

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Fri 23rd Oct
**SCHOOL CLOSSES
FOR HALF TERM**



Mon 2nd Nov
**BACK TO
SCHOOL!**

Wed 5th Nov
Nasal Flu
Immunisations

Fri 13th Nov
Children in Need
Day

Fri 27th Nov
Non Uniform Day -
Donations for the
Christmas Raffle

Headteacher's Message

As you know, we always put the children at the heart of our decision-making. In these strange times, we are guided by advice from Public Health Calderdale. Going forward, there may be times when staff have to isolate due to Track and Trace.

In a case like this, the children would be safe to remain in school. We always endeavour to maintain consistency for our children and where possible, if a teacher is not here, we will, **where we can**, use other school staff (Higher Level Teaching Assistants) to teach the children. The benefits to this are that they know the children and the school and can provide consistency.

A reminder to **have your childcare plans in place**. If we have to close a bubble (year group) we will have very little notice before we have to send children home for 14 days to isolate.

Thank you for all your support. Your positive comments mean a lot to us and help us in these challenging times. You are integral to our success and by following the COVID rules we continue to keep ourselves and each other safe. I am proud to be part of our community.

Remember: **HANDS-FACE-SPACE!** 😊

Christmas Raffle



Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions the Friends of St Andrew's will be unable to hold their Christmas Fair in school this year. Instead they are planning a Christmas hamper raffle.

On Friday 27th November, we will be having a non-uniform day and we would be grateful if parents could send donations of any of the following items for the

Christmas hampers: -

Chocolates, sweets, toiletries & alcohol.

Alcohol must be left by an adult in the box provided outside the school office.

**IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

If your child or anyone in your household tests positive for Coronavirus after school closes for this half-term, parents **MUST** notify school by text. This is because we will need to advise other parents and Public Health England. We will also contact you to advise you when your child can return to school.



*God wants me to be myself
For He created me this way,
And since God made me who I am,
Myself I'm quite content to stay.*

*In His eyes I'm good enough -
It matters not what others say;
I need not act as if I'm tough
Or copy other children's ways.*

*Though I am still young and small
In Jesus Christ I'm strong and tall;*

*So when people look at me
May it be God's own Son they see.*

Amen

**We keep our children safe...
by reminding our parents and
children about firework safety.**

Remember that the safest place to enjoy fireworks is at an organised public display but this year there may be more in our own gardens. Children should be supervised and kept at a safe distance.



Did you know that sparklers get five times hotter than cooking oil? Always light sparklers one at a time and make sure your child wears gloves. They should never be given to a child under 5.

Thank you



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Collection.

PE Kits

Please can we remind parents what the children should be wearing on PE days.
White t-shirt (with or without school badge)

Navy shorts or PE skirt (indoor PE)

Dark jogging bottoms or leggings and dark jumper (outdoor PE)- no logos

Trainers and/or pumps

It is important that they are wearing the correct uniform even on PE days.

A great success!



Thank you to all the families who ordered the Christmas cards earlier this month. We raised over £400 for the Friends of St. Andrew's.

Pre-loved uniform

We have lots of spare pre-loved uniform available. Please let the office or your child's class teacher know if you need any uniform and the age you require. There will be no charge for this as we want to make sure all our pupils have the uniform they need.

Polite Reminder

Please can we remind parents that **only 1 adult** should drop off or collect children from school. This is to minimise the amount of people around school at these busy times.

We also ask that parents do not drop off or collect children other than their own to avoid adults and children mixing with other households.

Tangles

We seem to be having a lot of children bringing tangles in to school from home. They are using them in the classroom and they are becoming more of a distraction than a concentration aid.

Children must not bring tangles in to school. If we feel a child would benefit from one we will provide one in school.



Children in Need Day



This year we are supporting the charity by asking children to bring in a **£1 donation** and in return all children will be given a **special Pudsey biscuit** made by Mrs Sullivan. It is **NOT a non-uniform day** as we will be having one later in the month for the Christmas raffle donations.

Thank you for your support.