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Issue 8

# Lightcliffe CE Primary School

# Newsletter

This term's Christian Value is:

**Trust****Attendance**

Whole school attendance to date: 97.1%

This academic year our target is 97%

**Snow**

The first snow of winter fell this week. Should there be school closures due to heavy snowfall during this winter season, we shall contact parents via text message.

**Christmas Fair and Santa's Grotto (5pm–7pm)**

Tickets for the event tonight, Friday 1st December, are on sale from the school office. Please bring plenty of change for the tombolas and stalls, and to ease the traffic flow on Knowle Top Road, please leave your car at home if possible.

On behalf of the PFSA, we thank you for your generous donations to the year group tombola stalls. As a school, we would like to thank the PFSA who have worked hard in planning for this event.

**Year 5 Obama**

This week we have welcomed Miss Woodruff to our school to work with Year 5 Obama class for the remainder of the academic year. We hope Miss Woodruff enjoys being part of our Lightcliffe team and that parents and children give her a warm welcome.

**Calderdale Cross-Country**

Thank you to Miss Bourne for yet again organising for our talented children to compete against sporting talent from other schools in the Calderdale Cross-Country competition. Despite the traffic delays on the return journey, the children did fantastically well. Results of the competition are due in soon!

**Rotakids—Overgate Hospice Reindeer Run**

Your child has now received a sponsor form for the Reindeer Run and staff will contact parents with the date in which classes will hold their run. Each child will receive a pair of reindeer antlers and a red 'Rudolf' nose to wear when taking part and keep. We appreciate that Christmas is coming, but if you can spare anything at all, it will go towards easing the difficulties for families reliant on hospice care at Christmas. Click [here](#) for more details from the website.



Mrs Dunkley



Mrs Hustler

**Upcoming Events:**

1st December—Christmas Fair (5pm–7pm)

12th December—Christmas dinner (Christmas non-uniform day)

14–21st December—Christmas plays and parties - see Diary Dates for parents

11–21st December—Overgate Reindeer Run—class teachers to inform of date closer to the time factoring in the weather.

Thursday 21st December—School closes until 8th January

## Extract from the December diary page

December	1	Friday	5:00–7:00pm	PFSA Christmas Fair
	12	Tuesday		Christmas dinner
	14	Thursday	1:45pm	Y5 & 6 nativity at St Matthew's church
	15	Friday		(Y5 parents Thursday, Y6 parents Friday)
	18	Monday	2:00pm	Y1 & 2 Christmas play in school <a href="#">hall</a> (Performance for Y1 parents)
	19	Tuesday	2:15pm	Reception Christmas performance in school hall
	20	Wednesday	9:15am	Year 3 & 4 Christingle in school hall (Performance for Y3 parents)
	20	Wednesday	10:30am	Year 3 & 4 Christingle in school hall (Performance for Y4 parents)
	20	Wednesday	2:00pm	Y1 & 2 Christmas play in school <a href="#">hall</a> (Performance for Y2 parents)
	11-15		During the school day	Christmas parties for: Rec (Mon), Y5 (Tues), Y2 (Wed), Y3 (Thurs), Y4 (Fri)
	19-21		During the school day	Christmas parties for: Y1 (Tues) and Y6 (Thurs)
	21	Thursday	3:10pm	School Closes – Christmas Break
	22	Friday		INSET day

## School Uniform

A reminder that leggings are not school uniform, if your child wishes to cover their legs they should wear either grey trousers or skirt and tights. Leggings under a skirt in place of tights during the winter months would be acceptable. We appreciate your co-operation in maintaining the dress code for pupils. Click [here](#) to see link to our full list of uniform items on the school website.

## Reading Raffle

Our stock of book prizes for the weekly Reading raffle has now come to an end, with many children winning books for regular reading at home logged onto the Boom Reader app. In response to feedback from the School Council about the book prizes, in the new year, we shall be recognising children's efforts in reading in other ways. Watch this space!

In the meantime, keep enjoying reading with your children.



## Winter Illness

It is that time of year when people are beginning to feel under the weather. If you are unsure whether your child should be in school, please click the link below to be directed to NHS advice which is also posted on our website under 'Attendance'. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

## Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to the families who have generously created and donated gifts for the Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The boxes are being collected shortly.



## Weekly Newsletters

In recent weeks, we have issued a brief newsletter on a weekly basis. This allows us to update parents and carers with news, updates and information in a timely manner. Newsletters are issued via Class Dojo, Tapestry, email and posted on the school website. We encourage parents to read the information on the newsletter as this will be the way in which we pass on most of our information to parents—urgent information will be sent as needed.