

Weekly Bulletin

After School Clubs – Week Commencing 22 October 2018

Activity	Day	Time	Activity	Day	Time
Wind Band	Monday	3:15-4:15	Multi Skills (Y5)	Monday	3:30-4:30
School Grounds	Thursday	3:15-4:15			

Dear Parents,

The Christian 'Key Words' for this half term are: Resilience, Respect, Kindness and Koinonia.

ATTENDANCE FOR WEEK COMMENCING 8 OCTOBER

Last week 12 classes achieved over 97% attendance and the top 3 classes were:



Joint 1st: Y4 Mr Sutcliffe & Y5 Mr Wildgust 99.7%

Joint 3rd: Y2 Mrs Moss & Mrs Beaumont and Y2 Mrs Blackhurst 99.3%

Overall attendance for the 2018-19 school year up to the end of last week is 97.38%.

CHOIR — Please note, there will be no choir for the next two weeks (18 and 25 October) Please collect your child at the usual time. Thank you.



BOOK FAIR — This will take place from Monday 12 November — days and times to be confirmed later. This is a great opportunity to buy a few Christmas presents and raise funds for the school at the same time! The books will be available for sale, although orders can be taken. The Book Fair News sheet and further information will be sent home soon.

WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION -

We are hoping to create a special piece of artwork to commemorate the centenary of WW1 ending. We would like you to begin saving the bases of round clear plastic bottles — any size will do. Please wash them, cut them off the bottles and then send them in to your child's class. Look at this video to see how it's done: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwmqJKXoAgw>.



Thank you! We hope you will see the stunning result of this Art project in the next few weeks.

BETTER READING SCHEME — We are looking for volunteers for our 'Better Reading' scheme in school. 'Better Reading' volunteers work with the same child over a period of ten weeks to improve reading and help to promote a love of books. If you can spare half an hour, three times a week we would love to hear from you! Please contact Mrs Laycock or a member of the school office team.

SCHOOL GROUNDS REMINDERS –

Please remember that smoking, vaping and dogs (with the exception of assistance dogs) are not permitted anywhere on school grounds. This includes the drive and planted area down to the black gates (see image on the right).



If you wish to secure your dog in order to collect or drop off your child, please use the grassy area by the staff car park (see image on the left). You may also use this area if you wish to wait with your dog until your child leaves school.

I have had reports of children being 'nipped' by dogs and this is understandable as the dogs are bound to be excited by all the children leaving school at the same time.

STARTING SCHOOL — We have an open evening for parents who may be interested in their children joining us in the Reception class from September 2019. This will be held on Wednesday 14 November at 6.30pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend and no appointments are necessary. **Mr Paul and his team will be providing food samples for parents and friends to try so take care not to fill up with your dinner!**



Applications open on 19 November 2018. To apply for a school place, you must apply online by 15 January 2019 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 2019 is available on the council website at <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/process> or can be viewed at your local library or in school. The offer of places will be made on 16 April 2019.

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES — I would like to remind parents of children in Year 6 that the closing date for applications is 31 October 2018. Further information can be found on the [Calderdale Website](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk). If you require any help or further advice, please contact a member of the office staff.

PARENTS EVENING — Our Parents' Evening will be held on 24 and 25 October. Invitations were sent out last week via text and email. Today is the last day that the system will be open for bookings so please book your appointment if you haven't already done so.





SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER – Our school photographer will be coming on 5 November to take pictures of your children. Proofs will be sent home shortly afterwards. As always, you are under no obligation to purchase anything.



PFSA SCHOOL DISCO — The PFSA have very kindly organised a disco for the children in years 1 to 6. This will take place on Friday 9 November with Y1, Y2 and Y3 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm and Y4, Y5 and Y6 from 7.15pm until 8.15pm. Tickets cost £3.00 (including a drink and some sweets) and are strictly limited on numbers. You can buy tickets from the school office, or if you send the money with your child in an envelope marked 'Disco' and your child's name and class, the ticket will be sent home with your child.

Please note that on this occasion our Reception children are not able to attend. They will, of course, be invited once they have been in school a little longer. Thank you.

PFSA CHRISTMAS FAIR – STALLHOLDERS NEEDED

Do you run a craft, food or gift business? If so, your school Christmas Fair needs you! The PFSA are looking for a selection of small businesses to take out a stall at this year's Christmas Fair. In past years we've had suppliers of gifts, Christmas crafts, cakes and lots of other festive goodies, and

we're hoping to provide some fantastic new stalls as well as old favourites for our visitors this year. The fee is £20 + a raffle prize donation then the rest of your takings are yours to keep. If you'd like a stall, please email lightcliffepfsa@gmail.com so you can be allocated a space.



We're also seeking external 'Christmas market' type stalls to join our cosy drinks hut this year too (e.g. hog roast, bratwurst, hot chestnuts, small rides, etc) so please get in touch if you can provide those too.

Here's to our best Christmas Fair ever!



SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL — We are delighted that we now have a Crossing Patrol on Knowle Top Road – this will certainly make things much safer for our children before and after school. However, this is only temporary cover until a permanent post holder can be found. **Do you or someone you know have free time in the morning or afternoon (or both!) and want to help save children's lives?** The hours are 8.15 to 9.05am and 3.15 to 3.50pm (7 hours and 5 minutes per week). Uniform and training are provided. The rate of pay is £8.75 per hour. If you are interested please enquire at the school office or email carolyn.miles@calderdale.gov.uk. Please spread the word!

