

HOLLY-DAYS AT HOME



A WARM WELCOME

This December there's fun to be had

We're excited for Christmas, feeling happy and glad

We're back once again with plenty to do

Lots of festive activities, made just for you!





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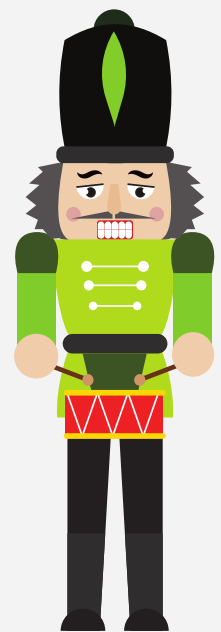
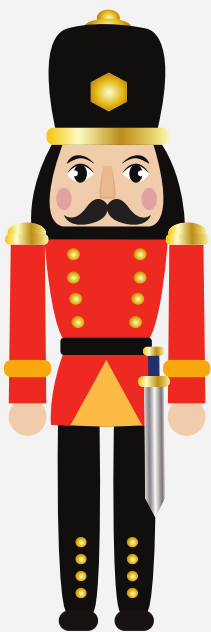
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ACTS OF KINDNESS ADVENT CALENDAR



<p>1</p> <p>Write your letter to Santa</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Say something kind to someone</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Make your bed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Tell someone you feel lucky to have them</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Make a tree decoration for someone</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Video call a relative</p>
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<p>19</p> <p>Write a kind letter to a friend</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Sing a Christmas carol to someone</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Write a thank you note to someone</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Paint a Christmas rock for someone to find</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pick up litter</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Choose an activity from this pack to do with someone</p>
<p>It's Christmas! Merry Christmas!</p>					





**Santa Claus
Santa's Grotto
Reindeerland
XM4 5HQ**

Dear Santa,

My name is _____

I am _____ years old

I live in _____

This year I promise I have been really good!

For Christmas I would really like:

**I promise to leave you and the reindeers
some snacks on Christmas Eve**

Love from,

FESTIVE FILMS

You'd be crackers to not try some of these festive films - with a mixture of new and classics to suit everyone!

1. The Grinch
2. Elf
3. Home Alone 1 & 2
4. Arthur Christmas
5. Nativity
6. The Polar Express
7. Miracle on 34th Street
8. Frozen
9. Klaus
10. Christmas Chronicles
11. Jingle Jangle
12. Jack Frost
13. The Santa Clause
14. Christmas with the Kranks
15. A Muppet's Christmas Carol
16. Jingle All the Way
17. The Snowman
18. Disney's A Christmas Carol
19. Shrek the Halls
20. Gremlins



FROSTY FUN

Merry musical statues

Get some tremendous tunes on (see our playlist on page 11 for help) and play merry musical statues.

Rules

- Dance when the music is playing
- Freeze when the music stops
- If you move when there is no music then you're out of the game!

Keep going until you have your winner - you can always do more rounds though!

Snowman bowling

Equipment

- Empty tissue boxes
- White paint and paint brush
- Orange and black card
- Black felt pen
- Glue stick

Instructions

Paint your tissue boxes white and leave to dry.

Once dry, stack them to create a snowman body.

Then using the card, cut out his carrot nose, some buttons, and a hat. Stick these on using the glue stick and add his eyes and mouth with the felt tip pen.

Then the fun can begin! 'Melt' your snowman with a ball - we recommend a small or sponge ball.



Oven mitts game

Wrap up a prize in multiple layers of Christmas wrapping paper, putting a little treat in each layer - warning the more sellotape the harder it will be!

Then put your oven mitts on and attempt to unwrap! You can do one each, or 'pass the parcel' style if you have multiple pairs of oven mitts.



Snowy scavenger hunt

Let's have some festive fun. Follow the clues to discover some hidden and tasty treats around your home.



Ready or not the hunt has begun.
Find the first treat where stockings are hung.

We all know Santa wears a bright suit in the colour red.
Now go look where you rest your head.



We think Christmas is the best time of the year.
Your next clue is where you might find a belly full of cheer.

Christmas is all about having family fun, for your next clue,
check where the teeth brushing is done.



Reindeer pull a sleigh, not a car, train, or boat.
You'll find the next clue in the pocket of your _ _ _ _

Don't give up, this last one is clear to see.
Simply go take a look under your Christmas tree.





