

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Wed 6 Apr

Parent's consultation
telephone appointments
2.00pm - 5.30pm

Raffle tickets and money
to be returned to school

Thurs 7 Apr

Year 3 Australia Parent's
consultation telephone
appointments
1.00pm - 4.30pm
(new date)

Fri 8 Apr

Easter service at St
Martin's Church
9.15am

**SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR
THE EASTER
HOLIDAYS**

Mon 25 April

School re-opens



Headteacher's Message

As you know, our vision here at St. Andrew's is that we are **CARING** (Confident, Aspirational, Respectful, Inclusive, Nurturing and Generous). I want to share some of the things we have done in the past few weeks which reflect our vision:

- Our Year 6 children this week have learnt how to make chicken and quorn fajitas. They embraced the challenge and I am sure are now more than capable of making this for tea at home one night soon! Our Year 5 children have recently made soda bread, cheese muffins, a Jamie Oliver sandwich and salad dressings. They know what makes a healthy diet and how to prepare some foods safely.
- Our children organised Red Nose Day and raised over £300 for this charity.
- Pupils have daily access to a number of free lunchtime and after school clubs- it's really important to us that our children receive access to great extra-curricular clubs. New forms will be out in the next few weeks for clubs in the summer term.
- Our families have also been well supported by the PTA through the recent Mother's Day stall and our offer of free school uniform to any families in need.
- Our school have organised support for Ukranian refugees and will continue to do so.
- We offer free bagels and breakfast to all of our pupils and ensure that our children have a healthy start to the school day and that they are ready to learn.

We can only do this because our staff and pupils know that we put what is best for our children at the heart of every decision we make. I look forward to sharing with you further details of how we embrace our **CARING** vision.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School



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

Year 5 have been enjoying cooking during their DT lessons this half term. Here they are creating Jamie Oliver's 'Squash it sandwich'.



Year 6 making fajitas



OUR SCHOOL VISION

Promoting excellence within a caring, Christian community

Confident - We embrace challenge and persevere

Aspire - We aim high

Respectful - We are friends and cherish God's world

Inclusive - We welcome everyone and are all of equal worth

Nurturing - We look after each other so we can all flourish

Generous - We give to each other and our community



"Love each other as I have loved you."

John 15:12

SENDCo Introduction

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the SENDCo at both St Andrew's Junior and St Andrew's Infant school. I have been in post, as SENDCo, at the Junior School since 2016 and have been SENDCo at the Infants School since January 2018. I have been teaching at St Andrew's for 15 years and I have just returned to work from maternity leave. I am passionate about ensuring all children thrive at St Andrew's and receive the provision they need to succeed. My aim is to work closely with families, pupils and staff and I shall be offering advice and information on the school newsletters and offering drop-ins for families who children have a SEND at St Andrew's. I look forward to working with you all.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Hartley and Miss Haley who have done a great job as Acting SENDCos whilst I have been on maternity leave.

Mrs Marsden

We keep our children safe by.....

..... having our Learning Mentors out in the playground daily. Did you know that our Learning Mentors can help with referrals to outside agencies such as Family Support? If you need more information, speak to Mrs Brearley or Mrs Helliwell in the playground or contact them via the school office.

RED NOSE DAY

A huge thank you to everyone who made a donation for Red Nose Day we raised an amazing £320. Thanks to your donations, Comic Relief partners with amazing projects and organisations to make a difference to lives across the UK and around the world.

Chat around the table

This week (and next week for Years 3 & 4) we have been cooking healthy meals and learning about a balanced diet. Speak to your child about the food they have made and how they can make the same healthy food at home.



SATs week

The week beginning Monday 9th May is SATs week for our Year 6 pupils. Please can we ask that children arrive promptly at school on these days and that children are well rested and fed a good healthy breakfast. We know that our children will do their very best in these tests and know that giving them the best start to the day will give the children the best opportunity to succeed.

Reading

Thank you to those families who have had a sort out at home and returned any missing library books. Our library is looking much healthier now! If you do have any more books at home which need returning, please do so as soon as possible. Children should come home with a reading book daily. They then do a quiz on their book using the 'Accelerated Reader' scheme. More information can be found on our school website.

<https://standrews.calderdale.sch.uk/learning/curriculum/literacy/>. We aim for each child to pass 3 quizzes (scoring 80% or more) before moving up a level on Accelerated Reader. Did you know that some of our books (on our dyslexia friendly shelves) have QR codes which can be scanned so that an audio version of the text can be heard? These books are also printed with a dyslexia friendly font and paper.

