

# St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter

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## Diary Dates

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
Non-Uniform Day  
**Donations for the**  
**Christmas raffle - see**  
**article**

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Christmas Jumper Day  
  
Christmas Raffle

**Weds 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Dinner Day



## Headteacher's Message

**Promoting Excellence in a Caring, Christian Community** is our Vision statement. We are all teaching our children to be respectful, kind and caring. We received a message last week to say that an adult had been rude and aggressive to one of the lollipop crossing patrols at the end of the school day. The gentleman was helping some of our children to cross the road and someone, in a car, swore at him. This was very upsetting for the children who witnessed it and I dearly hope that this was not one of OUR school community. These are challenging times for everyone and we need to show compassion to others.

I said back in September (25-09-20) that we were monitoring the start and end of each day and that we would decide whether it would be wise for adults to wear a face covering on school premises. With cases rising in Calderdale and the difficulty we sometimes have remembering to keep our distance from each other, I decided that time had arrived on 10-11-20. You will notice that staff too are now wearing a face covering when they welcome the children each morning and see them out at the end of the day. For the **safety of everyone** please remember to **wear your face covering** and **keep your distance** from other families and staff.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. You are an integral part of the success that we are having. Stay safe and remember:

## HANDS-FACE-SPACE 😊

### Sunday Church Service

As many of you are aware, St. Martin's Church hold a Sunday service each week via Zoom.

Everybody is welcome. This is a great opportunity for you to meet new people in the local area and get support from the church.

Please see the church website for more information.

<http://www.stmartinsbrighthouse.org.uk/>



### Thank You

A massive thank you for all your donations to our Children in Need collection. We raised a fabulous

**£186.00 !**

All the children enjoyed a delicious Pudsey Bear biscuit made by our very tired cook Mrs Sullivan who spent many days baking and icing over 200 of them!





*Thank you God for this new day, in my school to work and pray.  
Please be with me all day long, in every story, game and song.  
May all the happy things we do, make you, Our Father, happy too!*

Amen

**We keep our children safe...**

...by asking parents to ensure their contact details are up to date. It is very important that we can contact you at any time especially if your child is unwell or if we have to close a bubble at short notice.



**Library Books**

Our library is looking rather low on books at the moment. Please have a look at home and see if you have any school library books which need returning.



If you have any books in a good condition which you would like to donate to our school library, please bring them in as well. We really appreciate your support with this as we aim to keep our library updated.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS**

**If a child receives a positive test result for COVID-19 over the weekend or during an evening, parents must text school immediately.**

Our text service is monitored regularly by the office staff. If we have to close a bubble we can then make the necessary arrangements before other children come in to school.

**Golden Book Assembly**

COVID-19 might have stopped many things but not our Golden Book assembly. We just have to present it 2020 style!

Every Friday classes take part in a Zoom assembly and all the children who have been chosen receive a special mention. If your child is in the Golden Book their teacher will share this special achievement with you by putting a note in your child's planner.



**Ukulele Lessons**

As children are unable to mix between year groups, the ukulele lessons we had planned are unable to go ahead in school. We hope that in the future, we are able to offer these lessons to the pupils who are interested.

Parents are able to contact Calderdale Music Trust directly on <https://www.calderdalemusictrust.org.uk/music-lessons/instrumental-tuition> and can book lessons to be held remotely direct with them rather than via school.

We hope that in the future we can go back to inviting our music tutors in to school for one to one and group tuition.



### Help at Christmas Time

Brighthouse food bank are continuing to provide food parcels for any of our families during these difficult times. You do not need to meet a certain criteria. We give the food bank your name and they take the order and provide a collection service in Brighthouse next door to the Methodist Church (a bit like click and collect!).

We do not want any of our families to go hungry so please call or text school if you would like this support.

Brighthouse Central Methodist Church have offered additional support for our families this Christmas. They are working with us as we want to make sure that all of our children get a present from Santa this year. If you feel you may need this support, please get in touch and we will do our best to help you all.

### School Christmas Dinner

Mrs Sullivan and her assistants will be cooking the ever popular School Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

A text will be sent to all parents with an accompanying order form. Please complete and submit your child's order as soon as possible. **All orders must be returned by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.** There will be no other meal options available on this day so if your child does not want a Christmas Dinner they will need to bring a packed lunch from home.

The menu for the day is:

Roast Turkey Breast with Stuffing  
Sausage and Bacon Roll  
Carrots  
Sprouts  
Roast and New Potatoes  
Gravy

Vegetarian options  
Stuffed Peppers  
Or Veggie Nuggets

Chocolate Yule Log  
Or Ice Cream Pot



### Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets will be sent home with the children on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Please return your completed raffle tickets and money in the envelope provided.

There will be a mix of fabulous prizes to be won all kindly donated by local businesses, staff and parents. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.**



### Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a Christmas themed non uniform day.

We are asking for children to bring in a suggested donation of £1. This year all proceeds will go to Overgate Hospice.