St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter

Newsletter 27th September 2019 Issue 2 Head Teacher: Mrs K. Smith admin@standrews.calderdale.sch.uk



Diary Dates

Wed 2nd Oct Harvest Assembly at St Martin's Church 1.30pm

Parents welcome

Thurs 10th Oct Family Learning Autumn Crafts for Y3 families 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Wed 16th Oct
Parents Consultation
Evening
2.00pm - 5.30pm

A reminder to our Year 6 parents that the deadline for applying for a 2020 secondary school place is Thursday 31st October.

If anyone is having difficulty applying please contact school as soon as possible and we can arrange for you to meet with our Senior Learning Mentor who will support you through the process.

Headteacher's Message

Our Christian value this half term is Thankfulness. The children and I have been talking about the people in our lives that we are thankful for. We have been reflecting on ways in which we can help each other. We agreed that it is important to take some time each day to be thankful for all the blessings in our lives. Thanks to all of you for your continued support and kindness.

Running all the way to Tokyo

This year we have challenged the children to run to Tokyo! To celebrate the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games we are aiming to collectively run 5844 miles which is the distance from Brighouse to Tokyo. We will be using our Daily Mile track to count the miles: (5 laps of our track = 1 mile). Let's see how many miles we can run in a day! The class that runs the most miles each week will be presented with the Daily Mile Challenge trophy in Golden Book Assembly.



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place at St Martin's Church on Wednesday 2nd
October at 1.30pm. Everyone welcome!

This year for our harvest appeal we are asking for donations for the Brighouse food bank which provides much needed support in the local area. The food bank would like to give every food bank user a treat for harvest so have asked for donations of biscuits which are a luxury their users cannot afford to buy. All donations of tinned or packet food are also welcome but they have also asked specifically for the following items: cans of meat, microwave rice, blue UHT milk, toilet rolls, toothpaste, body and hair wash, deodorant and feminine products. These donations can be brought into school w/c 30th September. Please do not bring donations to the church. Thank you.



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Dear Lord,
use my eyes to see new
friends, open my ears
to hear my teacher,
open my mind to learn
new things.
Let my heart remember
you are near when I'm
afraid.
Help me to love others
like you do.
I want to shine your
light so bright in my
school.

Amen.

Friends Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who came along to our first meeting of the year. It was lovely to welcome some new faces! This year we will be fundraising to help pay for picnic benches to go in the newly renovated courtyard area in the middle of school. This will mean that in the nice weather the children can sit and eat their dinner outdoors. We will also help with the re-development of the garden area at the bottom of the Trim Trail. Our next meeting will be on 11th November - please come along!



A polite reminder

The school office is open from 8.15am to 4.30pm.

Outside of these times please leave payments / reply slips in the postbox underneath the office window.

Thank you!



We keep our children safe...

...by asking parents to ensure that we have the correct contact details and medical details for your child.

Please make sure you tell us if you change your phone number or address. We also need contact details on file for anyone who may collect your child, - this includes private nurseries and childminders so that we can contact them if needed

If your child has asthma or other medical condition we will be sending home new Care Plans to ensure we have all the necessary information to support your child. Please help us by completing and returning these forms to us as soon as possible.

Hair bands

We ask that your child does not wear "cat ear" hairbands or large bows in their hair to school. Please save these hair accessories for the weekend.

Family Learning

Our next Family Learning session will be on Thursday 10th October. This is designed as an introduction to the Junior school and is just open to our Year 3 families. The theme is the Stone Age and we will be making a woolly mammoth! Please contact the school office to book a place.

The next session will be a Christmas crafts session on Thursday 5^{th} December which is open to all families.

Epilepsy Action

Halifax Fun Day for families with children who have epilepsy

Saturday 12th October 10.00am - 3.30pm

At Eureka Childrens' Museum, Halifax Call 0113 210 8781 for more information or to book places

Adoption Support Group

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st October 7.30 - 9.00pm

at Café 139 Huddersfield Road, Brighouse