

Newsletter

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Book Before & After School Care [here](#)



SCHOOL DINNERS

Only £2.40 a day (£12 pw) Please pay in advance
Via [SchoolMoney](#)

TERM DATES

Open—03/09/2024
See website for full term dates



WEEKLY Roundup

Welcome back everyone and a special first welcome to all our new starters.

This bumper edition newsletter contains lots of important information, please get yourself a big cuppa and take time to read it. **In the news this week;**

- We hope you all had a wonderful summer. We've had the most amazing week here! School has been calm, positive and a hive of activity. We have loved welcoming new children and staff into Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 3 and have been All the children have already impressed their teachers with their **outstanding behaviour, learning and attitudes** - we know this is going to be the best year ever!
- Next week we will be welcoming another class and their teachers from **Wood Bank Special School** into their new home in the old Year 5 classroom. As well as being good to help out our neighbouring school, hiring this space to Wood Bank brings in a huge amount of income into our school which we can spend on staffing and resources for our children - Kerching!
- As you know, once you are part of our school family, you are always part of it. Over the summer we have been delighted to hear about the successes of so many of our **former pupils who have excelled in their A levels and GCSEs** and are off to colleges, apprenticeships, jobs and universities. Their studies include; art & design, medicine, English, software development, genetics and more! We are very proud of all our past pupils & love hearing about what they're up to. Please do keep sharing your stories.
- Our plan for new fencing around school is moving along nicely. Work should be starting soon on improving the quality and look of the perimeter fencing and hopefully put a stop to those unwanted visitors out of school hours.
- Can you believe that Treetops (our before & after school club) has been running for 2 years?! Thank you to all of you that use it. The children continue to love attending the club (some even coming because they enjoy it, not because they need child-care!) and we are pleased to be able to continue to provide such a flexible service and such a bargain price! See page 6 for details.
- Over the next few weeks, once our reception pupils have settled in, Mrs Stansfield will be carrying out the Reception Baseline Assessment - you can find out more about it [here](#).



Please **READ ON** for important information about;

- Possible **extra funding** and **free school meals** for your child
- Attendance** guidance
- Before and After School **Child Care** & sports activities
- School **dinners**
- Flu Vaccines p 3** - complete your consent form asap.

and more...

Pupil Premium – What is it and why is it so important?



Is your child eligible for free school meals?

As well as getting **free, healthy, hot lunches**, if your child is eligible for free school meals, and you claim for them, **our school receives extra funding** called 'pupil premium'. Pupil premium is funding from the government that is given to schools to help children to reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. Our school receives an **extra £1,455 for each pupil who is registered for free school meals**. We then use the funding to give those pupils an extra helping hand and to enhance their learning. We use the money in many ways including:



- Extra one-to-one or small group support within classrooms
- Employing extra teaching assistants to work within classes
- Running catch up sessions for those who need extra help
- Providing breakfasts, snacks and help with uniform
- Providing extra tuition
- Providing enrichment activities for families who cannot pay for them
- Funding educational visits
- Investing in resources that boost learning i.e. laptops or tablets

Pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them (i.e. they can continue to have packed lunches if you like) and cannot be identified as being registered for free school meals in anyway within the school. However, the school can only claim the extra funding for those pupils that are registered. **At this school there is no stigma attached to having free school meals and we are very proud to say that over half our pupils are currently registered for free school meals.**

We know that times are hard for all of us and the financial squeeze on our families and our school keeps getting tighter and tighter -

Why not see if you can claim a little extra help for you, your child and their learning?

Your child is eligible for free school meals, and therefore pupil premium funding for our school if you access:

- Universal Credit - your net earned income must be less than £7,400.
- Income Support.
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income based).
- Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit. (With an annual income of less than £16,190. As assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.)
- Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit.
- Support payments under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Working Tax Credit Run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Register your child for free school meals using the link to the application form below, or fill in the form on the last page of the newsletter, to ensure the school receives the relevant funding it is entitled to.

