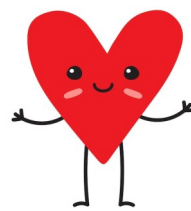


# Newsletter



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w/c 22nd January 2024

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

TREETOPS - Book  
Before & After  
School Care  
here... 

**SCHOOL DINNERS**

Now **£2.40** a day  
(£12 pw) Please pay in advance  
Via **SchoolMoney**  
Read on for menu...

**TERM DATES**

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**

Please note our new website address;

[www.luddenden-ce.uk](http://www.luddenden-ce.uk)



**In the news this week;**

- We sent **your child's latest attendance figure** home on Friday so you can see how well they are doing at keeping at 96% or above. The Government have just launched their **Moments Matter - Attendance Counts campaign** to drive up attendance and tackle persistent absence. **Attendance at Luddenden CE is usually good (thank you!)** but unfortunately has recently dropped thanks to all those nasty bugs doing the rounds. So, hopefully a joint effort to get back on track will see our attendance quickly rise back to it's usual standard. We have a meeting with our **Educational Welfare Officer** in March who will be checking every child's attendance and investigating persistent absentees (those with less than 90%) so it will be great to be able to share improved attendance figures for everyone. Please see pages 4 & 5 for more information about attendance.
- PUPIL SAFETY - we have noticed a number of pupils arriving at school early**, before the gates open - this means they are hanging around in the cold without adult supervision. **Please note that school starts at 9:00am** so please aim for your children to arrive as near to this time as possible. **Before this time all children should be supervised by an appropriate adult** as school staff are not on the playground until 8:55am. If for any reason you need to drop your child off earlier please use **TREETOPS - our very reasonably priced before and after school club**.
- We are all looking forward to feeling the love and kindness at our **Friendship Disco on 8th February** - see p2 for more details.
- It's good to have a **hot dinner** during this cold & nasty weather, so **don't forget our tasty and varied school dinner menu**. Anyone can book a dinner any day. Meals cost £2.40 a day and all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to free infant lunches. Check out the menu on the last page. Also, if you think you might be eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals please let us know and we can help you apply.
- We had a special assembly with Kate & Dexter the therapy dog from **INVICTUS Well-being** to tell us all about special events during **Children's Mental Health Week - 5th to 11th February**. See **page 3**. We will be having a **Blue Non-Uniform day on Tuesday 6th February**.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Get your binoculars out! It's twitching time again!

We love bird spotting at Luddenden CE School...

[click here](#) to find out more about the **Big Garden**

**Birdwatch** - Happy spotting! Please share

your sightings with us too.



Big Garden  
Birdwatch



26-28 Jan 2024



# FRIENDSHIP DISCO

## Thursday 8th February

EYFS & KS1 1:45 - 2:45pm    KS2 - 3:30 - 4:30pm

Tickets **£2.50** - includes drink & snack

On sale now from Ms Manning



PLAY · EXPLORE · CREATE

# TREETOPS

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Flexible child care available in school every day.

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

"THIS MORNING,  
HE HAD A RUNNY  
NOSE... BUT LOOK  
AT HIM NOW!"



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



HM Government

Head to the NHS website to find out more.



"THIS MORNING, HE  
WAS WORRIED ABOUT  
SCHOOL... BUT LOOK  
AT HIM NOW!"



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
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HM Government

Head to the Education Hub to find out more.



#BLUE  
SOME  
GOOD

JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK  
5-11 FEB 2024

[WWW.INVICTUSWELLBEING.COM/BLUESOMEGOOD](http://WWW.INVICTUSWELLBEING.COM/BLUESOMEGOOD)



#BlueSomeGood is a fundraising campaign set up by Invictus Wellbeing aimed at raising vital funds to improve the mental health of children and young people in West Yorkshire.

The campaign focuses on working with schools, business and organisations to set up exciting challenges, raising vital money and raising awareness of children's mental health at a local & regional level.

