St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter

Newsletter 1st April 2021
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Diary Dates

Thurs 1st April
School closes for Easter

Mon 19th April
School re-opens for the Summer term

Easter Raffle
Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets. It has been a huge success and we will let you know how much has been raised for The Friends of St Andrew's on our next newsletter.

Headteacher's Message

Our children have continued to show such positive attitudes towards school and learning. Quite a few of our children, however, are showing and telling us that they are feeling tired. Please keep to your good bedtime routines during school times, the recommended amount of sleep for 7 to 11 year olds is 10 to 11 hours each night. We need our children to be refreshed and ready for learning when in school. Please support your child to achieve their best by ensuring they get enough sleep each night.
http://www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk/sleep-advice/

A reminder that for drop off and pick up our rules haven't changed:

1. One adult only per household on school grounds
2. Follow the one way system (adults AND pupils)
3. Do NOT stand with other households chatting (we will ask you to leave the school grounds if we see this happening)
4. Wear a face covering to protect all of us

Thank you for working with us to keep us all safe.

Have a lovely Easter break everyone and we will see you again on Monday 19th April. ☺

Applications for Halifax Grammar Schools

From today, 1st April Year 5 parents can register their child for the grammar schools' admission test.

For more information on the admissions timetable please see the flyer attached to this newsletter or you can find it in the letters section on our website.

I dwell upon the goodness in my life.

Thank you.

I cherish you in my heart, your gift to me.

Thank you.

I notice the blessings of life, breath, loving and sharing.

I am so very grateful.

Thank you, Lord.

Amen

Contact tracing over the Easter holidays

If your child starts displaying symptoms of COVID-19 and tests positive during the Easter holidays, **please contact school via text to notify us.** Schools have a duty to deal with any contact tracing until **Wednesday 7th April.** If your child displays symptoms and tests positive after this date, please still notify school but follow the NHS track and trace process.

REMINDER

Dogs are not allowed on school premises at any time. We also ask that if you have a dog with you please do not stand by the school gates where children need to pass to enter/exit school.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

Have you completed your consent form? We need this if you wish your child's name to appear on the hoodies. Please complete and return by Monday 19th April.

We help to keep our children safe by…

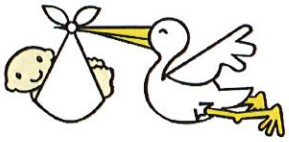
reminding parents that they must let us know if their child is going to be absent from school. Please let us know before 8.50am the reason for your child's absence. Parents can advise us by telephone, text or email.

If we have not been informed of a reason and we are unable to contact the parent, staff may make a home visit and in exceptional circumstances contact the Police.

Goodbye and good luck!

Our SENDCo Mrs Marsden is leaving us today to start her maternity leave and we wish her and her family all the best at this exciting time.

Miss Haley will become our acting SENDCo when we return after Easter.



HALIFAX GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

ADMISSIONS 2022

Admission arrangements to North Halifax Grammar School and The Crossley Heath School for entry in September 2022.

Both schools are currently judged as Outstanding by Ofsted

'Students' outstanding behaviour, supported by a calm, studious and very caring school environment enables them to achieve results in their exams at GCSE and A level which are significantly above the national average.'

(North Halifax Grammar School Ofsted Inspection Report)

'Achievement is excellent and students are provided with outstanding care, guidance and support which gives a very secure foundation for their academic and personal development.'

(The Crossley Heath School Ofsted Inspection Report)

The Timetable for Admissions to the Halifax Grammar Schools in September 2022 is overleaf.

Copies of the schools' admissions policies are on the schools' websites:
www.nhgs.co.uk and www.crossleyheath.org.uk

If you would like your child to be considered for a place at either Halifax Grammar School, they will need to sit an Admissions test. You will need to register for the tests between 1st April 2021 and 2nd July 2021. Please visit either schools' website to register for the tests. If you require a paper copy please contact either school and one will be posted to you. You only need to register once for the test for both Grammar Schools. This is in addition to completing a Common Application Form through your Local Authority.

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E: admin@crossleyheath.org.uk
www.crossleyheath.org.uk

THE HALIFAX GRAMMAR SCHOOLS : TIMETABLE FOR ADMISSIONS IN SEPTEMBER 2022

2021	Thursday 1st April	Parents can **register** their child for the admissions tests by completing an on-line registration form on either of the school websites or by downloading the form or requesting a hard copy of the form and sending it back to the school. On-line applications will be acknowledged. Postal applications will require a stamped addressed envelope for acknowledgment.
		The Crossley Heath School **Open Evening** please see website for details.
		North Halifax Grammar School **Open Evening** please see website for details.
	Friday 2nd July	**Registration deadline** for the admissions tests.
	Monday 13th September	Parents will have received information about the venue and timetable for the admissions tests.
	Saturday 25th September	**Admissions tests** at North Halifax Grammar School and The Crossley Heath School.
	Saturday 23rd October	Parents will have received the results of the admissions tests (including the overall score and position in the order of merit) but this will not constitute an offer of a place.
	Sunday 31st October	Deadline for the submission of the online **Common Application Form** (CAF) to Calderdale LA and neighbouring Local Authorities. Either or both of the grammar schools must be included as one of the five preferences to be considered for a place at the grammar school(s).
2022	Tuesday 1st March	Offer of a place at a secondary school distributed to parents by the home Local Authority.
	Tuesday 15th March	Deadline for lodging an appeal against the non-offer of a place at a school which was included as a preference on the CAF and requests for re-allocation.

North Halifax Grammar School : 01422 244625 **The Crossley Heath School: 01422 360272**