

# Winston Churchill

## December 2020

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Weather Zone: 8

### Winter Safety

Students need to be dressed for the weather. Winter coats, hats, and gloves/mittens are safety needs for all students. For safety reasons scarves are discouraged. If worn, a scarf must be tucked inside the coat. Every year accidents happen on school playground equipment as bulky winter clothing and accessories like scarves get caught in equipment. For this reason, when weather is cold, playground equipment will be off limits.

It is important that snow stays on the ground. Throwing snowballs at school or at the bus stop is unacceptable. Reminding children of this will help keep the school day safe for everyone.

Also, please be sure that students have a pair of indoor shoes.

### Inclement Weather

As we experience winter weather conditions, it is important to understand the school board's policies regarding inclement weather. Our school is in Zone 8. If buses are cancelled in Zone 8, they will not pick up or drop off children. The school is open even when buses are cancelled, unless otherwise stated. On days when buses are cancelled, academic programming will continue as normal. If your child is not a bus student they are expected to be at school, and will be marked absent if they do not attend. If they are not able to attend, please contact the office at 519-352-8680, so that we know they are safe. Our phones are busier than normal on these days so feel free to leave a message. To get school bus information, please visit the following website: [cklass.ca](http://cklass.ca) or listen to CKSY (94.3 FM) or The Rock (95.1 FM) for any announcements as to bus cancellations or school closures.

### Attendance and Safe Arrival

#### **Automated safe arrival calls**

Effective December 8, Lambton Kent District School Board will be implementing an automated attendance messaging system for Winston Churchill. The system will notify parents/guardians if your child has been marked absent and the school has not been notified of the reason for the absence. To follow-up, we will contact the parent/guardian phone numbers and email addresses that we have on file and ask that you call the school to confirm the absence and provide the reason. You can help by ensuring that the school has your most updated contact information and by notifying the school office in advance if your child will be late or absent. Please note: School voicemail messages are checked regularly.

### Hot Lunch

Every student is being treated to a hot lunch on December 16 at noon. All students will have a choice of: Homemade macaroni and cheese or a turkey dinner (turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn and a dinner roll). The school will use fundraising money to pay for this lunch for everyone.

### Morning Supervision

Some students have been arriving at school too early. Please be aware that the school yard is unsupervised until 9:00 a.m. Please do not drop your children off before this time.

## Dates to Remember

- Dec. 1: Christmas Tree goes up
- Dec. 2 and 3: Make an ornament for the tree
- Dec. 4—Bulletin Board Decorating
- Dec. 8—Read a holiday book
- Dec. 9-- Play some board games
- Dec. 10—Mystery Holiday Reader
- Dec. 11—Show off your socks day!
- Dec. 14—Make A Christmas Hat/Hairband
- Dec. 15—Wear the Hat/Hairband
- Dec. 16—Red and Green Day
- Dec 16—Hot Lunch (Mac and Cheese or Turkey Dinner)
- Dec. 17—Christmas Sweater/Glitter Day
- Dec. 17--Sweater cookie design AND Christmas movie
- Dec. 18—PJ Day
- Dec. 18--Virtual Holiday Celebration

## Happy Holidays

The school will be closed for Christmas Holidays from December 21, 2020 to January 1, 2021.

On behalf of the staff, we wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Happy  
Holidays!

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