

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Thursday 10th Nov

Robinwood Presentation 9.05am
Year 6 Parents only

Mon 14th Nov—Fri 18th Nov

Anti-Bullying Week
&
Road Safety Week

Tues 15th— Fri 18th Nov

Book Fair 3.30pm

Thursday 17th Nov

Infant School Open Day for
2023 Reception Parents
10am—12pm & 1.30pm—4.30pm

Thursday 17th Nov

Junior School Open Day for
current Year 2 Parents
10am—12pm & 1.30pm—4.30pm

Friday 18th Nov

Children In Need
(Non-uniform day)

Friday 25th Nov

Non-uniform Day—Donations
for the Christmas Raffle

Thursday 1st Dec

Christmas Fair
3.30pm—4.45pm

Mon 5th Dec

Christmas Post Box opens

Weds 7th Dec

Year 3 Christmas Production
1.30pm & 6pm

Fri 9th Dec

Christmas Jumper Day

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful break last week.

A high priority in school is that all of our pupils read for 20 minutes each night. Please encourage your child to read at home. When you dedicate only 20 minutes of your time to reading every day, it is estimated that you will get exposed to 1.8 million words yearly leading to **increased general knowledge, communication and analytical skills**, and you will obviously enrich your vocabulary substantially. If your child is struggling to achieve this, please speak to your child's class teacher and they will be more than happy to support.

It's Road Safety Week 14th- 20th November. The children will be learning about staying safe on the road and how to travel to and from school safely. As we now have much darker evenings, I would ask that parents/carers think about adding reflective stickers/strips to their child's coat or consider whether their child's coat can be seen in the dark.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School

BBC Children In Need



On Friday 18th November we will be supporting the BBC's Children In Need Appeal by having a non uniform day where we are asking for a donation of £1 towards the appeal.

Your support means that the organisation can be there for children and young people right across the UK, helping them to be the best they can be.

This year the theme for the event is spots so please be creative if you can or would like to. Wear a spotty top, socks, headband etc. Come on St Andrew's let's be **SPOTACULAR!!!**





Lord,

*Help me to remember that
nothing is going to happen
to me that you and I
together can't handle.*

Amen

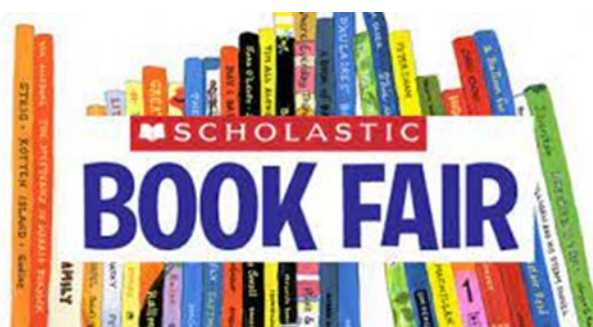


Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will arrive in school on Monday 14th November and will be open every day until Friday 18th November. Every book that is bought for your child will help towards free books for our school library. Children will be allowed to look around the fair during school time and parents can attend after school from 3.30pm. This could be a perfect time to pick up Christmas presents for your children or relatives!

Payment can be made in cash or via a QR code to make an online payment. You can also order directly from the Scholastic website if you are unable to make it to the book fair. To do this please click on the following link: <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/>

Further information is available at the end of the newsletter.



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

School Packed Lunches / Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder, if your child brings a packed lunch to school we do **not** allow sweets/chocolate, glass containers, fizzy drinks or vacuum flasks. **We are a nut free school so please do not send your child with any products containing nuts.**

Fresh fruit, cheese and vegetables **only** are allowed for snacks at break times. During morning break, children can purchase healthy snacks from the Tuck Shop. Prices range from 20p-50p.

If your child wishes to change from packed lunches to school meals or vice versa then please inform the office giving one (working) week's notice.

Thank you



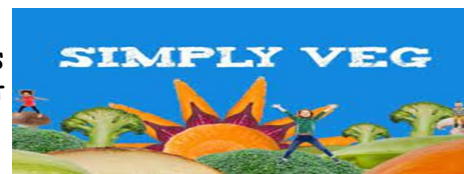
Simply Veg

Are you struggling to get your children to eat vegetables?

Are you worried by the increasing cost of food?

The link below will take you to the new Simply Veg site which has great ideas, recipes, advice and resources to help support families to increase their veg consumption.

[Simply Veg](#)



Chat around the table



In school we're trying really hard to keep our energy bills low. Each class has a switch monitor who is responsible for trying to turn off lights and the board when they're not required. Have a chat with your child about how much can be saved by turning devices off at the plug rather than leaving them on standby.

