

St. Andrew's Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message



Firstly, I want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and we are looking forward to when we can all be together again. Our schools remain closed; we will continue to follow the advice from the Government as it emerges. Keep checking the Home Learning sections on our websites. They have lots of ideas for things that you can do and make at home. We have important safeguarding information on here, read it carefully; I really want you to check what the children are accessing from their devices. Children need to be safe online in addition to staying safe by following Government guidelines. Remember that we are open every school day, providing emergency childcare for key workers from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday. You can contact us at the Junior School on 01484 712895 or email or text either school if you have any questions or concerns. Keep washing your hands everyone and we'll see you all soon 😊

Home Learning

As we enter the summer term of the school year, we would like to thank parents for their continued efforts with their child's home learning. Lots of the work which has been submitted has been done to a high standard which is incredible in these difficult times. I hope that you are all managing to access the home learning work teachers have set. Teachers have set up individual logins for all pupils on Google Classroom. Children can see the work which has been set, submit their work and comment too. Teachers can reply to their comments and comment on any work which has been submitted.

The Home Learning section on the school websites provide lots of useful websites for pupils to access:

Juniors: <https://standrews.calderdale.sch.uk/home-learning/>.

Infants: <https://st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk/learning-at-home/>

We are updating the sites regularly so please do keep an eye on these. We have found that the Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize lessons are particularly useful. Children can continue to complete quizzes on any books they have read at home through Accelerated Reader. Teachers have been really impressed with the number of pupils completing quizzes as we continue to monitor this weekly.

We appreciate that many pupils won't have regular access to a computer or the internet and we encourage pupils to continue to study at home using the CGP study books provided. Children in Years 3-5 can also use the Abacus Textbooks to help with learning in maths and write their answers in the blank exercise books provided. Please do not write inside the Abacus Textbooks as these will need returning to school once we re-open. Teachers have set work which we hope can be accessed by a range of abilities. Please let school know if your child is unable to access the work sent home; whether this is the online work or work on paper which has been provided.

We appreciate that some families have work commitments which must be prioritised daily before home learning can take place. Of course, lots of exciting experiences can take place at home during this time away from typical school learning such as; building a den, riding a bike, going for walks through the woods or learning new crafts such as sewing for example. All of these are beneficial and bring lots of enjoyment for children.

Please know that we are working with you, hand in hand, and will support you in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require more support.



Dear God,

Please give me the strength to endure this situation, and to find the blessings and lessons that it contains.

Please give me the endurance to continue ahead.

Please guide my thoughts, words and actions, so that I walk your path of peace and love.

Amen

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?								
If you need to cough or sneeze   			You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser     					
 Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands			 Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles			 If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels		

Food Bank

A huge thank you to Brighthouse Central Foodbank and members of St. Martin's Church who have been incredibly supportive with many of our families during these difficult times. Many families and staff have been incredibly generous with their donations of food and toiletries and we could not have helped the families we have without your continued support.

We have supplied many families with food parcels and will continue to support as many families as we can. Please do get in touch with school if you and your family have been directly affected by Covid-19 and are in need of a food parcel and we will continue to support in any way possible.

We have recently seen a surge in pupils accessing the App Tik Tok and with this comes some safeguarding concerns. May we remind parents that this App has an age restriction of 13 years old and anyone under the age of 18 must have approval of a parent or guardian. Please supervise your children whilst they use electronic devices to ensure that such Apps are not installed.

Online safeguarding support

<https://www.childline.org.uk/kids>

This is a website specifically for children under 12 year olds. Childline Kids allows younger children to access child friendly advice covering a wide range of topics, such as bullying, self-esteem and staying safe. The site also features games, videos and friendly illustrations, providing a fun, reassuring and safe space for children online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

A website for children aged 4 years to 14+. Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.

Support available

Childline 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk
(Telephone or online contact)

Open Minds www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk
(Emotional health and wellbeing service)

Time Out 01422 345154
www.timeoutcalderdale.co.uk (Mental Health charity - Range of activities 10-19 yrs)

Kooth www.kooth.com (young person online counselling service)

Time 2 Talk 01422 363845 www.relatepkc.org.uk
(confidential counselling service 10-24 yrs)

Barnardos 07867 644696
www.barnardos.org.uk/lgbtq (Positive identities support service)