

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

We continue to support our children to be more physically active. As we know, being physically active helps to reduce any stress and anxiety and improves our emotional well-being. To that end, we have our new after school clubs, all focused on being more physically active. It's been so lovely to see children having a go at new sports. Our range of clubs this term include Multi-Sports, Table Tennis, Karate, Dance and Tennis. We are pleased to welcome back Scott King's Karate club and tennis coaches from Hove Edge. We hope that there's something for every child.

This week our Year 5 and Year 6 children were given the opportunity to take part in a skateboarding session delivered by LS-ten. They learnt various skills which taught them how to ride a skateboard safely and effectively. We definitely have some professionals in the making.



What the children had to say!

"It was the best 40 minutes of my life!"

"I enjoyed doing board flips because I've never done it before. It was amazing and I want to do it again!"

"I enjoyed learning the tic tac. It was amazing!"

"I liked that the teacher was very motivating and explained it very well."

"I LOVED the lesson! Please can they come back next week?"

"It was my first time doing tic tac and I will be going to the skate park."

"I can now get on without falling off."

We keep our children safe by....

.....taking part in Calderdale Safeguarding Week.

It is National Safeguarding week across the UK between Monday 21st June and Sunday 27 June. We will be spending time talking to the pupils about who to go to if they have a concern. We will be discussing Childline and what they can do to help.

For more information visit www.calderdale-safeguarding.co.uk



Juniors Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Our PTA will be running a pre-loved uniform stall on Friday 2nd July 3.10pm in the MUGA.

We are asking our families to donate any unwanted uniform and ask that the uniform is in good condition and washed.

Please send in any uniform by Friday 25th June. Bags can be left in the main office. Like last year, the stall will run on a donation only basis.

If you would like to help in any way with this event, please get in touch with the PTA through the school office.

Infants Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

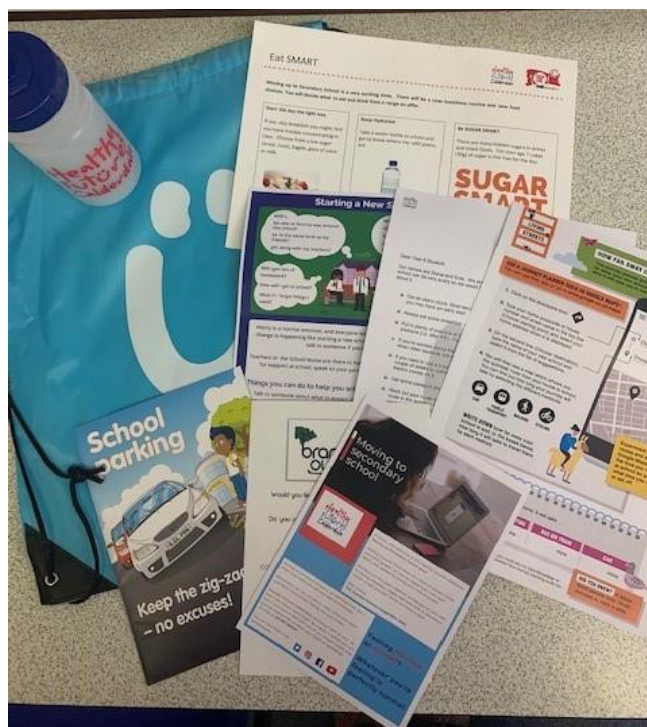
The Infant School will also be holding a pre-loved uniform sale. If you have any unwanted infant uniform you wish to donate please send it to their school office by **Friday 25th June**. Like the Junior School, the stall will run on a donation only basis. The date of the sale will be confirmed in due course.

Year 6 Transition Packs

This week all our Year 6 pupils received a free transition pack, provided by Calderdale Council. Each pack contained a water bottle, drawstring bag and information about transitioning to high school, transport, road safety and healthy eating along with useful websites for emotional and mental health support.

We hope they enjoy using these items and find the information useful.

For further support pupils and parents can access the Open Minds website on www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk



Secondary School Applications

Applications for Year 5 children starting Secondary School in September 2022 opens next Monday, 21 June 2021. Parents will be able to make their applications from next Monday until the closing date of 31 October 2021.

Further information will be sent out to our Year 5 parents this week. If you have not received the information please contact the school office.



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

Breakfast Club and Kids Club Places for 2021/2022

We are now taking bookings for our Kids Club and Breakfast Club for September. If your child does not currently attend and you would like to book a place for them please contact the school office.

If your child attended our Breakfast Club and/or Kids Club this year we will automatically book your child/children a place from September.

Halifax Grammar Schools Admission Tests

The closing date for applications for the Halifax Grammar Schools (North Halifax Grammar and Crossley Heath Grammar) Admissions Tests is Friday 2nd July 2021.

To apply please click on the link below:

[Halifax Grammar Schools Admissions Test Registration](#)

Year 4 Multiplication Tables

If your child is in Year 4, they may have mentioned the Year 4 multiplication tables check. More information can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/971837/2021_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_WEBHO.pdf

If you have any questions about this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

School Summer Picnic

We will be holding a lunchtime summer picnic for the children on Wednesday 21st July. Mrs Sullivan and her team will prepare individual buffet style picnic lunches for the children to enjoy.

If your child normally has a school dinner on Wednesdays this will automatically be ordered for them. **If your child normally brings a packed lunch but would like a picnic lunch please let the school office know no later than Wednesday 7th July so we can order one for your child. The cost is £2.20 unless your child is entitled to free school meals.**

Children can bring their own picnic blanket to sit on.

Diary Dates

23rd-25th June Year 6 residential to Robinwood

25th June Last day to donate unwanted uniform

Thurs 1st July Year 6 at Brighouse High Sports Day

Fri 2nd July Juniors pre-loved uniform sale

Swimming Lessons

We hoped that our Year 4 pupils would be able to attend their swimming lessons this academic year however, unfortunately Calderdale were not able to run any lessons due to the Covid restrictions.

Our intention is that our current Year 4 pupils will attend swimming lessons when they move up to Year 5 from September until February half term and then our current Year 3 pupils (who will then be in Year 4) will attend lessons from February half term until the end of the summer term. This is far from ideal and should any additional teaching slots become available at the pool, we have asked for them so that we can recover the lost teaching time. We will be in touch with our current Year 4 families with dates for when the swimming lessons should begin as soon as we are notified. Please ensure your child has a kit ready for September in the meantime.