £2.10 as payment.

Would like a Hot Dog lunch. I enclose £2.10 as payment.

Signed..... Parent / Carer.

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

Charles Woodbridge
Headteacher