



Calday Grange Grammar School

Newsletter (Friday 14th December 2018)

Mon	17 th December	Senior Awards Evening
Tues	18 th December	Christmas Concert
Wed	19 th December	Christmas Concert
Thurs	20 th December	Non-uniform day in aid of the school charity, North West Air Ambulance School closes for Christmas break (3.35 pm)

Mon	7 th January	School reopens for all students
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 8 th February	CAPs Quiz Night (details to follow)
w/c 11 th February	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 15 th February	School closes for half-term break

EASYFUNDRAISING



Please help us to raise donations for the school whilst doing your Christmas shopping.

Easy fundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause.

How? Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. The retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you".

There are over 3,571 retailers to choose from and so far over £24 million has been raised for thousands of community groups, schools, sports clubs, small and large charities across the UK. Easy!

We would greatly appreciate your support. Please click on the link below.

[Calday page link for easyfundraising](#)

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

National Elite Cup Round 2- Calday 2 v 0 Ridgeway

After last week's torrential rain meant the game had to be cancelled, Calday met Ridgeway on Monday in the 2nd round of the National Elite Cup. The game started quickly, with Calday taking the lead through a brilliant solo run from Eric Davenport before he calmly slotted the ball into the corner with his weaker left foot. The game was then very even, with both sides playing some lovely football on the 3G surface. Half way through the second half came the pivotal moment, as a Stan Dancey free kick was headed beyond the on-rushing Ridgeway keeper by the very impressive Jack Lane. Whilst so often goal scorers and attacking players get all the plaudits, I think this victory was down to solid defending as a team and allowing Ridgeway very few chances. There were outstanding performances from Jude Mottram, Beau Larkin and Matthew Penn in the back 4 but a special mention must go to Oliver Peers. Oliver was up against a Manchester Academy boy and club team mate. Despite his efforts, Oliver defended superbly throughout and the Manchester United player wasn't able to have any impact, not the first or last time that's been said this season!

Next up is Calderstones away on Tuesday in the Merseyside Cup.

YOU'RE INVITED TO

Christmas

Dinner



CAFÉ@CALDAY

DECEMBER

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Thursday

**LUNCH
TIME**

Hand Carved Turkey
or Quorn Roast Dinner
with all the trimmings
plus a
Chocolate Treat or Satsuma

£2.60

FreshExpress, The Food Cube and
The Hut are Open as Normal



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS



West Kirby author Charlie Lea has published his first full-length novel, *Great Grisly Hall*. Written for children aged 10 years and above, *Great Grisly Hall* is a supernatural action tale about an eleven-year-old girl called Primula Percy, who is not allowed to leave her tiny village of Little Grisly.

Charlie is the director of literacy company, Read Now Write Now, which runs writing workshops across Merseyside, for both children and adults. He also set up the popular book exchanges at Hoylake and Manor Road train stations.

He has kindly agreed to come into school on **Monday 17th** to give a story telling session to Year 7 boys in our Junior Library (G16) at lunchtime. He will also be talking about the book at West Kirby Library on Saturday, December 15 at 2pm.

Secret Santa Books!

Students are encouraged to come and see our displays in the LRC and borrow a Christmas read or "Secret Santa" new book from under the tree! Numbers are limited! Some fabulous, award-winning, exciting, scary, mysterious, hilarious, adventurous titles to enjoy with a mince pie (being careful not to smudge the book!!)



SUPER WHITE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to all those who have already donated for this worthwhile appeal. The toys will be collected by Tranmere Rovers on Tuesday next week so there is still time to buy an extra gift over the weekend and to drop it into reception on either Monday or Tuesday.

It's heart-breaking to realise that 1 in 4 children in the Merseyside area are living in poverty and many will wake up on Christmas day to no gifts or presents to open so please help us to make a difference for a local child.

PARENTING COURSE

The next parenting course will commence on Thursday 10th January and will run for 5 weeks (every Thursday) from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm in school. The course is designed to help support parents to:-

- Strengthen their own resilience and emotional well-being
- Building knowledge, empathy and skills to promote and strengthen their child's
- Increase confidence and ability to find different ways to support their children
- Improve parent/child relationships and communications.

