

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



16th September 2022 Issue 1

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Diary Dates

Mon 19th Sept
Bank Holiday—School Closed

Tuesday 20th Sept
Clubs start

PTA meeting via Zoom 6.30pm

Tues 20th Sept
Parents Information Eve
(Year 4—4pm
Year 5—5pm)

Weds 21st Sept
Parents Information Eve
(Year 3—4pm
Year 6—5pm)

**Wednesday 5th Oct &
Thursday 6th Oct**
Parents Consultation Eve in
school 3.45pm- 5.45pm

Friday 14th Oct
Coffee Morning 9am—10am

Tuesday 18th Oct
Nasal Flu Spray

Weds 19th Oct—Fri 21st Oct
Year 6 Robinwood Trip

Friday 21st Oct
Always Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 21st Oct
School Closes for Half term



Headteacher's Message



Welcome back to a new school year. The children have settled in beautifully to their new classes. Our pupils look incredibly smart so I would like to thank our parents and carers for supporting their children by ensuring they have the correct uniform.

Over the past week, our pupils have had the opportunity to learn and remember the life of Queen Elizabeth II. The children have been mature and respectful when we have stood in silence to listen to the church bells.

Our after school and lunchtime clubs will all be up and running on Tuesday 20th September and I would encourage each and every child to choose at least one club they would like to attend. I believe there's something there for everyone and know that our pupils get so much out of these extra-curricular activities.

This year we have decided that we will host half termly coffee mornings for our parents and carers. The first one will be on Friday 14th October from 9-10am. All parents/carers are invited. There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits and an opportunity to chat to myself and/or Mrs Brearley and meet other parents of children in the school. Throughout the year we plan on having different themes for the coffee morning such as 'Supporting your child with SEND needs' or 'First Aid' as a couple of examples. We hope that the coffee mornings provide an opportunity for parents to meet other parents in the area, talk to each other and enjoy the chance to mingle. We'll announce the theme of the coffee morning as the dates approach. The first coffee morning is just a chance to chat and meet some of our pastoral staff. We hope to see you there.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School



Dear Lord,

Use my eyes to see new friends, open my ears to hear my teacher, open my mind to learn new things.

Let my heart remember you are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light so bright in my school.

Amen.

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

Parent Information Evenings

You will have seen (via text) that we are hosting our Parent Information Evenings next week. These are not our parent's evening (they are in October—see below) but are an opportunity for you to go into your child's classroom, meet their teacher and find out key information about the upcoming year. Teachers will talk about the learning planned and be there to answer any questions you may have about your child's new year group. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend. We would encourage parents not to bring their children as the session is not designed to hold their attention. Please come into school via the main entrance at your child's allotted time.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday 20th Sept —Year 4: 4pm

Tuesday 20th Sept —Year 5: 5pm

Wednesday 21st Sept —Year 3: 4pm

Wednesday 21st Sept —Year 6: 5pm



Parents Evening



Parents evening will be on the 5th or 6th October. We will send a link to our Parents/Carers by Friday 23rd September and you will then be able to book an appointment online. Please see the office if you would like any support with booking the time. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and discuss how they have settled into their new class.

Chat around the table

If your child is feeling anxious about the new school year, it could help to chat to your child about all of the things which have stayed the same in their new class. Can they list 5 things which are the same as last year?



Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The Immunisation Team are visiting school on 18/10/22 to administer the flu vaccine. Please click on the link below to see the letter and find the link to enable you to give consent or to state you do not consent. A response is required from every parent.

<https://immunisation.cht.nhs.uk/vaccinations/flu>

Reminders to Parents / Carers

Routine Dental / Optician / Doctors' Appointments

Please make routine appointments **AFTER** school or during holidays to stop your child from missing their valuable education! Routine appointments are **UNAUTHORISED** absences and will be recorded on your child's record.

Policies

St Andrew's Junior School has both a **no smoking / no vaping policy** and **no dogs policy** both inside school and on our grounds.

School Hours

School starts at **8.50 am** (the doors opens at **8.40 am** for you child to come into class). Our Site Manager closes the gate at **8.50 am**. If you arrive after this time, please enter via the main office door. Registration closes at **9.05 am** after which time your child will receive a late mark on the register.

Our school office opens at 8.15 am and closes at 4.30 pm.

You can always send us a text or leave a voicemail out of office hours.

Free Food for Packed Lunches



The wonderful staff at Good Karma Coffee House (in Brighthouse) are offering free food for packed lunches. The food is available to collect every Wednesday from 4pm-5.30pm and there is no need to book, you can just turn up. We are very thankful to the support they are offering and know that this will be of support to many families.

Good Karma Coffee House—9 Lawson Road, Brighthouse HD6 1NY

Link to their Facebook page <https://fb.watch/fxft3kXD00/>

Christmas Fayre

We will be hosting our annual Christmas Fayre on Thursday 1st December at 3.30pm-4.45pm.

