

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Mon 17th Sept
Clubs start

Tues 18th Sept

Parent's
Information
Evening
4:30pm - 5:00pm
Y5 & 6
5:00pm - 5:30pm
Y3 & 4

Wed 19th Sept

1:30pm
Great British
Bakeoff



Headteacher's Message



Welcome back! What a lovely start we've had to the new school year. I am so impressed with how well all the children are coming in to school and how well they have settled into their new classes. Our new Year 3 children are amazing! No fuss...not even on day one! Well done everyone. You all look really smart in your uniforms and I am so pleased to see you after the summer. Keep up the excellent work! ☺

'Great St. Andrew's Bake Off'

On **Wednesday 19th September** the children who have participated in the Archbishop of York Award are hosting a 'Great St. Andrew's Bake Off' in school.

This will start at 1.30pm and last until 3.15pm.

There will be two awards presented; one for the best cake made by a child and one for the best cake by an adult.

The children will be serving cake, tea, coffee and juice to members of our local community who help our school. Parents are welcome to attend.

All cakes that are entered for the competition, after being judged, will be sold per slice to raise money for "Stand up to Cancer".



Sweets

Since the start of term we have had a small number of children coming to school with sweets that they have bought from the local shop on their way to school. Please can parents/carers remind children sweets are not allowed in school and they need to start the day with a healthy breakfast. Thank you for your co-operation.



First Aid

We have qualified first aiders in school at all times including a dedicated first aider at lunchtime. All bumps to the head are reported to parents via text. Please make sure that your child knows that if they bump their head at school they must let a member of staff know immediately. More minor incidents are dealt with by a first aider but we do not send a text about these.





*Dear God,
Thank you for the gift of
education in every form.*

*As our children prepare to
start a new year may
confidence be their
foundation, may grace be
their guide and may hope
be their compass towards
a bright future.*

*I pray they would have
eyes to see the needs of
those around them and a
heart to love well.*

*May they face each day
with positivity knowing
that no matter what
comes their way, they do
not have to face it alone.
Amen.*

School Dinners

Reminder that school dinners are now £2.20 a day.

Music Lessons

If you are interested in your child having music lessons during the school day please visit www.calderdalemusictrust.org.uk for more information and to book them a place.

Absence from School

In line with our policy please can parents ensure that they contact us by 9:10am if your child is going to be absent from school. Contact has to be made EVERY day your child is absent. You can call, leave a voicemail, text or even email office@standrews.calderdale.sch.uk at any time to inform us.

We do require an update and medical evidence (i.e. prescription, appointment card or GP text) on the third day of absence. After the third day a home visit may be necessary or we may need to speak to the child on the phone if we have concerns.

The EWO (Education Welfare Office) may also carry out a home visit.



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Our Friends have helped to raise over £4000 last year from the events they organised including the Film Night, Christmas and Summer Fairs, discos, Mother and Father's Day stalls and the Northowram Burner. This money will go towards buying a defibrillator for the community, buying study guides for pupils, contributing towards school trips and buying new equipment for the playground and breakfast club...the list goes on! Without their continued support many of these things would not be possible. Thank you to our Friends and to all our parents who contribute in so many ways to make sure these events can be a success. If you are interested in getting involved in any way please contact the school office.



Year 6

Children in Year 6 are invited to attend the church band on a Tuesday evening if they would like to be one of their vocalists. The group meets every Tuesday 7:00pm - 7:45pm at St. Martin's Church. More information can be found by contacting Rev. Paul on paulwebb@gmail.com or alternatively on 01484 721689. We ask that parents initially attend this club with their child, just until they are settled in.



School Photographs

All orders for school photographs must be with us no later than Friday 21st September. Any late order must be sent direct to Tempest and will incur a £5.00 postage fee.

SAY CHEESE!

**Once A Week - Take a peek!**

Just a reminder to please check your child's hair weekly for little visitors! Thank you.

DON'T FORGET

School Day

Our school day starts at 8:50am and we expect all children to be in the playground and ready to line up with the rest of the class at this time. If your child's classroom door is closed when you arrive (after the bell has gone) please send them to the Main Office to get their mark. We monitor punctuality weekly.



The Government has chosen to back the decision of local authorities who have decided to fine parents whose children are persistently late to registration. Please bear in mind, as a school, we are obliged to report persistent lateness to the EWO.

Immunisations

This week we have sent home immunisation forms for years 3, 4 and 5. Please complete these and return to school ASAP. Thank you.

**Tuck Shop**

Children can buy items at morning break every day. We stock a variety of items including:

- Cheese 30p
- Yoghurt 25p
- Raisins 20p
- Apples 20p

**Curriculum Letter**

We have sent home Curriculum letters that show the Autumn term over-view. These are available on our website but should you require any further information please see your child's teacher at our Information Evening on Tuesday 18th September.

**We keep our children safe...**

...by asking parents/carers **NOT** to take photographs of the children whilst they are on school premises.

Children that attend any school are sometimes in care and need safeguarding from certain individuals.

Children and their families may have moved to escape certain situations and do not want to be found. Please help support the school in safeguarding all our children. Thank you for your continued support.