If you are interested in attending, please email colin.lamprey@calday.co.uk

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON

As the school holidays approach we would like to raise awareness of potential risk-taking behaviours of young people and highlight drug-related issues within our local communities, both in and outside of school.

Through our work in partnership with the Merseyside Police and the Wirral Schools Drug Adviser it is has become apparent of the increased availability and low cost of high-strength **Ecstasy** both in pill and powder forms. (Its chemical name is **MDMA** also known locally as E, Tablets, Pills, Magic, Blue Transformers, Gold Bars).

Prescribed Pills (over the counter powerful depressant medication) like tranquilisers such as **Diazepam** and **Xanax** are also emerging drug trends with increased availability, high strength and low cost to purchase. **Xanax** in particular is very powerful, 20 times stronger than diazepam and has a quicker, shorter-acting effect. Symptoms present as feeling very tired and sleepy.

Alcohol alone can be seriously dangerous, however mixing alcohol with other substances young people are at a big risk of overdose caused by heart and breathing problems – this can lead to the individual being admitted to hospital or even death.

Whilst we believe that our students are sensible and have some knowledge and understanding of the risks and dangers associated to substance misuse, it is important to acknowledge that some young people may face greater exposure to vulnerability and risks during holiday period.

FIND OUT MORE FACTS - Visit www.talktofrank.com for accurate, up-to-date information about different types of drugs / signs and symptoms.

Medical Advice:

- If your child presents under the influence of a substance including alcohol and you have concerns please do not hesitate to seek expert advice and call England NHS helpline on 111.
- If your child is unresponsive or presents as a risk to themselves call emergency services on 999 immediately.

Worried about your child?

- Talk to them - In general, most young people, especially those under 16, trust their parents / carers and will respond to any information and support you offer.
- Make the time to have the conversation.
- It's important to stay calm and open-minded.
- If you are sure there is a problem and your child refuses to talk to you, try not to panic.

Where to go for help?

- Additional Youth Support – Wirral Children's & Young People Department. The agency offers advice, guidance and support to young people aged 13 - 19. Please call 0151 666 – 4385 or visit their website, www.response@wirral.gov.uk
- **Adfam** is the national charity working to improve life for families affected by drugs and alcohol. Please visit www.adfam.org.uk
- **Talk to frank** is a free confidential service for all ages. Visit www.talktofrank.com or call 0300 123 6600
- **GP** – Contact your Doctor

CHRISTOPHER SALMON POETRY EXTRAVAGANZA 2019

The closing date for entries to the Christopher Salmon Poetry Extravaganza 2019 is drawing closer. The competition began in 2010 as a tribute to former Calday Grammar School student Christopher Salmon who tragically lost his life to a rare streptococcal infection in February 2009, aged just 15. The theme for this year's competition is "Heroes" and is open to Wirral residents of all ages. Both winners and runners up in five age categories will be awarded cash prizes and given the chance to attend a workshop with renowned local poet Levi Tafari. The prizes will be presented at an awards evening for the winners and their families at Wallasey Town Hall. The overall winner for the aged 16 or under category will also become Wirral Libraries' Young Poet Laureate for 2019. Full details of this year's competition and official entry forms are available now from Wirral libraries and on the charity's website, chrissalmon.org.uk. Completed forms should be returned to Diane Mitchell at Birkenhead Library by 24 January 2019.

SUPPORT FOR THE CHRISTOPHER SALMON FOUNDATION

The Christopher Salmon Foundation will benefit until November 2019 from the Co-op Local Community Fund and we would be very grateful for your help please in getting as many people as possible to register as a Co-op member and then to choose us as their Co-op Local Community Cause. As every time members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on Co-op branded products and services helps fund community projects like ours. Members can shop at any Co-op Group stores across the UK to raise money for us. You can support us by joining the Co-op using the following link (there is no charge) <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership> and once registered just sign into your membership account and choose The Christopher Salmon Foundation as your Co-op Local Community Cause. Our cause reference number is <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/30411>. We are going to use the money from this to assist with funding 2020 Poetry Extravaganza, as it will be our 10th year of running the competition and to mark this occasion we would like to make it a very special event. We are looking to hold the awards evening at the Floral Pavilion and to try and secure a renowned/famous poet to be our host for the evening.