HOLIDAY CLUB — 'Early Years at Lightcliffe' is now running a holiday club for children age 2 – 11 years. Full days (8am–6pm) and shorter days are available. Places are still left for October half term. For more information contact Sam on 01422 207830, earlyyears@lightcliffe1@gmail.com or at Christ Church, Leeds Road HX3 8NU.

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LIFESTYLE - The Better Living Team will be visiting school on Monday 26 Nov (KS1) and Tues 27 Nov (KS2) to deliver **Better Living** school health days. These days cover a variety of lifestyle topics to educate the children on how to become fitter and healthier and encourage them to make good choices in terms of nutrition and exercise.

We would like to offer parents a chance to come and speak to us on the day (times TBC) to ask any questions they may have about what free support is available in Calderdale. Did you know you can access:

- 👍 Better Living weight management and exercise classes
- 👍 Activity cards/activity vouchers
- 👍 Alcohol reduction service
- 👍 Lifestyle sessions?
- 👍 Slimming world vouchers
- 👍 Stopping smoking service
- 👍 Pre & post-natal mums classes

Eligibility criteria apply but all of the above are free to Calderdale residents! By pre-booking and attending the parents' session you will automatically receive 8 free activity vouchers (1 pack per family) so why not come and chat to us about how the Better Living Team can support you and your family? At the Parents Evenings held in October we will have lots of information available for you to take away. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact The Better Living Team on 01422 230230, or contact school. Further information on how to book will be sent home once times have been confirmed.

CREATE A POPPY! - To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War Armistice children are invited to create a poppy to be displayed in Halifax Town Hall during Remembrance Week. Poppies can be crafted out of any material: paper, wool, metal, plastic, wood, fabric, glass, clay etc. Size: to fit on a window sill — bunting is also welcome. Exhibits will be judged by the Mayor and Mayoress of Calderdale. Drop your poppies in at the Town Hall on Friday 2 November between 5 and 7pm. For more information, contact Councillor Marilyn Greenwood on 01422 374090 or email councillor.mgreenwood@calderdale.gov.uk.



COMMUNITY EVENT — On Saturday 20 October at 7.30pm there will be an evening of well-known songs from films at St. Matthew's Church, Wakefield Road. These will be sung by Aidan Edwards and Juliet Montgomery accompanied by the Northowram Singers. Tickets cost £8 and are available from St. Matthew's Church Fridays: 28 September, and 5, 12 and 19 October between 10.00am and 12.00noon. Also available at Colin's News, Lightcliffe Tea Rooms or email lightcliffchurchyard@gmail.com. All proceeds in aid of The Friends of St. Matthew's Churchyard.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD— Once again, as a school we will be supporting the charity 'Operation Christmas Child'. Your child has brought home the information you need to 'build a box'. Boxes can contain small items such as: toy cars, yo-yos, skipping ropes or small balls, pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, paper or perhaps a solar calculator, colouring books and picture books. Also, non-liquid hygiene items such as toothbrushes, soap, washcloths etc. Little extra items could include a T-shirt, socks, hair clips or torches (with batteries). The only items that are not allowed are toothpaste, sweets and anything connected with gambling e.g. cards, dice or dominoes. We hope that this is something you will be able to do together over the half-term holiday. We have a small number of plain shoe boxes still available. If you would like one of these, please contact the office. For further information on this appeal, please follow this [link](#).



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CALDERDALE HERITAGE WALK — The latest walk on Sunday 28 October is around the area where Rastrick meets Brighouse. It grew from around 1840 onwards into a complete new community with, not just houses, but its own small mills, places of worship, shops, pubs etc. If you'd like to join the walk, meet Ian Philp at 2:15pm in the car park adjoining the Assembly Rooms, Briggate, Brighouse HD6 1EL. The cost is £3 for all ages.

For more information visit: <http://www.calderdaleheritagewalks.org.uk/current.html> or email CdaleHeritageWks@aol.com. (Keep an eye on the Facebook page to see any late alterations.)

SOCCER SCHOOL — The Huddersfield Town Foundation is running a half-term soccer school at Brighouse Juniors FC, Broad Oak Park, Hove Edge, Brighouse HD6 2PB. The sessions will run from Mon 29 October to Fri 2 November 10am–3pm at a cost of £12 per day or £50 for the full week. To book, please call 07741 671 061 or 07741 671 062.

FRIENDS OF CROW WOOD PARK are holding a FREE event, the Great War Exhibition, commemorating the end of WW1 and life in the area at the time. The official opening by the Mayor of Calderdale will be on Saturday 27 October, 11:00am. Subsequently the exhibition will be on Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00am–3:00pm until Sunday 11 November when there will also be a Service of Remembrance at 10:45am at the Memorial Gate. You can enjoy learning about some of the local soldiers, see memorabilia of the time and learn that Crow Wood Park used to have its own hospital! For up to date information call Bob Galtrey on 07718 261007.

LIGHTCLIFFE BONFIRE AND FIREWORK EXTRAVAGANZA — this will be held on 27 October, gates opening at 6pm. There will be a licensed bar, food, and a great evening's entertainment. Please bring your friends and enjoy the display to music. Advance tickets available from Brian Reeves on 07973 909672.



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