



# The Word

THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2022

## Headteacher's Roundup



Welcome to December. The countdown to Christmas has begun. Our Christmas trees are twinkling angelically in reception and Churchill Hall. They provided a very festive welcome to our fabulous prize giving last night.

It was so delightful to take time out of our busy schedules to acknowledge the many achievements of our students in the past year, to celebrate them and our Light Hall family. My thanks to all staff and parents and carers who made the evening so special. We welcomed a past friend of the school, Elizabeth Baker, as our

guest to present the prizes, and we offer her our thanks.

The year 11s are to be congratulated on the way that they are conducting themselves in their mock examinations.

Our child development students, in year 10, have been excellent ambassadors of the school as they have supported St James Church in Shirley with their 'Journey to the Stable' workshops for local year 1 children.

As we enter this period before Christmas our thoughts turn to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you to everyone who has so far donated non-perishable food items in our house collection for Trussell Trust. This continues until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please do continue to send items in, they are so gratefully received.

Best wishes for a peaceful weekend.

*Annette Kambien*



## Word of the Week





### LIBERTY

Noun: The freedom to think or behave in the way you want and not be controlled by a government or other people.

The slaves escaped the north and cherished the **liberty** and freedom found here.

## House Points Totals

The running totals for number of house points so far are:

			
<b>20485</b>	<b>19040</b>	<b>20224</b>	<b>18756</b>

## Diary Reminders

### All Years:

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for Christmas

### Year 7:

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 7 PSHEC Day

### Year 8:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 8 PSHEC Day

### Year 9:

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Year 9 PSHEC Day

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 9 Basketball v St Peter's (H)

### Year 10:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Year 10 PSHEC Day

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 10 Loudmouth Assembly P3

### Year 11:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 11 Mock Exams

## Year 8 History trip to the Black Country Living Museum - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

£28.00 per student paid via Parent Pay

Students will be able to see first-hand the conditions that people worked in during the industrial revolution in the Black Country and how it affected their lives.

This trip has a limited number of **100 spaces**, it will be dealt with on a 'first come, first serve basis'. If interested **please pay promptly** to secure your child's space.

**Until payment has been made your child's space is not reserved.**



## Thought of the week

### Human Rights Day – 10<sup>th</sup> December

Human Rights Day is observed by the international community every year on 10 December. It commemorates the day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#).

The formal inception of Human Rights Day dates from 1950, after the Assembly passed resolution 423 (V) inviting all States and interested organizations to adopt 10 December of each year as Human Rights Day.

When the General Assembly adopted the Declaration, it was proclaimed as a "common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations", towards which individuals and societies should "strive by progressive measures, national and



international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance".

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights sets out a broad range of fundamental rights and freedoms to which all of us are entitled. It guarantees the rights of every individual everywhere, without distinction based on nationality, place of residence, gender, national or ethnic origin, religion, language, or any other status.

Although the Declaration is not a binding document, it inspired more than 60 [human rights instruments](#) which together constitute an international standard of human rights. Today the general consent of all United Nations Member States on the basic Human Rights laid down in the Declaration makes it even stronger and emphasizes the relevance of Human Rights in our daily lives.

The [High Commissioner for Human Rights](#), as the main United Nations rights official, and the Office of the High Commissioner play a major role in coordinating efforts for the yearly observation of Human Rights Day.

## Sporting Achievement

Congratulations to Amin A Year 9 for winning Gold in the British Sambo Open Championships last weekend. This was Amin's first competition with only 6 months training but his hard work and determination paid off. He is now a British Champion in his weight category in Sambo and Wrestling. Well done Amin!



## Prize Giving

We were so excited to welcome students and their families to our annual Prize Giving event. Well done to all of our prize winners, we are all so proud of our Light Hall Family.





# Christmas Concert

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

6:00pm – 7.30pm

Free Admission

We would love for you to join us for an evening of festive fun and an opportunity to enjoy our students' musical talents!

Please email [office@lighthall.co.uk](mailto:office@lighthall.co.uk) if you would like to attend.

Deadline: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Take your castle to the Jill Allport suite between 8.35 and 8.45 and collect it at 3:55 to take home.



## The Battle of the Houses Light Hall Inter-House castle competition



Your task: Design a **motte and balley castle**. This can be a model, a presentation, in cake form. The choice is yours.

