

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Tues 9th July
SPORTS DAY

(weather permitting!)

End of Year Disco
Y3 - 5
5.30 - 6.45pm

Fri 12th July
Reports home

Activity clubs finish

Mon 15th July
Y6 End of Year
Production

Tues 16th July
Parents Consultation
Evening - (drop in)

Y6 Leavers Assembly
St Martins Church
1.00pm
Y6 parents welcome

Wed 17th July
Y6 trip to Pregos

Thurs 18th July
Y6 Leavers' Party 6.30
- 8.00pm

Friday 19th July
Always Assembly
2.45pm

Last day of school!

Headteacher's Message

I always approach this time of year with mixed feelings...excitement about having our Year 2 children here and watching all the pupils growing up, sadness at knowing we'll be saying goodbye to our Year 6. That said, we've had a delightful couple of transition days this week. I am so proud of all the children (and staff) who have been such great ambassadors for our school. They have met the challenge with a positive attitude and a growth mindset. Well done everyone!

Year 3 have a wild time

This week our Year 3 children have been on a trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. The sun shone and the children had a fabulous time learning about all the animals. They particularly enjoyed watching the male polar bears play fighting and splashing around in the water!

Victor the polar bear ☺



Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Fair this year and to all the parents/carers who helped with the setting up and cleaning up, we couldn't do it without you.

We raised over £630!

We still have some unclaimed raffle prizes:

Yellow tickets 12, 55, 81, 97 and 131

If you are a winner please visit the office as soon as possible to claim your prize.



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*Dear God,
Today don't let me lose
my joy, my peace, my
mind or my focus in
Jesus' name.
Amen.*

St Andrew's Got Talent!

St Andrew's Got Talent 2019 was a great success! From the auditions all the way to the final, we had bundles of talent that brought a great smile to our faces. This year's winners were Mia and Angharad - congratulations to these two amazing acts!



An **URGENT** Message

Please ensure that payments for dinners, Kids Club and Breakfast Club are up to date before we break up for the summer holidays.

Please make sure you have completed your booking forms for Kids Club and Breakfast Club for September as well - thank you.

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle with them in school and a sun hat and sun cream if needed.



Book of the Year

Ten children from Year 5 visited Halifax Town Hall for the Calderdale Book of the Year event. Prior to the visit, the children had read and written reviews on four books. At the Town Hall, they took part in workshops by the four authors and were asked to vote on their favourite book out of the four. The winner of the Calderdale Book of the Year was Liz Flanagan for her book Dragon Daughter. A number of children won awards for their reviews and were given a signed copy of the book.

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at helping children aged 4 - 12 keep up their reading skills and confidence during the six week holiday. This year's challenge takes place in space, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing. The Space Chase will run from Saturday 13th July until Saturday 14th September in all 21 libraries in Calderdale with activities, incentives and events. The challenge is designed for children aged 4-12 but older children can take part in the challenge if they wish. To complete the challenge children must read SIX library books. When they have completed the challenge they will receive a certificate and a Sticky Thrower.

Every child who completes the challenge will be invited to a special medal winners' ceremony to celebrate their achievement. They will be presented with their medal and get the opportunity to see a performance by poet, Conrad Burdekin at Brighthouse Civic Theatre in October half term.

**You are invited to the St Martin's Church FAMILY PICNIC Sunday 7th July
St Andrew's Junior School Field 12 noon - 2.30pm**

Just bring your own picnic, blanket, refreshments and enjoy a fun family afternoon with games, races and hopefully some sunshine!

We would love for you to join our Church service (with Children's Church) 10.45am - 11.45am before the picnic as well.

Family Learning Events

Thank you to all our parents and grandparents who joined us for our last Family Learning event of the school year. We all had great fun making sea creatures out of plastic waste. All our sessions are free and open to all year groups to come along with an adult and have fun making a variety of wonderful crafts. More sessions will be advertised in September.



School Uniform

It is getting close to the end of the school year but please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform at all times:

Navy jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt (not hooded) - with the school badge.

White shirt/blouse or white polo shirt - with or without the school badge.

Grey trousers (long or short), grey skirt or pinafore.

Summer alternative - blue and white checked dress.

Sensible black shoes - no trainers.

Transition events

Year 6 have enjoyed a variety of transition activities at Brighthouse High School this week. On Tuesday, they took part in the Four Nations event at the Sixth Form, representing Scotland. They chose to present a dance, Scottish shortbread and a quiz alongside information about St Andrew and our link to Scotland. Everyone agreed they had an interesting day meeting new friends.

On Wednesday, they went to Brighthouse High School again to take part in the transition sports day. The children all showed a fantastic, sportsmanlike attitude and had great fun taking part in all the activities. At the end of the day, they were awarded certificates for coming second in a very close competition.

Today, they have visited their chosen high school for a real taste of lessons and high school life. All the children are very excited and we can't wait to hear all about it on Monday.

We keep our children safe by...

To keep all of our pupils safe we would like to remind parents that we **DO NOT** allow parents to film or photograph events. **We ask that parents do not use their mobile phone whilst in school.** Parents may be asked to leave events such as whole school worship and celebrations if they break these rules. We take the safeguarding of all our pupils seriously and ask for your continued support with this.

We would also ask you to remind your child that if they are bringing their mobile phone to school they must **NOT** use it in the school playground and **MUST** hand it to their teacher for safe keeping as soon as they arrive in school.



Thank you for your continued support.