Printed copies of the form are available from the office and school staff are more than happy to help with any applications. **So, don't hesitate - get applying as soon as possible.**

Applications can be made at any time but successful applications made by **23 September 2024** will guarantee that school gets the funding this year.

<https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals>



Calderdale Immunisation Team
Brighouse Health Centre
Lawson Road
Brighouse
HD6 1NY



Tel: 01484 368500

Dear Parent/Carer,

Flu Vaccination for Children - Reception to Year 6

This year between September and December the Calderdale Immunisation Team will be visiting your child's school to offer the Nasal Flu Vaccination.

Please click on the link below for further information and to **complete the online consent form**.

<https://immunisation.cht.nhs.uk/vaccinations/flu?code=107541>

Please complete the form giving your **Consent or **Non-Consent** and submit it via the platform as soon as possible**

If your child is absent on the day of our visit, we will be returning to the school to catch up any absentees.

After completing and submitting the consent form, if you book to take your child to the GP for the vaccination or you change your mind regarding consent you MUST contact the Immunisation Team on 01484 368500 to let us know.

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased following completion of the consent form, please inform the Immunisation Team on 01484 368500.

Thank You

The Immunisation Team

Working together to improve Attendance

Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. Good school attendance is essential for our pupils to achieve their potential.

We are proud to say that attendance at our school is pretty good. We, of course, want to maintain our high standards so will continue striving for the very best attendance for all pupils. So, here's what you need to know...

Parents' responsibilities

What are my responsibilities for my child's attendance?

As a parent/carer, you have a legal duty to ensure your child attends that school regularly. This means that your child must attend every day that the school is open, unless:

- Your child is too ill to attend that day.
- You have asked in advance and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on that day due to exceptional circumstances.
- Your child cannot attend school on that day because it is a day you are taking part in religious observance

Whilst some absence is unavoidable, it is important that your child is in school every day they can be for their learning, wellbeing and development.

If my child needs to be absent from school, what do I need to do?

You should contact their school as early as possible on the first day of absence to explain why. If you do not, your child's school will contact you on the first morning of their absence to find out why. All parents can request a 'leave of absence' for their child which gives them permission to be absent from school. Your child's school has the final say over whether to approve the request and for how long your child can be absent.

Government regulations state that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances** - this means particular circumstances that are **'rare, significant, unavoidable and short'**.

My child has a short term illness. Do they have to go to school, and will I be penalised if they don't?

If your child is ill, read the [NHS advice](#) to help you decide whether they can go to school. If they are too ill to attend, you are not breaking the law and will not be penalised. You should let the school know as soon as possible on the first day of absence and schools must record such absences as authorised. If the absence due to illness is ongoing or frequent you should speak to child's school to see what support can be put in place.

What should I do if my child needs a dental or medical appointment in school time?

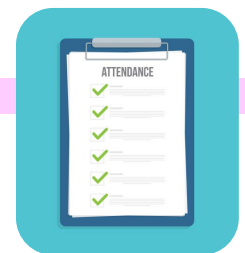
To avoid disruption to your child's attendance, medical and dental appointments should not be booked during the school day whenever reasonably possible. When they are, you should ask the school in advance for a leave of absence and collect them as close to the time of the appointment as possible and return them to school for the rest of the school day afterwards.

Can I take my child on holiday during term time?

Parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid requesting leaves of absence for holidays unless it is unavoidable.

As leave of absence is only granted in exceptional circumstances, it is unlikely that the school will agree a leave of absence for a family holiday.

If permission is refused and you keep your child off school on the days requested, you are likely to be committing an offence and be issued a fixed penalty notice or be prosecuted by your local authority.



Your child's attendance for last year was sent with their report.

See the next page to see how high up the attendance ladder they were?

How will you climb even higher this year?

Thank you in advance for your help with this - as always, we will continue to support families in any way we can to maintain great levels of attendance.

Attendance Ladder





PLAY · EXPLORE · CREATE
TREETOPS
 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

**Flexible child care
 available in school
 every day.**

Treetops is our own Before and After School Club, run in school, by school staff.