Breakfast Club Price Increase

After Easter the price of our Breakfast Club sessions will increase from £3.00 to £3.50. The cost of the sessions has not been increased for a number of years. It is a non-profit club and we do our best to keep costs down, however, it is currently running at a loss which the school cannot afford to sustain. Please be aware that there may be a need for a further price rise going forward, however, we do feel that the Breakfast Club still represents good value compared to other settings. Thank you for your continued support



Pupil Attendance

We regularly monitor our pupils attendance and the expected attendance target set by the government is **96% or above**. If your child's attendance falls below the expected target we will inform you by text and continue to monitor it. We appreciate that children get ill from time to time and their attendance may drop temporarily. However, if we feel your child's attendance is becoming a cause for concern we will contact you by letter. Please support your child to achieve good attendance.



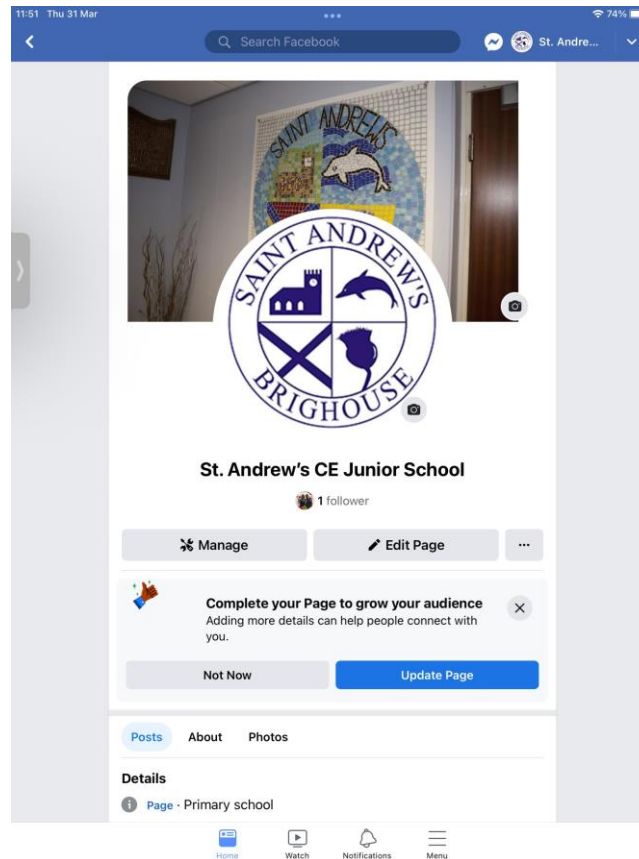
COVID

Unfortunately, over the last few weeks we have seen a significant rise in Covid19 cases in school amongst pupils and staff. I would like to personally thank the staff who have stepped in to cover various classes to support our pupils. Luckily we have managed to remain open and have not had to move to blended or home learning. Because of the high number of cases, I would like to ask that any parents or carers attending the Easter church service next Friday wear a **face covering** to help to reduce any further cases in our school community.



New School Facebook page

We are excited to announce that we are launching our new Facebook page! Please search for St. Andrew's CE Junior School. You should see the image below and you can choose to follow our school. We will post updates about our school activities. Please do not use the Facebook page to communicate with school. Please call the office, text, or speak directly to your child's class teacher if you need to contact school.



PTA Meeting – Monday 4th April via Zoom

The PTA are holding their next meeting on Monday 4th April at 6.30pm. All welcome. Please join the meeting via the link from Mrs Jocelyn below.

Mrs Jocelyn is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: PTA meeting

Time: Apr 4, 2022 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83556144455?pwd=VFAXV2JvVnNRV2xOVHdlWDVpNmpBQT09>

Meeting ID: 835 5614 4455

Passcode: 780592

BOXING

CRICKET

TEAM BUILDING

FRISBEE

TENNIS

THE BROOKSBANK SCHOOL ELLAND

Week #1 - Monday 11th – Thursday 14th April (9.30am – 2.30pm)

Week #2 - Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd April (9.30am – 2.30pm)

EASTERCAMP

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN IN Yr3 - Yr7

CAMP COST INCLUDES LUNCH & SNACKS - £48 x 4 days or £15 per day

FREE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS
(INCLUDES HEALTHY LUNCH & SNACKS)

To BOOK your PLACE [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#) or visit

www.calderdalesportsnetwork.co.uk



FITNESS

ATHLETICS

BADMINTON

AND MORE....