CHRISTMAS COOKING

Reindeer Cake Pops

Ingredients

- 50g softened butter
- 80g icing sugar
- 150g madeira sponge
- 2 tsp milk
- a few drops of vanilla extract
- 75g milk chocolate
- 8 red M&M's, black writing icing pen, large pretzels to decorate

Method

1. Add the butter, icing sugar, milk and vanilla into a mixing bowl. Whisk until light and fluffy.

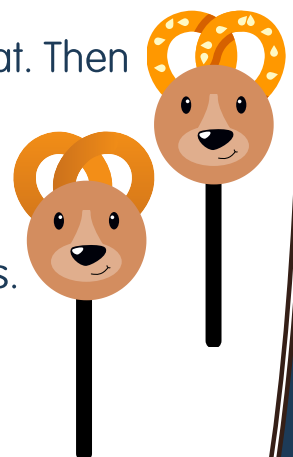
2. Crumble the madeira cake into the icing. Mix until well coated. Shape into 8 balls, then insert a pop stick into the middle of each ball. Chill for 30 minutes.

3. Melt the chocolate into a bowl over a pan of simmering water until runny.

4. Dip each cake pop into the melted chocolate to coat. Then stick upright (a potato or polystyrene works well) and put one M&M in the middle to make a nose.

5. Cut the pretzels in half and add to make the antlers. Make eyes and a mouth with the black icing pen.

6. Leave to set in a cool place until firm.



Gingerbread



Ingredients

- 375g plain flour
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 3 tsps ground ginger
- 120g unsalted butter (cold & cubed)
- 175g light brown sugar
- 5 tbsps golden syrup
- 1 large egg

Method

1. Preheat your oven to 190C/180C fan and line 3-4 baking trays with greaseproof paper (or you can do it in two batches).

2. Add the flour, bicarbonate of soda, ginger, and cubed butter to a large bowl. Rub together with your fingers until it resembles breadcrumbs.

3. Mix the sugar into the mix and combine, and then add the golden syrup and egg. Beat with a spatula until it is a smooth dough.

4. Knead the biscuit dough, and then roll the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface.

5. Roll it out to 1/2cm thickness and cut out your desired shapes.

6. Place them on the lined baking trays and bake in the oven for 10-11 minutes, cool on a wire rack fully, and then decorate how you please!





PARTY PLAYLIST

Scan this code on your phone to head to Spotify and enjoy DJ Kringle's holly jolly Christmas party!





DECK THE HALLS



We wouldn't be Wakefield without our lovely residents, so this year we're asking YOU to help us make sure the district is all set for Christmas 2020.

We all need a little something to cheer us up at the moment, so get those Christmas jumpers on and go wild with trimming up your houses.

We want to see the finished product – tag us in your pictures on social media using #LightUp



Shake it like a pole-roid picture



#LIGHTUP

2020 has been challenging for us all, but we're not letting this dampen our Christmas spirit.

We're still lighting up our district, just a little differently.

Our Christmas fairies have been adding some sparkle to some of our gorgeous streets, buildings and town centres.

Keep your eyes peeled on our social media channels to spot them.

 @EventsInWakefield

 @MyWakefield

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CANDY CANE CRAFTS

Salt Dough Decorations

Ingredients

- 1 cup of plain flour (roughly 250g)
- Half a cup of salt (roughly 125g)
- Half a cup of water (125ml)

Equipment

- Ribbon or twine
- Paints or glitter to decorate

Method

1. Preheat the oven to the lowest setting. Pour the salt and flour into a large bowl and mix. Add the water until the mixture comes together into a clean ball.
2. Roll out the dough to around 1-2cm thickness and then cut out your seasonal shapes. Think festive! They could be candy canes, bells, holly, snowmen, stockings, or just classic baubles.
3. Use the end of a paintbrush to make a hole at the top of your shapes. Give it a little wiggle to make sure its the right size as they'll swell slightly in the oven - and you need to fit your ribbon or twine through!
4. Place your shapes on a baking tray and cook on the lowest setting for 3 hours or until solid. Leave to cool.
5. Once cool decorate how you would like with poster paints and glitter. Then simply thread some ribbon or twine through the hole and tie the ends together to finish.