CAREERS INFORMATION

TTE TRAINING OPEN EVENING (NEW)

The TTE Open evening for Engineering and Laboratory Apprenticeships will take place on Thursday 24 January in Ellesmere Port. To book a place please call 0151 357 6100 or visit their website www.teltd.co.uk.

APPRENTICESHIPS AT UNILEVER (NEW)

Unilever are now open for Business Administrator apprenticeships, starting in March 2019! Including Customer Development (sales), Human Resources and Marketing. For further details, please visit <https://www.unilever.co.uk/careers/apprenticeships/>



UNIQ, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD'S FREE SPRING & SUMMER SCHOOL (NEW)

Applications are now open for UNIQ, the University of Oxford's free spring & summer school. For more details please visit uniq.ox.ac.uk/apply.

UNILEVER NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2019 WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

The Work Experience Programme will run w/c 17th June, 24th June, 1st July and 8th July 2019. The programme is focussed on, and suitable for **Year 12** students studying some sciences at A level / BTEC Level 3, who are interested in a career in science. The week will include an overview of Unilever as an organisation, the types of careers available in R&D, and the recruitment routes, including apprenticeships and Year in Industry. It will provide an overview of the product development process, through formulation, testing, packaging design and consumer insight. Where possible it will give students practical experience of working in labs.

The Application Form is available *here*, and all applications should be endorsed by a teacher to confirm the suitability of the student for the programme offered. Applications must be returned by **31st January 2019** and applications received after this date will not be considered. Please note, to maximise access to their Work Experience Programme they are not accepting students who have attended previously. There are no plans to offer Year 10 or Year 11 work experience in 2019. For further information please contact the Work Experience Co-Ordinator – Jackie.Davies@Unilever.com

WIRRAL HOSPICE ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION & RECYCLING

Wirral Hospice St John's are running their Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling Scheme again this year in order to raise vital funds for the Hospice and helping towards the £4 million pounds running costs. The collections are taking place between 12th and 17th January 2018 and they are suggesting a donation of £5 for a small tree, £7 for a medium and £10 for a large tree, but they would greatly appreciate it if people could give generously. Full details are included in the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

POLITE REMINDERS

▪ COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL

At Calday Grange Grammar School we are committed to treating everybody with respect and courtesy, and to giving you a polite and effective response should you contact us.

Our staff also have the right to work in a safe environment, free from verbal abuse and other intimidating behaviour directed at them. We will take effective measures to support any employee who is subject to any inappropriate behaviour. We therefore ask that parents respond to this by showing polite, respectful behaviour when in contact with our staff either in person, in written correspondence or via a telephone conversation. Thank you for your support.

▪ PARKING & DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

We ask that parents do not drop-off their children within the school car park, as this causes unnecessary congestion. Grammar School Lane also becomes congested, especially at the beginning and end of the day with buses arriving and departing and therefore we also request that parents do not set down or pick up their children in the proximity of the school and certainly not in the areas with zig-zag road markings. To do so may cause serious traffic congestion and endanger lives. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated

We would also like to remind parents and students that parking on some parts of Column Road is illegal and that cars parked inappropriately may be ticketed by the police who conduct regular checks on the area. Please ensure that cars are parked sensibly elsewhere and that they do not block access for those who live in the vicinity of the school. Thank you for your assistance.

▪ COLLECTING STUDENTS WHO ARE ILL

Could we please remind parents that if students are ill and wish to go home, then they must report to First Aid in the first instance and not ring their parents directly to ask them to collect them. The Administration Team will then ensure that the normal procedures are followed to arrange for students to go home due to illness. Thank you for your support.

TERM DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 to JULY 2020

The term dates for September 2019 to July 2020 have now been determined and are included at the end of this newsletter. Parents should be aware that there is still one inset day to be allocated and we will ensure that parents are informed of this date once it is agreed.