You will be marked based on:

- Historical accuracy
- Creativity
- Overall presentation



# Light Hall Extra Curricular Autumn 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch time</b>	<b>Lunch time</b>	<b>After school</b>	<b>After school</b>	<b>After school</b>
<b>Jazz Band</b> Mr Homer*MR2 1:25pm Students will be invited to attend this club	<b>Drama Club Y7-8</b> Mrs Scattergood Drama Studio 1:25pm	<b>Football Y7</b> Mr Williams Field	<b>Basketball Y7</b> Mr Churchill Gym	<b>Squad Basketball Y10-11</b> Mr Churchill Sports Hall
<b>After school</b>		<b>Netball Y7</b> Mrs White Gym	<b>Netball Y10-11</b> Mrs White Sports Hall	<b>Multi Sports Y7-11</b> Mr Nicholls Gym
<b>Dodgeball Y7-11</b> Mr Nicholls*Gym		<b>Squad Basketball Y8-9</b> Mr Nicholls Sports Hall	<b>Football Y8-9</b> Mr Williams Field	
<b>Squad Netball Y8-9</b> Mrs Van Der Bijl Netball Court/Sports Hall		<b>Football Y10</b> Mr Churchill Field	<b>Rugby Y9-10</b> Mr Nicholls Field	
<b>OCR Sports Science Catch Up Y10-11</b> Mr Churchill*E3		<b>Art Open Studio Y10-11</b> Miss Munn Art rooms Students must book places with their class teacher	<b>Rock and Pop Y7-11</b> Mr Sansom*MR2 Please see Mr Hackett if you are interested	
<b>Art Open Studio Y10-11</b> Miss Munn Art rooms Students must book places with their class teacher		<b>Orchestra Y7-11</b> Mr Hackett*MR2	<b>Choir Y7-8</b> Mr Hackett*MR1	
<b>Music Production Y7-11</b> Mr Homer MR2		<b>Guitar Club Y7-11</b> Mr Homer*MR1	<b>Science Club Y7-8</b> Science Staff*D2 Commences 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	
			<b>Art Open Studio Y10-11</b> Miss Munn Art rooms Students must book places with their class teacher	

**Key**

PE	Music
Science	Art
Drama	

After after school clubs are 3pm – 4pm. Please inform parents/carers that you will be attending.

PE Clubs – Students must ensure they bring the correct kit for their activity.

Students for PE clubs to meet outside Gym changing rooms for all clubs

Squad nights are for students who are representing the school teams



*Help feed local people in crisis*

**If you would like to donate non-perishable items, there will be a collection box in reception until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS**

UHT/POWDERED MILK  
 RICE PUDDING  
 TINNED FRUIT & FRUIT JUICE  
 TINNED VEGETABLES, TOMATOES & SOUP  
 TINNED MEAT  
 BISCUITS

**OTHER FOOD ITEMS NEEDED**

INSTANT COFFEE  
 JAM  
 COOKING OIL  
 FISH  
 SUGAR (500G)  
 SPONGE PUDDING (TINNED)





## Light Hall School KS3 Modern Foreign Language Christmas Poster Competition



Learn about Christmas traditions in different countries by taking part in our Christmas Poster Design competition!  
Research and design a poster which shows the Christmas traditions of another country.

**Entries to be submitted in French, German or Spanish to your language teacher.**

Each poster should be **no larger than a sheet of A3 paper** and must be completed by hand but any form of materials can be used – felt tips, paint, fabric etc.

**Deadline: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**



## December Kindness 2022

MONDAY



5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

TUESDAY



6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

WEDNESDAY



7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

THURSDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

FRIDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

SATURDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2023

SUNDAY

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST



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Leaving your home?

Use this handy checklist  
to ensure it is left safe  
and secure.

## THINK WIDE(N)

-  **WINDOWS LOCKED**
-  **INTERIOR LIGHTS ON A TIMER**
-  **DOORS DOUBLE OR DEADLOCKED**
-  **EXTERIOR LIGHTS ON A SENSOR**
-  **(NEIGHBOURS) KEEP AN EYE OUT**

### WINDOWS

- Are your windows closed and locked?
- Are your window sensors activated?
- Have you secured your garage and shed windows with locks?

### DOORS

- Is your front door double or deadlocked?
- Are all the doors to your home locked?
- Are your door keys kept out of sight (but to hand in case of emergency)?

### INTERIOR

- Are your inside lights on a switch timer or smart bulb with timer?
- Is your home alarm on?
- Are your valuable items such as jewellery, car keys, laptops, iPads, cash and phones out of sight?
- Are your chargers and cables for laptops/iPads out of view?
- Have you created a written and photographic record of any items of value (financial or sentimental)?

### EXTERIOR

- Are your outside lights on a sensor?
- Have you cut down tall hedges around the outside of your home?
- Is all packaging from expensive items i.e. laptops, tablets, phones, games consoles out of sight?
- Are your vehicles locked and valuables removed?
- Are your sheds, side gates, garages and outbuildings locked?
- Are items that can be used to break in, i.e. bricks, rubble, ladders, garden equipment put away?

### NEIGHBOURS

- If you are going away for a while, have you let your neighbours know?
- Have you joined your local Neighbourhood Watch group? [Find your local group here.](#)

Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity  
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For more advice visit  
[ourwatch.org.uk/burglary](http://ourwatch.org.uk/burglary)