Energy / Cost of Living Crisis

We understand that lots of families will be finding the energy crisis and cost of living extremely difficult at the moment. If your family are in need of support from Brighthouse Central Foodbank then please get in touch with either Mrs Jocelyn or Mrs Brearley. This support is dealt with confidentially. We can also apply for support for you if your child does not have a bed at home. A referral can only be made if a child does not have a bed. We are unable to make a referral for new mattresses. Again, please speak to us to get this support if required. If you are finding things difficult, we are here to listen and will do all that we can to provide support, whether this is by making a referral to another agency or by providing a space to talk.



Brighthouse Rotary Club Shoe Box Appeal

Just a reminder that we still have boxes available for parents/carers to fill to help with this years Brighthouse Rotary Club 'Shoe Box Appeal'. They are once again hoping to spread a little happiness to disadvantaged children. This year they have requested that the boxes are filled with items suitable for teenagers such as new toiletries, gloves, pencil crayons, etc. If you are able to help with this please call into the school office for a box which has been provided by the Rotary Club.



We keep our children safe by

Suggesting to parents/carers that they provide their child with a hi-vis jacket or reflective clothing when walking to or from school in the dark.

We have also spent time talking to our children about bonfire safety.

Please take the time to talk about staying safe near fireworks.

7 essential
SAFETY TIPS
for Bonfire Night

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Don't build a bonfire too high
Always ensure your fire is built in an open space and not too close to houses, hedges, fences or sheds
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Never light a bonfire with petrol
Or any flammable liquid, instead use domestic fire lighters and never throw aerosol cans or tyres onto a fire
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Keep a bucket of water nearby
Ensure you have a hosepipe or bucket of water on hand in case of an emergency
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Only buy fireworks with the BS7114 kitemark
Be sure to store them in a cool, dry box
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Never go near a firework that has been lit
Even if the firework hasn't gone off, it can still explode
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When a sparkler goes out, do not touch it
It could still burn you so be sure to place it in a bucket of cold water
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Never give sparklers to a child under 5
And teach children to hold them at arm's length

Families www.familiesonline.co.uk

Our Christian Value

This half term our Christian Value which we will be focusing on is hope. Please see the activity sheet below for ideas to discuss at home.



This term we will be focussing in school on the value HOPE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT HOPE TOGETHER...

The value **hope** is about much more than just wishing as hard as we can that things will be different. It is about believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something!

The character Noah in the story opposite, was willing to look silly in front of his neighbours by building a huge boat even though he lived miles from the ocean, because he **hoped** and believed that God had a plan. As a family you may want to talk about:

- your **hopes** and dreams for the future
- what you can do to make them happen
- what others need to do

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, **hope** for tomorrow"
Albert Einstein



READ TOGETHER...

God's Special Promise

The world that God had made was a beautiful, colourful place – brimming with life and bursting with good things. It was his precious gift given with all his love. God **hoped** that people would care for it and care for each other but now they were doing just the opposite! They were quarrelling, fighting, and spoiling everything. God saw that there was only one thing to do; to begin all over again.

But God also saw that not everyone on the earth was wicked. There was one man and his family trying to do their best to look after the world and to look after each other and to listen to him. The man's name was Noah. God told Noah to build an ark – a huge, magnificent boat. Noah was mystified because he lived miles from the ocean and was not sure why he would ever need a boat. As word got around about the enormous boat Noah's neighbours made his life miserable with their taunts and jibes. Sometimes Noah was tempted to lose **hope**, but he knew from experience that he could trust God for the future, so he and his family kept on building.

When the work was finally finished God told Noah to gather two of every kind of creature as well as all his family together and set up home in the ark. It took a long time but Noah had to just keep on trusting God. And then the first raindrops began to fall, followed by showers, then torrents and finally floods. On and on it rained for forty days and forty nights. When Noah was beginning to lose **hope** of ever seeing the sun again, the rain suddenly stopped. Noah sent out a dove and when it did not return he knew that the bird had found dry land on which to build a nest. They were safe at last! And then a wonderful thing happened. God sent a rainbow - a beautiful, colourful bow in the sky. It was a sign of **hope** and promise. The world had been washed clean, and was all ready for a new beginning.

Bible story based on Genesis 6:1-9:21



QUIZ Word Search

Find the words from the story of Noah. 12 creatures are also hidden in the word search. They were on the boat!

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| NOAH | CREATURE | FORTY |
| ARK | DAYS | HOPE |
| BOAT | DOVE | NEST |
| BUILD | FLOODS | PROMISE |
| | GOD | RAINBOW |
| | | WORLD |



The Basket of Dreams

This beautiful sculpture is on the hills overlooking Lake Wakatipu in New Zealand. It is called the Basket of Dreams and is made from a spiral of steel. Spirals can remind us that we have a choice about the way we live. We can either travel inwards towards self-centredness where we only try to think of ourselves or we can travel outwards towards the world and other people.



