

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

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## Diary Dates

**Wed 10 Feb**

Parents Consultation  
Meetings  
(by appointment)

**Fri 12 Feb**

Close for half term

**Mon 22 Feb**

**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
staff training day

**Tues 23 Feb**

**School re-opens**  
(To pupils who are  
currently attending  
during lockdown)

## **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

We know that these are stressful times and that home learning is hard. We know that many of you are juggling home learning with your children alongside your own work and we appreciate how challenging this is. **We thank all of you for doing such a great job.** Remember that **we are here to help you.** The teachers are posting videos to teach the children; if you have any questions, please email the teachers. There is no such thing as a silly question. We will continue to make our weekly phone calls but if you are struggling with something please don't wait, make contact with us via the class email or telephone.

Government guidelines are that children should be engaging in:

- 4 hours each day - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- 3 hours each day - Years 1 and 2
- Less than 3 hours each day - Reception (we recommend 2 to 3 hours - short activities and exploratory learning)

Remember, some of this time may be taken up with your daily exercise, a walk outdoors in nature. **Be kind to yourself, do what you can.** Continue talking to staff when they ring you, or ring school to speak to the learning mentor, if you need additional support. Encourage your child to join their teacher and friends in the daily Google Meet meetings (from Monday).

Here are some links to useful well-being and home learning activities that may help you:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/.../seven-techniques-for-helping>

<https://www.partnershipforchildren.org.uk/.../Creating>

Remember that any electronic devices on loan for Junior school pupils remain the property of the school and must be returned. Take very good care of them please.

Lastly, our on-site learning 'bubbles' are now full in all year groups. We have no more spaces to accommodate further pupils.



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

### Parents Consultation Meetings - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Have you made your telephone appointment?



If you haven't already done so please book your appointment through the text/email link sent this week. Alternatively you can book your appointment by contacting the school office.

### Requests for Chromebooks

We asked all our families when school first shut if they had the appropriate IT equipment at home to be able to access Google Classroom.

We have responded to all of the requests for IT equipment and unfortunately we are now at the point where we have no more equipment to lend out to our families. If we receive any more equipment from the Department for Education then we will, of course, lend out what we can. Please can I remind our families to take care of any equipment borrowed and ensure that once school re-opens the equipment is returned immediately as it is used by all of our pupils on a daily basis.

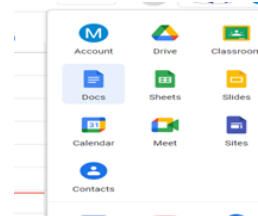
### Google Meet



We are going to start having a daily Google Meet! Class teachers will meet with the pupils in their class at 9.30am each day Monday to Friday.

During this meeting, pupils will be registered and the daily tasks will be discussed.

Your child's class teacher will give feedback on the previous days' learning and discuss areas of achievement and ways to improve. Instructions on how to access the Google Meet will be posted on your child's Google Classroom account. Pupils have to be on their Google Classroom account to be able to access the meeting (unlike Zoom). The invite will show on their calendar which is available in the top right corner of their Google Classroom account or via the Google Meet icon.



Teachers are recording the attendance and whether work has been submitted daily for maths, literacy and the foundation subject set for the day.

Pupils can submit their work via Google Classroom, via the year group email or on paper via the school office.

If you have any questions, please get in touch either via the year group e-mail or through the school office.

### Cheap eats for lockdown weeks

Free school meal vouchers to spend? Struggling for meal inspiration with the kids at home at the moment? Change4Life have got you covered with their simple lunch ideas.

Take a look at the link for ideas, inspiration and recipes for easy and tasty lunches for around £15 a week.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>



### Great St. Andrew's Bake Off

Year 5 have been enjoying improving their baking skills. Each week they have been given a different theme. Last week the children were asked to bake a cake! This week the children (and staff) have been busy baking biscuits. A star baker is announced each week in their class Zoom. Paul Hollywood would definitely be shaking the hands of our star bakers.



### Robinwood 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Thank you to the year 5 parents who joined Mrs Jocelyn for the information meeting via Zoom this week. We hope you found it helpful.

The trip is now live on our SchoolMoney App to allow parents to pay the £50 deposit. Paying the deposit secures your child a place and is **due by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. We appreciate that parents have concerns about making payments at this time but we must continue to plan the trip as normal. If the trip cannot go ahead in October for any reason, it may be postponed to a later date in 2022. If the trip is cancelled altogether all payments will be fully refunded.

If you were unable to join the information meeting, please take a look at the Robinwood information booklet by following the link below.

<https://standrews.calderdale.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/DC-Parents-Booklet-Summer-A5-Digital.pdf>

### COVID-19 health and wellbeing resources for families

We know this is a worrying time for everyone.

Helping children and young people cope with the information and changes related to Coronavirus can be a huge challenge. From school closures and social distancing to increased awareness of infection and hygiene, there is a lot for children and families to process.

This guide brings together **trustworthy** information and resources to support you and your family during these difficult times.

<https://standrews.calderdale.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/COVID-19-health-and-wellbeing-resources-for-families.pdf>