

Weekly Bulletin

After School Clubs – Week Commencing 18 December 2017

Activity	Day	Time	Activity	Day	Time
Gymnastics	Wed	3.15 - 4.30			

Dear Parents,

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

A Report From Miss Bourne

CALDERDALE PANATHLON CHALLENGE- On Thursday 23 November six children from KS1 and KS2; Jimmy Ball, Archie Ackroyd, Evan Wells, Emily Dawson, Rayyan Hamid and Poppy Lee took part in the first Calderdale Primary Panathlon at North Bridge Leisure Centre. As part of a team the children competed in a rotation of nine events, including Boccia Blast, New Age Curling, Table Cricket and Messi Football. They gained points for their team as they moved around. The team all performed fantastically and supported each other along the way. They told me they had thoroughly enjoyed their day and they finished in a creditable 7th place. We are very proud of them all.



PANTOMIME — THERE WILL BE A PERFORMANCE OF 'GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS' AT CROW NEST GOLF CLUB ON SATURDAY 6 JANUARY AT 5.00PM. TICKETS COST £8 FOR ADULTS AND £5 FOR CHILDREN.

STAFF CHANGES — We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Bottomley at the end of term. She has worked here at Lightcliffe as both a Support Assistant and more recently as our First Aider and General Support. I am sure you would all want to join me in wishing Mrs Bottomley all the very best for the future.

FUNDS FOR MARA — Our thanks to Phoebe Shaw, Ezme Sudell and Charlotte Simon who organised a raffle and raised £23.15 for Mara. Well done girls!

CLUBS — There will be no choir next Thursday or chess club next Friday. Please collect your child at the usual time. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES — Our Christmas parties are now in full swing, and your child should have brought 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.

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.

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.

FUNDRAISER — Lightcliffe Pre-School are having a Christmas Carol Concert and raffle fundraiser at Christchurch, Hipperholme lights on 23 December at 3.00pm. There will be singing, hot chocolate, tea and warm mince pies. There will also be face painting and Christmas crafts available for the children with the grand raffle (with amazing prizes) drawn in the afternoon. For further information, please call Lightcliffe Pre-School on 07816 216292.

NEW APP! — We have introduced a new app and you should have received a message from Teachers2parents with instructions on how to install it. If you haven't received a message, simply search 'Teachers2parents' in your app store. We hope this will be a useful tool and help to keep you up-to-date with school life.



CHURCH SERVICES — There will be a selection of services over the festive period and these have been noted below. We hope to see many of our parents and children there.

St Matthew's

Sunday 17 December	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve	3.00pm and 5.00pm	Christingle Crib Services
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	10.00am	Parish Christmas Communion
Sunday 31 December	8.00am	Communion
Sunday 31 December	10.30am	Joint service at St. Matthew's followed by simple hot lunch

St Chad's Hove Edge

Christmas Eve	11.00am	Christingle Service with Communion starting at 10.30am with sherry and mince pies for those who want to come early.
Christmas Day	10.00am	Parish Christmas Communion

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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



BETTER LIVING — Are you and your family looking to be more active and lead a healthier lifestyle? Calderdale Council's Better Living Team's free 10 week family club gives you the opportunity to work with instructors who can help you with this in a fun yet informative way. So, what have you got to lose? The next course starts on 13 January for 10 weeks 10.00am to 12.00pm or 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Call 01422 230230 to book a place for you and your family.

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

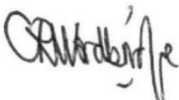
Class.....

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.


Charles Woodbridge
Headteacher