



**NEWSLETTER**  
17th December 2020

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

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Diocese of Leeds



## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

## PUPILS OF THE WEEK

### Attendance Winners

Nursery—100%

Well done!



Last week the pupils of the week were :

Nur: Oliver Vo

Rec: Oliver Kendrala

Yr 1: Matthew Wadsworth

Yr 2: Louis Calder

Yr 3: Conrad Goodhall

Yr 4: Alfie Doran

Yr 5: Kasilese Moriarty-Coyne

Yr 6: Kara Hattersley

Last week the Wow Work of the week were :-

Rec: Whylie Birkby

Yr 1: Elsie Byrnes

Yr 2: Harper Sutcliffe

Yr 3: Alfie Depledge

Yr 4: Khaliya Todd

Yr 5: Harley McKeever

Yr 6: Jason Mitchell

**Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year!**



All the staff, Governors and children would like to wish everyone  
a very Happy Christmas and a great 2021!  
We look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 5th January 2021.



## **\*\* Latest Health Update \*\***

With COVID cases still high in Calderdale, we need to do all we can to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus over the Christmas holidays. As school closes over the Christmas period, it continues to be very important that you let us know **if your child has tested positive for COVID** (Coronavirus) and may have had contact with other children in our school whilst infectious.

If your child tests positive for COVID, having started to feel unwell in the last few days of term or over the first weekend after the end of term it's really important that you let us know as they may have been infectious whilst in school and other children or staff may need to self-isolate. Please contact school via [covid@elland.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:covid@elland.calderdale.sch.uk) Your message will be picked up daily and responded to in the run up to Christmas. We will seek advice from Public Health and will alert others who are required to self-isolate.

From Christmas Day onwards, the school **does not need** to be contacted if your child tests positive for COVID-19. From this date until the return to school, you should follow any advice given by NHS Test and Trace and provide them with any information they request.

## What to do if someone in your household develops symptoms of COVID

The most common symptoms of COVID are:

A new continuous cough and /or

A high temperature and/or

A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you or a family member have one of the above symptoms your household must self-isolate and seek a test. Your household should continue to self-isolate until you get your test result and are advised what to do next by NHS Test and Trace.

You can arrange a test online at online [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) OR by calling 119

## Church Links

This week in Collective Worship Father David held a Christmas Service for the children via Zoom.

## Year 2 Great Fire of London



### Pudding Lane

This week Year 2 had their controlled burning of Pudding Lane. The children recalled lots of facts that they could remember from their topic on The Great Fire of London. They watched the fire spread quickly, as the houses were built close together and the roofs were made from straw.

## Father Christmas Visited

Last week, the children were excited to receive a visit from Father Christmas and his helper elves! They each received a present from him. Here are Year 4, Nursery and Reception receiving their gifts.



## Food Bank Donation



Alfie, in Year 3, decided last year that he wanted to do something to help the homeless / those less fortunate than him.

So for a whole year, he has been going to the supermarket and collecting food to donate to the Food Bank in Elland. His mum said that it started to fill up the garage, there was so much!

Here is everything that Alfie collected—congratulations on doing such a kind act—a lot of people will benefit from your kindness.





## Nursery Christmas News



### It's Beginning to Look A lot Like Christmas

In Nursery, Father Christmas brought us a Gingerbread House to decorate in our key worker groups. Father Christmas knows that in Nursery we make lots of good choices.

The children worked in teams and shared all our resources.

We have learnt that sharing is caring! We had ten minutes to decorate our houses with sweets, icing sugar and lots of glitter!

## Reception Milk

Children who have joined Reception and are not yet 5 years old, qualify for free milk. However, once your child reaches the age of 5, school milk will need to be paid for. The website is [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com). There will be a link to choose Elland CofE School, and you can set up payment details. Thanks.

## Reception Vision Screening

A letter will be coming home with Reception children shortly, regarding Vision Screening. Please only send in your reply slip back if your child **IS NOT** having their eyes tested at school.

