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**SCHOOL STAFF**

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**TREETOPS Wraparound Care**  
Sophie Briggs, Collette McCleod, Suzanne Taylor-Calvert  
Site Manager - Jay Culpan

**GOVERNORS**

David Pegg (Chair) Ian Ross, Christine Goodman, Ian Sparks, Rachel Pegg, Alison Lemen, Collette McCleod, Rebecca Holman, Nic Manning  
Clerk - Helen Kay

Book Before  
& After  
School Care



**SCHOOL DINNERS**

Now **£2.40** a day  
(£12 pw) Please pay in advance  
Via **SchoolMoney**

**TERM DATES**

Close - 27/10/23  
Open - 07/11/23  
Close - 22/12/23  
Open - 09/01/24  
Close - 09/02/24  
Open - 20/02/24  
Close - 22/03/24  
Closed - 06/05/24  
Close - 24/05/24  
Open - 03/06/24  
Close - 19/07/24



## WEEKLY Roundup

It's been another wonderful week at the best school in the world.

In the news this week;

- The new play equipment in Early Years has been getting some excellent use from Nursery and Reception who are loving the climbing, balancing and strength challenges. Watch out for growing muscles!
- The midday supervisors have reported that children's behaviour at lunchtimes has been outstanding since we returned to school - keep up the good work everyone!
- Change of staffing in Treetops - We are delighted to have welcomed Collette McCleod onto the Treetops team. Collette has lots of experience in child-care, she knows our school very well and is very excited to bring her knowledge and skills to help our before and after school continue to be a roaring success for our families. Collette has replaced Julie who has moved onto to a similar role much nearer to where she lives.
- Your children are whizzes with technology and they make excellent use of devices across the curriculum. To enhance this even further, we are in the process of ordering more laptops and ipads for pupil use. In case you didn't already know, many of the resources we use in school (such as Purple Mash, Rocket Phonics) can be accessed by you & your children at home - See next week's newsletter for links and details.
- Our amazing Year 6 pupils are gearing up and looking forward to their residential trip to Robinwood from Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th September

### DATA COLLECTION - IMPORTANT REQUEST!

We are updating pupils files for the new school year.

Please ensure we have the most **up-to-date PHONE NUMBERS, ADDRESS & MEDICAL INFORMATION** for your children please.

We will be having a special

## HARVEST CELEBRATION SERVICE

at **St Mary's Church on Thursday 28th September.**

As usual we will all walk down to church together after registration (about 9:15am).

All parents, carers, family and friends are warmly welcomed for the walk and the celebration.



It's that time of year again when we all get together to enjoy a nice cuppa & some tasty treats to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. This year's event takes place in school after Gold Book Assembly (9:45-ish) on

**Friday 29th  
September**



# MYSTERY FLOWERS!?!

These beautiful flowers have suddenly been appearing around school. Where have they come from? Nobody knows!!!  
Can you solve the mystery?



## Calder High School The Calder Learning Trust

Welcomes prospective students and parents



**Year 6 Open Evening**  
**Thursday 5th October, 5:30 - 8pm**

# All welcome to our Stay and Play Group

Pre-school children age 0 to 4

Refreshments available

**Tuesday  
mornings  
9am - 11am  
In the school hall**



**Please see our  
Luddenden  
Stay and Play  
Facebook page**



Flexible child care available in school every day.



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.



West Yorkshire  
Fire & Rescue Service

# Halifax Fire Station Open Day

Adults £2  
Children Free

Saturday 16th September, 11am - 3pm

Halifax Fire Station, Skircoat Moor Rd, Halifax HX1 3JF



## Entertainment for all the family...

- ➔ Food & Drink Stalls
- ➔ Small Rides
- ➔ Face Painting
- ➔ Demonstrations by WYFRS
- ➔ Special guest from Halifax Panthers



All proceeds to....



## 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.

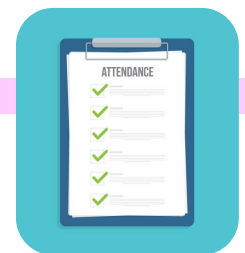
### What should I do if my child needs a dental or medical appointment in school time?

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:



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

## Oak Class

- Mason- for always listening attentively and working to the best of his ability at all times
- Nate - for superb work and excellent contributions during class discussions (you can always rely on his to come up with a thoughtful answer or opinion)

## Elm Class

- Jamaal - for consistently showing excellence & enthusiasm for learning since coming back to school
- Edie - for excellent contributions this week
- Jersey-Leigh - for showing determination in maths lessons

## Sycamore Class

- Emelia – for her amazing improvement in all areas, especially maths - things seem to have clicked into place!
- Elsie, Janie, George, David, Logan & Alice - for being outstanding role models. Not only working independently, but also supporting others with their learning

## Willow Class

- Florence and Dylan – for a great effort in every lesson – works independently, listens to instructions and always tries her hardest!
- Parker – for being an excellent mathematician this week, counting and representing numbers to 100

## Acorns

- Esmae - for being an excellent role model during circle time
- Bobby - for being a great leader at tidy-up time!

These children have all received special stickers.



# TEAM POINTS

The Team Point Pixies have been flying round and adding up all the team points.

They have been counted and verified...

and the winner is...



 Diamonds	 Rubies	 Sapphires	 Emeralds
<b>590</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>550</b>

## WELL DONE TREASURES!!!



**BRILLIANT BLUE PUPILS**

Kacey, Indie, Janie, Rae, Ginny,  
Dillan, Skyla,  
Jamaal,  
Charlie




**Olle**

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](mailto: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.