There is no wrong way to #BlueSomeGood, if you work at a school, are a parent of a child or are simply passionate about supporting young people's mental health, then we want to hear from you.

Or you work in a West Yorkshire company and would love to help us raise awareness and hopefully a few pounds along the way please get in touch. Thank you for all your support

**Dress in Blue Day**  
**Tuesday**  
**6th February**  
**£1**



# Attendance Ladder



Equates to:

4

SCHOOL DAYS  
off each year

98%

IMPRESSIVE

7

SCHOOL DAYS  
off each year

96%

GOOD

9

SCHOOL DAYS  
off each year

95%

NEARLY THERE

11

SCHOOL DAYS  
off each year

94%

NEEDS TO IMPROVE

20

SCHOOL DAYS  
off each year

90%

CONCERNS  
(referred to Educational Welfare / Persistent absentee)

30

SCHOOL DAYS  
off each year

85%

SERIOUS CONCERNS

# 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.

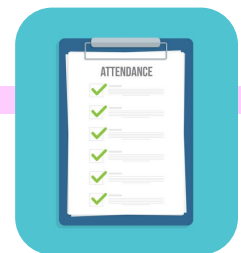
### What should I do if my child needs a dental or medical appointment in school time?

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 latest attendance figure was sent home on Friday.*

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

*How will you climb even higher and get to 96% or above?*

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.

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

## Oak Class

- Lucas - for showing Endurance in all lessons to reach and complete challenges
- Indie - for always trying her very best in her work and making good contributions in class discussions

## Elm Class

- Jersey-Leigh & Indy - for performing a wonderful WW2 inspired dance in PE

## Sycamore Class

- Ollie & Janie - for excellent work in maths when dividing 2-digit numbers with an exchange

## Willow Class

- Eli - for fantastic effort in ALL subjects. He has been a model pupil!
- Poppy & Martha - for great use of language writing their own version of the Owl and the Pussycat.

## Acorns

- Ezra - for being an ALWAYS person in class, being kind, listening, joining in and working really hard in his phonics lessons. It is showing in his reading. Keep up all the good work
- Isabella - for being super sensible and going to get an adult when Mrs Serrant-Fontaine needed help

Don't forget! EVERYONE IS WELCOME to GOLD BOOK ASSEMBLY every Friday at 9:10-ish

These children have all received special stickers.

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

## Oak Class

- Reace - for working hard towards his writing targets in an informal letter about the Dutch resistance in WW2.
- Mason - for applying his arithmetic skills intelligently during problem solving activities

## Elm Class

- Ginny, Edie and Max - for writing excellent 'Goodnight, Mister Tom' inspired letters in English.

## Sycamore Class

- Elsie, Jibreel & David - for being wonderful Mathematicians, for careful and precise work and wowing Miss Collett and Mrs Hoyle with their super work.
- Alfie for enthusiasm for learning in all subjects

## Willow Class

- Tyrell – for brilliant effort in his work this week – head down and getting on with it!
- Florence, Lyan – for very sensible science work trying to free the kidnapped vegetables from the ice!
- Benjamin – for taking extra care and being very motivated to use his spelling rules correctly

## Acorns

- Abudi - for joining in really well during small group work. He has also been joining in our singing really well in music.

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# 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...