In the new year, the School Nurses will then be coming in to carry out the vision screening. The actual date will be confirmed nearer the time.

## Top Parenting Tip

### Swearing

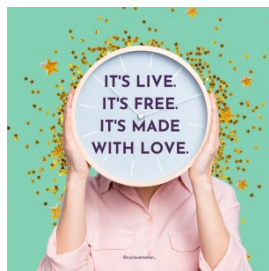
When deciding how to address swearing, look at the possible reasons for your child's choice of words. How and where the swear word was used is important. A 5-year-old repeating a word that they heard on the bus is very different from an older child swearing at a teacher or friend or using this language daily.

Sometimes children swear because they lack important life skills, such as social and communication skills. If that's the case, it's important to teach your child those skills, otherwise, there could be lifelong consequences e.g. when they are older if they lack social skills or impulse control skills, they could be fired from a job for using inappropriate language. They could also experience relationship problems if they offend others with their words. If you think swearing is a symptom of a bigger problem, such as a lack of anger management skills, teach those skills to your child.

Consider the type of behaviour that you are modelling for your child. If you swear, your child probably will too. Telling your child, "These are adult words so I can say them but you can't," isn't enough to address the problem. Children want to be like grown-ups and will copy what you do. If you've been a little relaxed with your language and your child has picked up swearing, the first line of defence should be to change your own language. If you model how to handle your anger and express yourself without swearing, your child will learn how to do that as well.

Look at other ways that your child might be exposed to inappropriate language. If you allow your child to watch movies or play video games that include foul language, they will likely pick it up as well. Limit what you allow them to be exposed to if you want to clean up their language.

## Curious Motion



A few years ago, children were asked to decorate a bauble each to put into the shop windows around Elland. The company that organised this is called Curious Motion. They are responsible for running Welland Festival each year.

Unfortunately they have been unable to do have their Festival this year. However, they did have some baubles which they thought we would like to have in school. These have been decorating our dining room for our Christmas Dinner this week.



Thank you very much!

They have also started running free dance workshops online. These are available to all Key Stages, the address is: [www.curiousmotion.org.uk](http://www.curiousmotion.org.uk). So if you feel like dancing, get online!

## Thank You!

A great big 'Thank You' to everyone for their hard work and support during this difficult Autumn Term. Everyone has worked very hard, and school has returned to 'as normal as possible'.



## \*\* Latest Health Update \*\*

### Message from the Calderdale Children's Public Health Team

The Government's announcement that we can form a "Christmas bubble" over the festive break gives us all a much longed for opportunity to meet up with friends and family, some of whom we may not have seen for many months. It is important though that we do this as safely as possible, so as not to put those we love at increased risk.

- \*\* Christmas bubbles can be made up of people from up to three households. You can only be in one Christmas bubble though, so you can't change your bubble from day to day.
- \*\* If you're meeting indoors over Christmas, try to keep some distance from others; keep windows open as much as the weather allows; wash your hands often; and wipe down frequently touched surfaces regularly.
- \*\* If anyone in your household develops any of the three main COVID-19 symptoms, arrange a test and don't meet with friends and family.
- \*\* Look after friends and family who are clinically vulnerable by reducing contact with them.

Remember, you don't have to meet up with others over the Christmas break if you don't feel comfortable doing so. Unfortunately, COVID-19 hasn't gone away. If you are struggling, there is help available:

- \*\* Calderdale Council COVID-19 support: 01422 392890
- \*\* Citizens Advice: 0300 330 9048
- \*\* Healthy Futures Calderdale (for families with school-aged children): Tel 0303 330 9974 or text 07480 635297 (young people) or 07507 332157 (parents/carers)
- \*\* Childline: 0800 1111
- \*\* Samaritans: 116 123

## Upcoming Events

Applications for Starting School in September 2021 are now open online at:  
[www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions), until 15th January 2021.

**Friday 18th December** — Last day of term—Christmas Party Day—Party Clothes

**Tuesday 5th January 2021**— New school term starts

