

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Happy New Year everyone!
We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas holiday.

Diary Dates

Fri 24th January
Firefighter used clothing collection.

Please bring your donations to the main entrance at the start of the school day.

Tues 28th January

3.30pm - 5.00pm

**Messy Church
Christingle at
St Martin's Church**

Come and join in with crafts, games and yummy treats in the café!

Please book a place via the school office.



Thurs 30th January

6.00pm

Robinwood 2020

information meeting

Come along to find out more about this exciting residential trip for our Year 5 pupils.

We are so proud of our school choir who gave another amazing performance at Young Voices this week. Thanks go to Miss Riley for organising the event and leading the choir and to all the staff who gave up their time to support the children.

Young Voices

On Tuesday the St Andrew's Choir travelled to Sheffield Arena to take part in the 2020 Young Voices Concert. They have spent months learning the songs and dance routines and it took a lot of hard work and dedication to be ready for the performance. The children were amazing, singing their hearts out and dancing all day and night. Special guests included Tony Hadley and The Voice star Ruti - the children were lucky enough to get to share the stage with them in several songs. The choir arrived back at school exhausted but happy after an exciting day. All the children behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.





Lord,

*Give me patience and faith,
with you and in you, all things
are possible.*

Amen

Wrap up warm

It is obviously very cold at the moment and we try to let the children play out as much as possible as long as it is safe. Therefore clothing and footwear should be appropriate for both school and the expected weather conditions.



School Attendance



Whole school attendance
so far this term is

96.8 %

We keep our children safe...

by working with the NSPCC.

The NSPCC is visiting our school on Monday 27th January to deliver their Speak out, Stay safe programme. This is a nationwide programme designed to give children the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they will be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

Their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe. programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools.



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Inspire Centre
Calderdale College
Francis Street
Halifax, HX1 3UZ
Thursday 6th February 2020
10am - 2pm
Hot Lunch & Refreshments
provided

Family Voice is the parent carer forum for parents of children with disabilities in Calderdale. Come along to the annual conference to have your say in how services are delivered.

OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES

This half term we will be focusing on the value of **PEACE**. We hope your family will find the ideas on the attached worksheet helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.



Reading Information for Parents

How much will my child read during the school day?

According to research, children who read at least 20 minutes a day with a 90% comprehension rate (average percentage correct) on Accelerated Reader quizzes see the greatest gains. Therefore, your child will have at least 20 minutes set aside for reading during each school day. This may be when they are reading their class text or when they are reading their independent book. Ensuring your child is in school on time will give them opportunities to read regularly.

How can I help my child become a better reader?

As with anything, performance improves with practice. Encourage your child to read at home. Create a culture of reading in your household by reading with your child, starting a home library, visiting your local library or bookshop on a regular basis, letting your child see you reading and discussing books that each of you have read. When reading with your child, stop and ask questions to be sure your child is comprehending what is read. Reading with your child, no matter what the child's age, is an important part of developing a good reader, building a lifelong love of reading and learning and creating a loving relationship between you and your child. Make learning a family affair!

What if my child does not like reading?

Using Accelerated Reader, your child will choose the books he/she wants to read. The teacher will make certain the book is at the right level so that after completing the book, your child should do well on the Accelerated Reader Reading Practice Quiz. Success on the quiz will encourage your child to read more.

Don't forget to add your comments regarding how and what your child has read in their planner. These are a great way of communicating successes and areas to develop between home and school.

Each class competes weekly to achieve the most engaged reading time. Our school target is to ensure that each child has an engaged reading time of 20 minutes per day. The winning class is celebrated in Golden Book. When your child has an engaged reading time of 20 minutes per day, their name is displayed outside the library for the week. Help them to get into the Hall of Fame!

