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w/c 5th September 2023

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SCHOOL DINNERS

Only £2.00 a day
(£10 pw) Please pay
in advance
Via **SchoolMoney**

TERM DATES

Open—05/09/2023
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've had the most amazing week! All the children have already impressed their teachers with their **outstanding behaviour, learning and attitudes** - we have a feeling this is going to be the best year ever!
- RAAC - You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. The Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result, areas in affected spaces will be vacated. Please be assured that our school is not affected by this decision as **we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings**, so it's business as usual for us - phew!
- We have welcomed Robins Reception Class and their teachers from **Wood Bank Special School** into their new home in the old Year 6 classrooms. They are settling in well and enjoying their new space.
- Bad news now for a change... Through very careful budgeting, we have managed to keep school meals at the same price for over 10 years but the increasing costs have finally spiraled beyond what we are able to absorb. Like all of us, our supplier is facing significantly increased food and energy prices and, although we have done everything possible to keep the price as low as possible, the cost of a meal is now £2.40. In terms of the high quality of food provided, we still think this represents good value for money but realise that this cost won't be easy on your budgets. Don't forget though that many of you could be eligible for free school meals which, as well as giving your children **free lunches**, also brings additional funding into school - win, win! **Read more on page 2!**



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

- Possible **extra funding** and **free school meals** for your child
- Updated **Attendance** guidance
- Before and After School **Child Care** & sports activities
- School **diners**

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:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

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 22 September 2023** will guarantee that school gets the funding this year.

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



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.

The government have recently updated their guidance to help schools and families work together to support good school attendance. In the main, attendance at our school is pretty good but could be even better so we're going to have a whole school drive to have the best ever attendance this year and thought that the following information would be helpful to you.

Parents' responsibilities

What are my responsibilities for my child's attendance?

As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a suitable full-time education, usually from the age of 5 to 16. For most parents, this will mean making sure your child is in school every day except when:

- Your child is too ill to go to school.
- You have permission for a leave of absence from your child's school for them not to attend. You should only ask for this in **exceptional circumstances**.
- Your religious body has a day especially for 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 your child is not in school. 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.

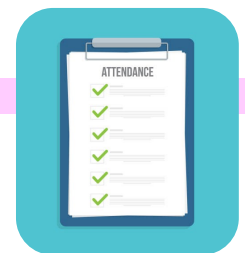
What should I do if my child needs a dental or medical appointment in school time?

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.

What about holidays in term-time?

Parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission from schools to take their children out of school during term time unless it is absolutely unavoidable. An application for leave of absence should not be granted unless it is made in advance by a parent the pupil normally lives with and the school is satisfied that there are **exceptional circumstances** based on the individual facts and circumstance of the case which justify the leave. Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school. A leave of absence is granted entirely at the headteacher's discretion.

Leave of Absence application forms are available on request from the office



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 good levels of attendance.

Attendance Ladder



Equates to:

4 SCHOOL DAYS off each year

7 SCHOOL DAYS off each year

9 SCHOOL DAYS off each year

11 SCHOOL DAYS off each year

20 SCHOOL DAYS off each year

30 SCHOOL DAYS off each year

Flexible child care available in school every day.



PLAY · EXPLORE · CREATE
TREETOPS
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Don't forget about ... **TREETOPS** ...
Our exciting Before & After School Club

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

7:30 to 9am (£5)
8:15 - 9am (£2.50)
3:20 to 5:50pm (£9)
3:20 - 4:35pm (£4.50)

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

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.

We will continue to look into the possibilities of providing a holiday club if demand is high enough.



Bradford Dragons Basketball Club in partnership with Calderdale College are hosting a Pre-Season Basketball game to celebrate the start of the season.

Bradford Dragons (NBL) are taking on Manchester Giants (BBL) Championship V's Premiership at Calderdale College on...

Saturday 9th September,
tip off 6:15pm.

All Pre-Booked tickets are FREE, just order them through the website (all tickets will be discounted to £0 at checkout) and pick up on the night.

PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS @

www.bradforddragons.co.uk/tickets

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SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 9TH

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD, LUDDENDEN - 1PM UNTIL LATE

Charity Auction

LIVE MUSIC 🌻 HOT FOOD 🌻 CAKES
GAMES 🌻 TOMBOLA 🌻 DUCK RACE
CANDY FLOSS 🌻 FACE PAINTING
GLITTER HAIR & TATTOO'S 🌻

NEW FOR 2023

CHILDRENS RACE & SNAKE RATTLE & FALL

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE ON THE SNAKE!



FIND OUR PRELOVED CHARITY STALL AT THE LUDDENDEN FETE & MAYOR MAKING!
SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER



ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD 1-4PM

Village Fun
on Saturday!

SATURDAY
9TH SEPTEMBER

LUDDENDEN MAYOR MAKING

CHILDREN'S RACES
FROM 1.15PM

3 LEGGED - EGG & SPOON
DRINK DASH - SACK RACE

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD



Calling Y2 Footballers!

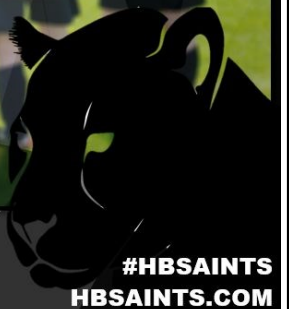
NEW U7s PUMAS! PLAYERS WANTED



SCHOOL YEAR 2!
BOTH BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME!

To enrol your child or for more details please contact Richard on 07843 801770 or via email on richarddance.rd@gmail.com

Any other enquires please get in touch!
info@hbsaints.com



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

Oak Class

- Dillan- for making a great start to the year, working hard in every lesson
- Hope - for beautifully presented work. Her handwriting in **AMAZING!**

Elm Class

- The whole class! - for an excellent first week back in school. They have shown enthusiasm towards learning and have been all round fantastic

Sycamore Class

- Mays & Fearne – for their hard work in Science
- Kane - for making a great start to the year, especially with his presentation in his maths book
- Leon - for his willingness to contribute during lessons

Willow Class

- The whole class - for a fantastic first week! Year 2 have been brilliant helping the younger children settle in and Year 1 have been fantastic in their new class learning to be brilliant!

Acorns

- The whole class! - for settling in so well! Not many tears, lots of fun and learning to take turns and share all our toys and games.


These children have all received special stickers.

TEAM POINTS

The New Team Point Pixies are still in training!

We'll have a team points roll-over next week...




 Diamonds	 Rubies	 Sapphires	 Emeralds

WELL DONE TREASURES!!!




BRILLIANT BLUE PUPILS

**Jamaal,
Dillan,
Charlie,
Harriet**



**Samuel
Eli
Dylan**

Children can wear
non-uniform on



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.