If you or anyone you know is interested in hosting a stall at the event, please get in touch with our PTA. They have a Facebook page which you are welcome to join (<https://m.facebook.com/thePTAofstandrews/>) and can also be contacted via the school office.

PTA of St Andrew's

The PTA of St Andrew's are a group of parents and others who fundraise for the school. They are a small friendly group and always happy to welcome new volunteers!

Recent fundraising events have included school discos, film nights and our Christmas and Summer Fayres. Money raised has gone towards new playground equipment, water bottles and the Year 6 leavers party.

PTA meetings are held roughly once each half term in the evening and all parents are welcome to attend. Dates for the meetings are advertised on the school newsletter. If you can't attend meetings but would be willing to help in other ways we would also love to hear from you. For more information please contact the PTA via the school office or via their Facebook page.

The next meeting is Tuesday 20th September at 6.30pm via Zoom. All welcome.

Mrs Jocelyn is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: St. Andrew's PTA

Time: Sep 20, 2022 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83294961287?pwd=VUY1K0tvYjBoY1hpROs1andXNVd3dz09>

Meeting ID: 832 9496 1287

Passcode: 104864

One tap mobile

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We keep our children safe by



. having Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). Our Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Jocelyn, Mrs Smith, Mrs Brearley and Mrs Harding. They are available for our children and parents to speak to if there are concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing. Mrs Brearley and Mrs Jocelyn are in the playground in the morning before school and there to listen to any concerns or worries you may have.

Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline



The deadline for **Y6 parents/carers** to complete the secondary school application is **31st October 2022**. Please click on the link below for those who live in Calderdale.

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/schools/admissions>

Please note that pupils who live outside of Halifax (e.g. Huddersfield or Bradford postcode) need to apply through the Local Authority where they live and NOT CALDERDALE.

Children from St. Andrew's Junior School are listed high on Brighouse High's Admissions Criteria, however, I must stress the importance of completing the application form online on time to guarantee a place at Brighouse High School.

Dates for 2022 Secondary Schools Open Evenings

School	Date and time
<u>Brighouse High School</u>	Thursday 6th October.
<u>Calder High School</u>	Thursday 6th October (5.30 to 8pm).
<u>The Crossley Heath School</u>	Tuesday 21st June (5 to 8pm).
<u>The North Halifax Grammar School</u>	Thursday 23rd June (5 to 8pm).
<u>Park Lane Academy</u>	Wednesday 28th September (6.15 to 8pm).
<u>The Brooksbank School Sports College</u>	Thursday 22nd September (6 to 8.30pm).
<u>The Halifax Academy</u>	Wednesday 5th October.
<u>Rastrick High School</u>	Thursday 29th September.
<u>Todmorden High School</u>	Thursday 13th October (6 to 8pm).
<u>Trinity Academy Halifax</u>	Thursday 9th June (5.15pm); and Thursday 15th September.
<u>Trinity Academy Grammar</u>	Wednesday 14th September.
<u>Ravenscliffe High School</u>	Tuesday 27th September (4 to 5pm); and Thursday 29th September (10 to 11am).
<u>Lightcliffe Academy</u>	Wednesday 28th September.
<u>Ryburn Valley High School</u>	Thursday 13th October.