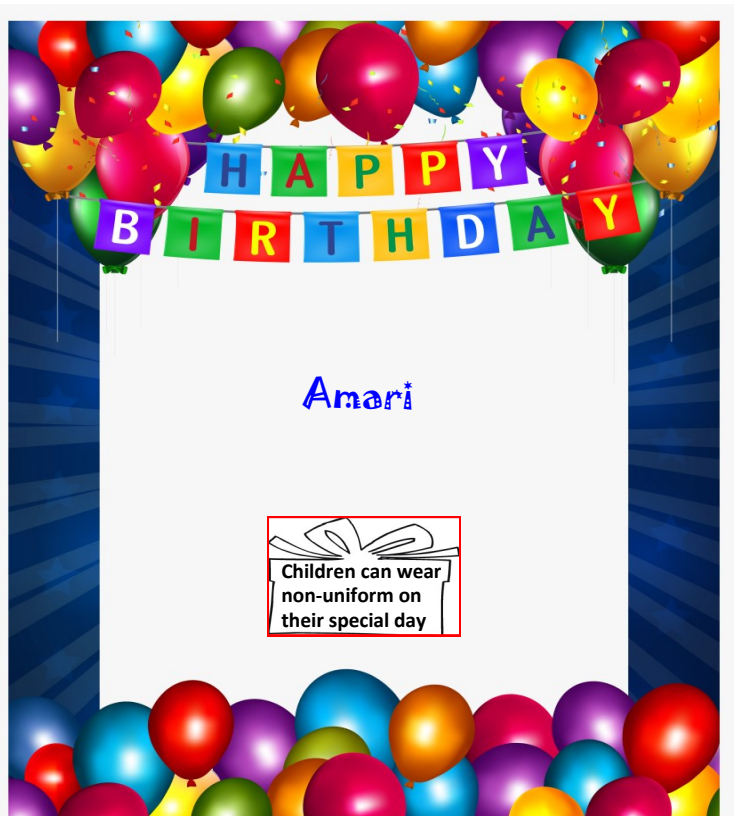
 Diamonds	 Rubies	 Sapphires	 Emeralds
172	294	83	214

## WELL DONE TREASURES!!!



### BRILLIANT BLUE PUPILS

Nate, Grace, Edie, Hope, Tyrell,  
Blain, Eli, Max,  
Ronnie, Ginny,  
Jamaal,







**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

WEEK 1	Main Course	Vegetarian Option	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Hot dog	Cheese & tomato pizza	Sauté potatoes Salad	Apple crumble & custard Fresh fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Beef enchiladas	Quorn dippers	Herby potatoes Sweetcorn	Australian crunch bar Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Shepherd's pie	Pesto pasta with garlic slice	Baked beans Salad	Syrup sponge & custard Fresh fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Chicken burger in a bun	Macaroni cheese	Broccoli & cauliflower Curly fries	Berry traybake Fresh fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Battered fish	Southern style Quorn burger	Chips Garden peas	Parkin Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEEK 2	Main Course	Vegetarian Option	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Pepperoni panini pizza	Veggie ravioli	Potato cubes Salad	Fruity flapjack Fresh fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Chinese chicken curry	Quorn chilli con carne	Rice Pitta bread	Bakewell tart & custard Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Chicken & bacon pasta in tomato & mascarpone sauce	Cheese & onion pie	New potatoes Broccoli	Rice pudding & fruit compote Fresh fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Sausage & Yorkshire pudding with gravy	Veggie nuggets	Roast potatoes Carrots	Choc chip & cranberry cookie Fresh fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Breaded fish	Veggie meatball melt	Chips Peas	Chocolate & raspberry brownie Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEEK 3	Main Course	Vegetarian Option	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Ham & cheese panini	Veggie sausage roll	Mini rosti potatoes Sweetcorn	Chocolate chip sponge & chocolate sauce Fresh fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Chili con carne Tortilla chips	Jacket potato with cheese or beans	Rice Salad	Iced cake Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Sausage roll	Veggie burger in a bun	Potato wedges Spaghetti hoops	Sticky toffee pudding & custard Fresh fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Beef burger in a bun	Loaded veg pizza	Herby potatoes Salad	Doughnut Fresh fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Fish fingers	Quorn sweet chili wrap	Chips Peas	Choc chip & raspberry muffin Fresh fruit Yoghurt

*\*The supplier reserves the right to change, modify, substitute or remove, without notice, any item on this menu as deemed necessary.*