FAMILY FOCUS

Spiral of Hope

Start with a circle of paper or light card and draw a spiral. On the spiral write a **hope** or dream that you have that will make the world a safer, cleaner or more healthy place to live. Cut along the lines until you get to the centre, leaving a circle in the middle. Make a hole in the middle so you can hang your spiral from a thread. (You may want to practice drawing a good spiral on some scrap paper before you start.)



FASCINATING FACTS

Rainbows

After a shower of rain we sometimes see a magnificent rainbow arched across the sky.

- rainbows are the reflection of the sun in the rain droplets in the sky
- they are curved because raindrops are round
- they are multi-coloured because each raindrop splits the sunlight into a spectrum of colours
- the colours of the rainbow are always in the same order – red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet – and red is highest in the sky
- an easy way to remember the order is using the mnemonic 'Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain'. The first letter of each word is also the first letter of the colour.



HALL OF FAME

Sir David Attenborough

Sir David Attenborough is best known as a natural history film maker. He has made expeditions all over the world to watch and film wildlife in its natural habitat. His many TV documentary programmes have allowed us all to understand the wonder of nature and the importance of conserving the natural environment if species are to survive.

Sir David has shown us the impact humans have too often made on the natural world and the consequent struggle of wildlife to survive. His **hope** is that we leave future generations a planet that is healthy and inhabitable by all species.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Make a 'hopes and dreams' catcher

Dream catchers are traditionally made from a looped willow branch onto which a net or web is woven. The net is then decorated with feathers, beads and other decorations. According to American Indian folklore, as we sleep, dreams are caught in the net and with the first rays of sunlight any bad dreams are burned away.

Find a long twig that can be bent and tied to make a hoop or frame. Use natural string or thread stretched across the frame to make the net and then decorate it creatively to catch all the **hopes and dreams** you can!



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OPEN DAY

PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Thursday 17th November 2022

10:00am - 12:00pm or 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Come and join us on our open day. See our children and staff during a normal school day at both schools (Infant and Junior). **Please call to reserve a place.**

In April 22, OFSTED said:

"There is enough evidence...to suggest that the school could be **judged outstanding** if we were to carry out a section 5 inspection now. The school's next inspection will be a section 5 inspection."

"Pupils are happy and enthusiastic learners. They are proud of their work and love to talk about what they know and remember."

"Learning in every subject starts in the Reception class. The curriculum gives children a firm foundation on which to build future learning."

"Pupils say they are all good friends and love playing together. They enjoy helping others."



Both schools offer Wrap Around Care

Infant School: 7:30am— 5:30pm

Junior School: 7:45am— 6:00pm



Applications for Reception 2023 open on Friday 18th November 2022 & close on Sunday 15th January 2023

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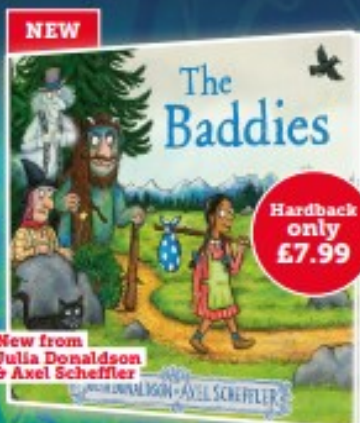
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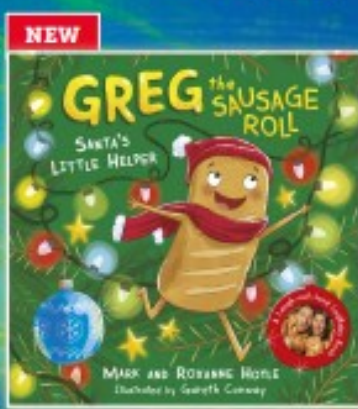
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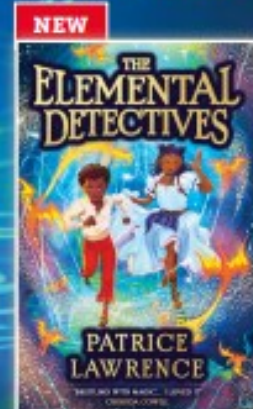
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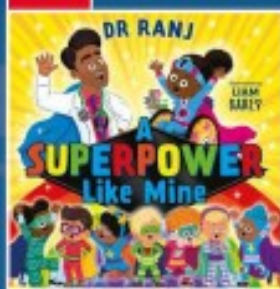
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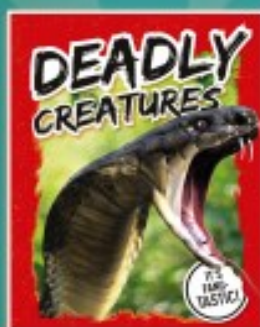


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