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# Lightcliffe C of E Primary School Newsletter

This term's Christian Value is: Trust

My God is my strength in whom I trust. Psalm 18.2

#### Attendance

Attendance this week: 95.4% 3 classes this week have had 97+% attendance Whole school attendance to date: 96.3% This academic year our target is 97%



<u>Lightcliffe 100 - this week's words have been</u>: **evidence, exceed, familiar** 

#### The Overgate Elf Dash!

All classes have now completed the Elf Dash in support of Overgate Hospice. Thanks to your incredible generosity, sponsor forms returned by Monday have already raised over £2,000 - an amazing achievement! More forms have been coming in this week, so the total is still growing. If you have any remaining sponsor forms, please return them by Wednesday, 17th December.



A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed, your support makes a real difference!





Despite the poor weather, many families joined us for the PFSA annual Christmas Fair, and what a fantastic event it was! Families enjoyed meeting Father Christmas, trying their luck at the class tombola's, sampling a variety of delicious refreshments, and being entertained by our talented buskers and choir. Raffle winners have now been announced and can be found at the end of this newsletter, as well as on the PFSA Facebook page: Lightcliffe PFSA | Facebook Congratulations to all the winners, and a huge thank you to the staff and parents who worked tirelessly to make this event such a success once again.

#### It's the Season!

It has been a delight to fully get into the Christmas Spirit this week. We have held Christmas parties for Years 3, 4 and 5, enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner cooked by Mr Ball and the team and enjoyed the first of the Christmas performances by Year 5 this afternoon. The children were exceptional!



Mrs Dunkley

Mrs Hustler

#### **Upcoming Events**

Sat/Sun 13th &14th Dec Between 8th & 19th Dec Fri 19<sup>th</sup> December Mon 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 St Matthew's Christmas Tree Festival Performances and parties (see website) School Closes for the Christmas holiday School opens

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#### St Matthew's Tree Festival

The Tree Festival takes place this weekend, and we can share that we have decorated **two beautiful trees** with crafts made by the children.

Please head down to the church to admire the trees and enjoy some refreshments:

**Saturday:** 10:00am - 4:00pm **Sunday:** 12:00 noon - 4:00pm





#### Un-named and un-claimed school uniform

If your child is missing any items of clothing, please check the clothing rail outside the school office. **Named items** will be returned to their owners, while **unnamed items** will be placed on the rail for collection throughout the week.

We kindly ask that you label all your child's clothing, including school uniform and PE kit. Last year, we had a large amount of unnamed and unclaimed uniform. While many items were washed and reused as spares or donated to the PFSA, a significant number had to be disposed of.

By naming clothing, we can **encourage sustainability**, reduce unnecessary waste, and ensure items make their way back to the right owners. Thank you for your support!



Bookings are now open for the Healthy Holidays Calderdale Winter Programme! FREE holiday club places are available this December for children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Book here: <a href="https://healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/">https://healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/</a>











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## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

ne holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safet challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to

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#### **PRACTICE FIRE** SAFETY PROTOCOLS

### CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

#### BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

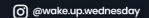
### PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

#### Meet Our Expert

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### STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

### MAINTAIN SAFE

### **ADDRESS STRESS**

#### 10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

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