Here's what you need to know about what's on offer;

- **Flexible childcare** based on our families' and children's needs
- Good value for money and ability to book part and whole sessions
- **No joining fee.** Places can be booked anytime by anyone.
- Quick and **easy online booking** via [SchoolMoney](#) (like school meals)
- A wide range of **fun, themed activities** for children to enjoy throughout the year
- A **varied menu** of tasty, healthy breakfasts and evening snacks

Book on [SchoolMoney](#) or
 talk to Sharon

7:30 to 9am (£5)

8:15 - 9am (£2.50)

3:20 to 5:50pm (£9)

3:20 - 4:30pm (£4.50)

Treetops operates each day during term time from **7:30am to 9:00am** and **3:20pm to 5:50pm**

If you need something additional or different to this please get in touch - we are keen to meet your needs if we can.

Charges are as follows

Full Morning - 7:30 – 9:00am = £5.00. Part Morning - 8:15 – 9:00am = £2.50

Full Evening – 3:20 – 5:50pm = £9.00. Part Evening - 3:20 – 4:30pm = £4.50

We are **open for bookings now** so to book a place simply log on to [SchoolMoney](#) and select Clubs then Treetops.

Payments will be taken at the time of booking. Bookings can be taken and cancelled up to midnight the night before. For help with bookings or alternative payment methods please contact the school office.

Please note;

- **the shorter sessions are our most popular & can get busy so please make sure you book to reserve a place.**
- **Longer sessions will only run if there are sufficient children attending.**

This week's Gold Book Superstars are....

Oak Class

- Max - for giving his very best in every single lesson!
- Rae - for being a super helpful and supportive member of the class

Elm Class

- Ellie - for having a wonderful 'can do' attitude towards learning
- Sidney - for excellent contributions during class discussions

Sycamore Class

- Esmae - for a fabulous start in a new school year and a new class. She has settled well and made lots of new friends
- Dougie - for fantastic effort and determination to crack column addition.

Willow Class

- Lilly - for an amazing start at our school. She has settled well, impressed her teachers and made lots of new friends.
- Everyone in Reception - for having a great first week!

These children have all received special stickers.

TEAM POINTS

The New Team Point Pixies are trained up and have been flying around adding up all the team points.

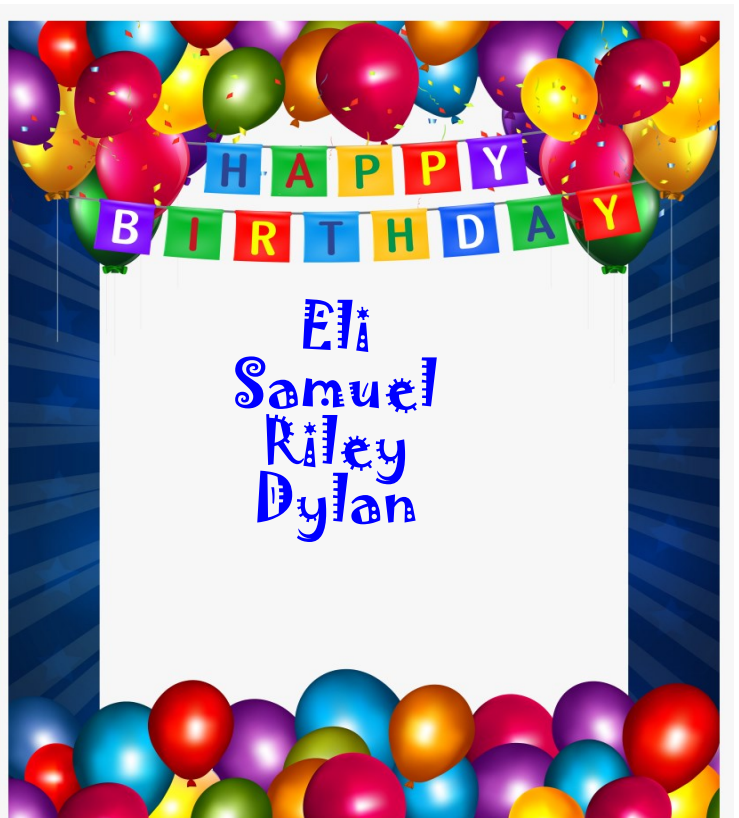
They have been counted and verified...