Creative Healthy Holidays

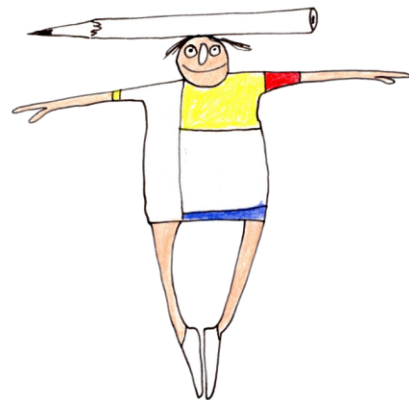
Work with an artist to learn something new and be inspired this spring holidays

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th April, 1-5pm each day

All abilities welcome, with a support assistant on-site with SEND training
Snacks and a hot meal included in every session

Sessions are FREE for children aged 5-12 who are eligible for free school meals
Further funding available or £30 full price

To book your place, visit www.theartworks.org.uk/creative-healthy-holidays
or call 07888 343291



Sessions are delivered by and take place at Artworks, the Everybody School of Art, Shaw Lane, Halifax HX3 9ET

This programme is part of Calderdale's Healthy Holidays, generously funded by the Community Foundation for Calderdale and Calderdale Council

Easter Holiday Provision – Invictus Wellbeing

Easter Holiday Provision Invictus Wellbeing will be running a holiday club called Try High for children aged 7-11 years over Easter, from 11th – 14th April. All activities will be based at Trinity Academy Akroyden and Warley Road Academy. There will be a programme of activities every day from 10am – 2pm including rugby, squash, wellbeing, sports, cooking and more. Breakfast and lunch will be provided every day. Professionals from mental health and youth work services, along with local sports teams, will be working with the young people. Please visit this page to book.

<https://www.invictuswellbeing.com/tryhigh>

Also, keep an eye on Time Out's website and noticeboard for current events and activities over the Easter holidays.

KIDS IN THE WILD

IS YOUR CHILD 9-11 YEARS OLD?

**DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE ULTIMATE SUMMERTIME ADVENTURE?
ARE YOU FED UP WITH SEEING THEM INSIDE ON SCREENS?
DO YOU THINK THEY WOULD BENEFIT FROM TIME SPENT IN THE WILDERNESS?**

Channel 4 and the producers of *Junior Bake Off* are making a brand-new series and are looking for children aged 9-11 to spend two weeks camping in nature this summer.

By encouraging independence outdoors, we will explore the relationships and skills children develop when put to the test.

**VISIT WWW.APPLYFORTHEWILD.CO.UK
OR EMAIL KIDSINTHEWILD@LOVEPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK**

<https://loveproductions.co.uk/contributorprivacynotice>

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Diary Dates Summer Term 2021/2022

Please note diary dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances



EVENT	DATE
School Re-Opens	Monday 25 April 2022
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 2 May 2022
After School Activity Clubs restart	Tuesday 3 May 2022
Year 6 SATs Week – no holidays to be taken!	Monday 9 – Friday 13 May 2022
Class photographs	Wednesday 25 May 2022
ALWAYS Assembly	Friday 27 May 2022 2:45pm
School closes	Friday 27 May 2022
JUBLIEE BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 6 June 2022
School re-opens	Tuesday 7 June 2022
Year 6 Bikeability course 1 Day 1	Tuesday 7 June 2022
Year 6 Bikeability course 1 Day 2	Wednesday 8 June 2022
Year 6 Bikeability course 2 Day 1	Thursday 9 June 2022
Year 6 Bikeability course 2 Day 2	Friday 10 June 2022
Year 2 Parent's Information Evening	Thursday 16 June 2022 6.30pm
Year 6 sex and relationships education	Friday 17 th June 2022
Year 5 sex and relationships education session 1	Tuesday 21 June 2022
Year 5 sex and relationships education session 2	Tuesday 28 June 2022
Summer Fair	Friday 1 July 2022 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Transition Day (Year 2 to join Juniors)	Date to be confirmed
Year 5 sex and relationships education session 3	Tuesday 5 July 2022
Sports Day	Wednesday 6 July 2022
Year 5 visit Infants school (Year 2 performance)	Monday 11 July 2022
Year 6 Alcohol & Drugs Awareness Session	Date to be confirmed
Sports Day (Reserve)	Wednesday 13 July 2022
After School Activity Clubs finish for the Year	Friday 15 July 2022
Reports home to parents	Friday 15 July 2022
Leaver's Assembly	Tuesday 19 July 2022 1:00pm
Parent's Consultation Evening – Discussing your child's report	Wednesday 20 July 2022 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Year 6 Leaver's Prom	Thursday 21 July 2022 6:30pm – 8:00pm
ALWAYS Assembly	Friday 22 July 2022 2:45pm
Finish for Summer ☺	Friday 22 July 2022
School Re-Opens	Tuesday 6 September 2022