

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter

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Important Reminder

Please keep your child off school if they display any of the symptoms of COVID-19 or are feeling unwell.



Headteacher's Message

If your child is currently attending school, please ensure that you arrive promptly and collect them on time. Remember to wear a face covering on school premises and remain socially distanced (2 metres) from others at all times. We need all routines to run as smoothly as possible to minimise the risk to everyone.

I have seen some fabulous work that the children are producing at home, well done! Keep it up! Remember to contact us if you have any questions at all, we are here to help and support you.

Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to send positive messages and emails to staff and school, we really appreciate them.

Finally, be kind to yourself and others and continue to remain safe and well.

Free School Meals

Schools have now been advised that the free school meal voucher scheme is to relaunch from next week. The scheme offers supermarket vouchers worth £15 a week for each child eligible for free school meals.

When the scheme was launched during the first lockdown schools experienced delays accessing the system. Therefore, until we know the system is working correctly, we will provide eligible families with a food parcel again next week. Providing there are no problems we will order the vouchers for distribution to parents from week commencing Monday 25th January.

We will contact parents by text when the parcels are ready for collection. Please let school know if you are unable to collect your parcel and we will deliver it to you. **Please note we ask that parents collect their parcels as soon as possible as we do not have the facilities to refrigerate the large amount of fresh produce.**



Lord,

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

Amen

OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES

This half term we will be focusing on the value of **HUMILITY**.

We will send a worksheet and hope your family will find the ideas on it helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

Home Learning

All the children need to engage with their learning every day. If your child comes in to school for part of the week, it is really important that they access their learning at home on the other days too. For example, we have some children who don't attend on Mondays but attend school on Tuesdays; - in this case they **MUST** access their work at home on Monday as this will help them when they come into school on the Tuesday.

Robinwood - Year 5 Children

Usually at this time of year we would ask our Year 5 parents to join us in the school hall for an information evening regarding the Year 6 residential trip to Robinwood

At this time, we are unsure as to whether the trip will go ahead in the autumn term however we plan to book and see how we go.

We will host a zoom meeting with parents on Monday 25th January at 4pm. Parents of children in Year 5 are welcome to join. The information evening will enable parents to have a clear understanding of what happens on the trip and what children should expect. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and gather the information you might need.

Please take the time to look at the Robinwood (Dobroyd Castle) website beforehand so that you can watch the videos and prepare any questions you may have.

See <http://robinwoodnews.co.uk/video/>.

Please use your real name as your username on Zoom so that we can see who it is.

Mrs Jocelyn is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Robinwood Year 5 parents

Time: Jan 25, 2021 04:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94222679806?pwd=UTIJTERTCRVFqL3FDNGw1c2hwNlNSdz09>

Meeting ID: 942 2267 9806

Passcode: J9Mftb



Contacting your child's class teacher

If you are experiencing any difficulties with your child's home learning you can contact your child's class teacher via email.

year3@standrews.calderdale.sch.uk

year4@standrews.calderdale.sch.uk

year5@standrews.calderdale.sch.uk

year6@standrews.calderdale.sch.uk

Google Classroom

As you are aware, we are using Google Classroom as our home learning platform. Paper copies of work were given to all pupils last week and additional paper based work can be provided to any families upon request. Please contact the school office about this.

Teachers post lessons daily on Google Classroom. Lessons include videos from the teacher which explain the tasks and teach the input of the lesson. Please encourage your child to watch the videos before completing the tasks set.

The government have provided guidance that Key Stage 2 children should have access to 4 hours work each day. Should you need any more work set from the teacher, please get in touch and we will happily provide more.

Teachers are trialling a weekly Friday celebration within the year groups. Please log onto Google Classroom for the Zoom links. Teachers will notify students when these meetings will be via Google Classroom.

We ask that students follow these rules during our Zoom sessions:

- You are expected to behave as you would in school.
- You must join the meeting on time and mute yourself as soon as you enter.
- You must not take yourself off mute unless the teacher tells you to.
- You must be fully dressed and not in your bedroom.
- An adult must be in the room with you or in the next room with the door open so they can hear what is going on.
- Raise your hand if you wish to speak or ask a question and wait for the teacher's instruction
- You must have your name as your computer ID so we can see who is joining the meeting.

Any inappropriate behaviour will result in the meeting being suspended for all pupils. We understand that pupils want to see their friends and hope that this will provide an opportunity for pupils to celebrate the week's achievements.

If you are having difficulty accessing Google Classroom please get in touch with school and we will talk you through how to use it. Once in, you will find information on the 'stream' and 'classwork'. Feedback is given to students on their submitted work throughout the day.

Don't forget you can always contact your child's year group teachers via email and work can be submitted via Google Classroom or sent as an e-mail attachment.

Regular phone calls home will continue so please let us know if you need any more support.