Diary Dates Autumn Term 2022/2023



EVENT	DATE
School Re-opens	Tuesday 6 th September 2022
School Photographs (Individual)	Wednesday 14 th September 2022
National Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 19 th September 2022
Clubs start	Tuesday 20 th September 2022
Parent Information Evening in school	Tuesday 20 th September 2022 – Y4 @ 4:00pm Y5 @ 5:00pm
Parent Information Evening in school	Wednesday 21 st September 2022 – Y3 @ 4:00pm Y6 @ 5:00pm
Parent's Consultation Evening (in school)	Wednesday 5 th October 2022 @ 3:45 pm – 5:45 pm
Parent's Consultation Evening (in school)	Thursday 6 th October 2022 @ 3:45 pm – 5:45 pm
Nasal Flu Spray (whole school) – School Nurse Team	Tuesday 18 th October 2022
ALWAYS Assembly	Friday 21 st October 2022
Robinwood Y6 Trip	Wednesday 19 th – Friday 21 st October 2022
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 21 st October 2022
School Re-opens	Tuesday 1 st November 2022
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th November 2022
Year 6 Robinwood Presentation	Thursday 10 th November 2022
Infant School Open Day for 2023 Reception Parents	Thursday 17 th November 2022 @ 10:00am – 12:00 pm & 1:30pm – 4:30pm
Junior School Open day for 2023 Year 2 Parents	Thursday 17 th November 2022 @ 10:00am – 12:00pm & 1:30pm – 4:30pm
Children In Need (Non-uniform)	Friday 18 th November 2022
DT Week - Textiles	TBC
Non-Uniform Day (donations for Xmas Raffle)	Friday 25 th November 2022
St Andrew's Day Assembly (no parents)	Wednesday 30 th November 2022 @ 1:00pm
Christmas Fayre	Thursday 1 st December 2022 @ 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Christmas Post Box opens	Monday 5 th December 2022
Christmas Production (Year 3) – children only/Year 2	Tuesday 6 th December 2022 @ 10:00am
Christmas Production (Year 3) – parents	Wednesday 7 th December 2022 @ 1:30pm
Christmas Production (Year 3) – parents	Wednesday 7 th December 2022 @ 6:00pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 9 th December 2022
Christmas Lunch – Children only	Thursday 15 th December 2022 (To be confirmed)
Year 3 Christmas Classroom Party	Friday 9 th December 2022 @ 1:00pm
Year 4 Christmas Classroom Party	Monday 12 th December 2022 @ 1:00pm
Year 6 Christmas Classroom Party	Tuesday 13 th December 2022 @ 1:00pm
Carols @ St. Martin's Church	Wednesday 14 th December 2022 @ 1:15pm
Promoting Excellence sheets sent home to parents	Thursday 15 th December 2022
Year 5 Christmas Classroom Party	Thursday 15 th December 2022 @ 1:00pm
ALWAYS Assembly	Friday 16 th December 2022 @ 2:45pm
School closes for Christmas	Friday 16 th December 2022
School re-opens	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for both a Catering Manager and a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) at our Infant School. Please see the information below and visit St Andrew's Infant School website for all the relevant documents. If you have any questions about the roles, please contact the Infant School office.

Please be mindful, the closing dates for both vacancies is **noon on Monday 26th September**.



St Andrew's C.E. (VA) Infant & Junior Schools

'Promoting Excellence in a Caring Christian Community'



We currently have the following vacancy based at the Infant School to start as soon as possible:

Catering Manager

Permanent position. 30 hours a week

Monday – Friday 8.00am – 2.00pm term time only plus 3 days

Scale 4/5 dependant on experience

Actual salary: £13,972 -£17,032

The Federated Governing Board of St Andrew's CE (VA) Infant and Junior Schools is looking to appoint an experienced and enthusiastic Catering Manager who can deliver a high-quality catering service for pupils, staff and visitors at our Infant School.

The role will include managing staff, planning menus, cooking, budgetary control, stock management and ensuring kitchen health and hygiene regulations are met. You will manage a team of two kitchen assistants to plan, prepare, cook and serve high quality meals that meet the School Food standards for approximately 160 children a day. You will also support the whole school in developing food and healthy eating awareness through the curriculum.

You will have:

- Previous experience within a similar catering environment
- Supervisory/management skills and the ability to lead and motivate a team
- A relevant professional catering qualification
- A good understanding of budgets
- Knowledge of health and safety requirements
- Good verbal and written skills
- A collaborative and positive approach

About Us

St. Andrew's CE (VA) Infant School is a happy, inclusive two-form entry school. We have been rated 'Good' in our most recent Ofsted and 'Outstanding' in our most recent SIAMS inspections. We have an incredible team of staff and supportive governors who work well together to make our school a warm and welcoming place to be. We take great pride in providing an excellent all round education for our pupils.

For more information about the post, or to arrange a visit, please phone 01484 712895 between 9.00am and 3.00pm.

The school is committed to safeguarding the rights, welfare and safety of all children. The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced Criminal Record Check (Disclosure) from the Disclosure and Barring Service before the appointment is confirmed.

Further details and application form can be obtained from the school website. <https://st-andrews-infants.calderdale.sch.uk/>

Completed application forms should be returned to the school office or by email to: admin@st-andrews-ifs.calderdale.sch.uk by 9am on Monday 26th September 2022.

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Huddersfield Town Football Club as we are running a "Back to School" special price for their game against Cardiff City on Saturday 17 September at the John Smith's Stadium.

The game will be Quid a Kid, meaning that all those 18 and under can attend the fixture for just £1. (Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult).

This is a great opportunity for children and parents to see Sky Bet Championship football action, in one of the most exciting and entertaining leagues in the world, for a great price.

Students will have the chance to see some of the World Cup stars play therebefore the tournament starts in November, with players such as Michal Helik, Yuta Nakayama and Sorba Thomas likely to be playing for Town!

There will be lots of free activities to do around the Stadium before the game, including the Community Hub where you can play FIFA on the PlayStations, or challenge friends to a game of table football.

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
VS CARDIFF CITY

QUID A KID

LOTS OF PRE-MATCH ACTIVITIES

OUR DESIGNATED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB FIXTURE
HTAFC.COM/TICKETS

#TERRIERSPIRIT

In association with:

Huddersfield Town Football Club
Cardiff City Football Club
Huddersfield & District Football Association
West Riding County Football Association