WIRRAL F.U.S.S (Free uniform for secondary School)

Wirral F.U.S.S distribute good quality recycled school uniform and PE kit free, without judgement of family circumstances, to parents around the Wirral. Their permanent shop-hub is now open at 3-5 Borough Pavement, The Pyramids, Birkenhead on Tuesday, Wednesdays and some Fridays from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm. Parents can also donate items for FUSS and these can be brought into school and dropped off in the administration office. For more information, please visit www.wirralfuss.co.uk.

PARENT VIEW – YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT

Parent View offers parents the opportunity to tell Ofsted what they think about their child's school which in turn provides the school with valuable information to help us improve. We would be grateful if you could take the opportunity to visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk to complete the short questionnaire.

Please see following pages for:-

Procedure to be followed in the event of adverse weather
Term dates for September 2019 to July 2020



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Procedure to be used in the event of adverse weather conditions

We are committed to minimising disruption to the education of our students and we will always endeavour to keep the school open wherever possible but there are rare occasions when we will find it necessary to close the school. These are usually occasions when adverse weather means that the school site is unsafe and poses health and safety risks to the school community.

Decisions on whether or not to close the school are never taken lightly. They involve both the Senior Leadership Team and representatives of the school's Governing Body. The first consideration is always the safety of the students and staff. If, due to adverse weather conditions the staffing complement is too low, health and safety risk assessments may mean that we cannot open the school to all year groups.

Our aim is to avoid, as far as possible, any uncertainty and confusion in the event of possible school closure. We believe that the best way to do this is to communicate as fully as possible with our parents.

In the event of adverse weather prior to the start of the school day:-

A decision will be made between 6.00 am and 7.00 am as to whether the school should be open or needs to be closed. In the event of closure, by 7.30 am (wherever possible), the school will ensure that:-

- an automated text or email message is sent to parents and staff via the SchoolComms system
- the school website has been updated
- an update is available on our social media sites

Note: Please be aware that during bad weather the school will run all external examinations at the published times and students should continue to monitor the school website for details.

In the event of adverse weather during the school day:-

If the school is open in the morning but the weather conditions deteriorate during the day, we will continually assess the risks. The decision whether to close the school will be made taking into account:-

- School transport (these are often cancelled during periods of snow and ice)
- Condition of the local roads
- Weather updates through the local authority and MET office

Should the decision be taken to close the school we will inform parents via:-

- an automated text or email message sent from the SchoolComms system
- a notice on the school website
- information on our social media sites

We understand that it may be difficult for some parents to collect their child and therefore contingency plans will be put in place to ensure that the school remains open until all students are collected.

In the event of prolonged closure due to weather, parents should continue to monitor the school website as it will be updated on a regular basis with the latest information.

As we draw students from a large catchment area, parents should always assess if it is safe for their children to leave for school based on their local weather and their safety in travelling to and from school. If you decide not to send your child into school we ask that you notify the school on the day of absence via the absence line or email. This will then ensure that the absence is recorded as authorised.

We will always do everything in our power to avoid school closure and would greatly appreciate your support during these difficult times.



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Term dates for September 2019 to July 2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019	
Staff Development Day	Monday 2 nd September 2019 (school closed to students)
School reopens for Y7 and L6 students only	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019
School reopens for all students	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
Staff Development Day	Wednesday 18 th September 2019 (school closed to students)
School closes for half-term at the end of	Friday 25 th October 2019
HALF-TERM: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019	
School reopens for all students	Monday 4 th November 2019
School closes for Christmas break	Friday 20 th December 2019
Christmas Break: Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020	
SPRING TERM 2020	
School reopens for all students	Monday 6 th January 2020
School closes for half-term at the end of	Friday 14 th February 2020
HALF-TERM: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020	
School reopens for all students	Monday 24 th February 2020
School closes for Easter break at the end of	Friday 3 rd April 2020
EASTER BREAK: Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020	
SUMMER TERM 2020	
Staff Development Day	Monday 20 th April 2020 (school closed to students)
School reopens for all students	Tuesday 21 st April 2020
May Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 4 th May 2020
School closes for half-term at the end of	Friday 22 nd May 2020
HALF-TERM: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020	
School reopens for all students	Monday 1 st June 2020
School closes for Summer break at the end of	Friday 17 th July 2020

Please note that there is still one inset day to be allocated