And the winner is...



 Diamonds	 Rubies	 Sapphires	 Emeralds
94	87	91	80

WELL DONE TREASURES!!!



BRILLIANT BLUE PUPILS

Max, Joey,
Jamaal,
Edie, Mason,
Jack





WEEKLY MEAL PLANNER:

- All meal choices are **homemade**, from scratch by chefs using high quality raw ingredients that are unprocessed and where applicable, seasonal. All Milk products are made with organic milk
- All meat products are Red Tractor accredited
- All fish products are M.S.C accredited
- **If you have any questions or special dietary requirements please don't hesitate to get in touch**

WEEK 1	Main Course	Vegetarian Option	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Ham and Pineapple Panini Pizza	Veggie Nuggets	Sliced Potatoes Fresh Salad	Fruity Flapjack Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Chilli Con Carne Tortilla Chips	Veggie Keema Curry Tortilla Wrap	Rice	Lemon Sponge and Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Pork Gyros with Yoghurt Sauce and Coleslaw	Macaroni Cheese	Potato Nuggets Broccoli	Wholemeal Biscuit Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Chicken and Tomato Pasta with Bread	Jacket Potato	Cheese or Beans Fresh Salad	Jelly and Ice-cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Battered Fish	Southern Fried Quorn Burger	Peas and Sweetcorn Chips	Chocolate and Raspberry Brownie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
WEEK 2	Main Course	Vegetarian Option	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Hotdog	Pesto Pasta with Garlic Slice	Criss Cross Fries Fresh Salad	Toffee Sponge and Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Bacon Croissant	Quorn Dippers	Saute Potatoes Baked Beans	Mini Doughnuts with Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Sweet Chilli Chicken Fillet with Savoury Rice	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Fresh Salad	Rice Pudding and Fruit Compote Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Sausage Roll	Veggie Burger	New Potatoes Spaghetti Hoops	Summer Berry Traybake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Breaded Fish	Veggie Meatball Melt	Peas and Sweetcorn Chips	Carrot Cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
WEEK 3	Main Course	Vegetarian Option	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Ham and Cheese Panini	Quorn Cottage Pie	Twister Fries Baked Beans	Summer Fruit Crumble and Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding	Cheese Lattice	Roast Potatoes Carrots	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Chicken Tikka Samosa or chicken goujons	Red Pesto Pasta with Garlic Slice	Cous Cous Onion Rings	Chocolate Fudge Cake and Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Beef Enchilada's	Feta and Spinach Samosa	Savoury Rice Corn on the cob	Marble Sponge and Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Fishfingers	Fishless Fingers	Peas Chips	Fruit Muffins Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

Free School Meals application form

Your details

Name	
Address	
National Insurance Number	
Date of Birth	
Daytime telephone number	
Email address	

Your benefits – please answer the following questions

I receive Universal Credit and my annual net earned income does not exceed £7,400	Yes		No	
I receive Income Support or income based Jobseeker's Allowance	Yes		No	
I receive Employment and Support Allowance (income related)	Yes		No	
I receive the Guarantee Credit element of State Pension Credit	Yes		No	
I receive Child Benefit for the child/children	Yes		No	
I receive support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999	Yes		No	
I receive Child Tax Credit (but no Working Tax Credit) and my annual income does not exceed £16,190	Yes		No	
I receive Working Tax Credit run on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)	Yes		No	

Children details

Name	Date of birth	School attended

If you are reporting a change in school please confirm the date that your child/ren started at their new school.	
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Signature

Date

Save the completed form and return it by email to Benefits.Support@calderdale.gov.uk

Or print it and return it to:

Welfare and Benefits Service,
PO Box 51,
Halifax,
HX1 1TP.

If you would like this information in another format or language please ring 01422 288003.