

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

It has been so lovely to welcome more children back to school in these recent weeks. We are really looking forward to September and hoping that all our children will be back with us then. These are challenging times for everyone and I want to thank you all for your patience, support and understanding.

Those of you who are still home learning now have additional resources to help. Children here in school are following Oak Academy lessons which you have access to at home if you have digital devices. I want to reiterate that there is no expectation on how much/little home learning you do. Please do what feels right for your child(ren)/family. These are stressful times so don't add further pressure to your households worrying about home learning. We will pick up the pieces in September, we will find the gaps and we will move the children forward.

If you haven't already, before the end of term, you will receive phone calls from school. We want to check in with you all and see that things are okay. If you do need to talk to someone, you don't have to wait, you can contact school and speak to staff who will help in any way that they can.

Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers and I look forward to a time when we can all be together again soon. 😊

Time to Say Goodbye to Year 6



We are inviting ALL our Year 6 children to come to school on the last day of term so that we can spend time with them and say 'goodbye' to them properly. We will keep children in their 'bubbles' but are planning a day of fun activities. Weather permitting we will spend most of the day outside, playing games, having a picnic, spending time together. A picnic lunch will also be provided by school.

Please note that on Friday 17th July we will be open to YEAR 6 PUPILS ONLY. There will be NO KEY WORKER PROVISION or ability to accommodate any other children in school on this day.

Home Learning

The Oak Academy website provides daily lessons for pupils across our Key Stage and we have found them to be incredibly useful. We know that BBC Bitesize is also useful and would encourage parents to use these lessons too. If your child is at home, you will have been receiving phone calls from staff in school. Please let them know if more support is required. Class teachers and Teaching Assistants update Google Classroom daily and can be contacted via this website. Work is set and pupils can comment on their work, ask for help under the set work and receive comments from staff too. Please note that in order for our staff to communicate via Google Classroom, work does need to be submitted.

2020/2021 Classes

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold our usual transition days as we have done in the past. However, staff are busy preparing transition information for your children to help them to get to know more about their class and the adults they'll be working with. When this information is available, we will put it on the school website and inform parents.

Current Class 2019-2020	Current Teacher 2019-2020	Class Next Year 2020-2021	Teacher Next Year 2020-2021
Class 6 (Infants)	Miss King	Australia	Miss Mason
Class 5 (Infants)	Mrs Hainsworth	Ireland	Miss Armitage
Ireland	Miss Armitage	Canada	Mr Lyons
Australia	Miss Mason	Italy	Mr Johnson
Canada	Mr Lyons	Germany	Miss Haley
Italy	Mr Johnson	France	Miss Holt
Germany	Miss Haley	USA	Miss Riley
France	Miss Holt	India	Miss Barker

ALL 'BUBBLES' ARE NOW FULL

Following Government guidelines, we have now allocated all available places in our 'bubbles' in school. Under the current measures, we are unable to accommodate any more children in school, including children of key workers.



Second Hand Uniform Sale

We have lots of second hand uniform available for families. We will send out a text (in the next couple of weeks) telling you when the stall is ready. Any donations will be gratefully received and put into our St. Andrew's fund for all the children.



Library Books and Abacus Text Books

We are missing LOTS of library books as we had to close so quickly. Please would you have a good look round at home and return any you find to school.

Please can you also return the Abacus text books by the end of term. These were given to all year 3, 4 & 5 children in their home schooling packs.

Books can be left in the boxes inside the main entrance.



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

Breakfast Club and Kids Club Places for 2020/2021

We are anticipating that the clubs will re-open at the start of the new school year however under the present circumstances this cannot be guaranteed. If your child attended our Breakfast Club and/or Kids Club this year we will automatically book your child/children a place from September.

We appreciate parents may not know their requirements for the new school year. Don't worry, bookings can still be changed or cancelled by contacting the school office.

Food Bank

We continue to work closely with Brighthouse Food Bank and would like to remind our families that there is support available. We know that no child should go without food and if you feel you would like a food parcel from Brighthouse Foodbank, **please contact school by Wednesday at 10am for a food parcel on the Friday of the same week. Food parcels will need to be collected from Brighthouse Food Bank (next to the Methodist Church, opposite Wilkos) at lunchtime on the Friday.** Please ask for support via school rather than going directly to the food bank. If you need support with this, do not hesitate to get in touch. We understand that many families are facing hardship and we want to be able to support you.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. Please see our website (in the governors section) for more information and details on how to apply.

Puberty talks

During this term, children in Years 5 and 6 would normally have participated in talks around puberty and sex education. To help with this, we would like to ask pupils in Year 5 and 6 to look at the website <https://bettyforschools.co.uk/resources>.

This website will help children to understand more about periods and is set out in a child-friendly way. Please visit the site with your child and help them to have a greater understanding. Pupils in Year 6 next year will have more work on this but we feel some additional home learning will be beneficial.

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)