

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



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Headteacher's Message

Diary Dates

Tues 3rd Jan
School re-opens

Weds 4th Jan
Community Streets
Drop-in Session
2.30pm—6.30pm

Mon 9th Jan
After School Activity Clubs
Start

Thurs 26th Jan
Year 5 Robinwood Information
Evening in the school hall
5.30pm—6.30pm

Weds 8th Feb
Choir to attend
Young Voices in Sheffield

Fri 10th Feb
Always Assembly
2.45pm

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Mon 20th Feb
School Closed for
Staff Training Day

Tues 21st Feb
School re-opens



May I start this newsletter thanking all of our family members for attending the carol service at St. Martin's on Wednesday. The children enjoyed singing and I know lots of families commented on the lovely afternoon. It was great to see the church so full and thank you for those who joined in with the carols too. For me, our carol service means that Christmas has truly begun.

A huge well done to our wonderful Year 3 pupils who performed in 'Lights, Camel, Action!'. Watching the show it was clear that all pupils put in a huge amount of effort in learning their lines, rehearsing dance routines and perfecting their acts.

I want to thank all of the parents for the wonderful feedback during our Ofsted visit last week both online and whilst speaking to inspectors in the playground. This Ofsted visit was a 'graded inspection' which is unlike the inspection we had last November. Some families have asked when our new report will be published. We are hoping that the new inspection report will be published at the end of January and we will ensure that all of our families receive a copy as soon as it is made public.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of our St. Andrew's family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope that all of our pupils and their families have a safe, warm and lovely Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School





May my friends and family be blessed.

May whoever is feeling weak during the festive season be given strength.

May all of those who are carrying heavy burdens this Christmas have their load lightened.

Amen

Active Challenge

Around the World

60-Second Classroom Active Challenge

>> Find a clear space.
>> If you drop it, pick it up quickly and carry on!

How many times can you pass the ball around your waist in 60 seconds?

Challenge a partner. If you drop the ball, you must stop!

Did You Know...?

Aerobic exercise strengthens the heart and improves the body's ability to deliver oxygen to all its cells.

Gold Award

45 times around

Silver Award

30 times around

Bronze Award

20 times around

Thank you

Christmas Fayre



WOW! A huge thank you to everyone who helped to organise the Christmas Fayre. We raised an amazing £1392.85 which is £300 more than we have raised in previous years. I have to say that the raffle prizes were incredible so a massive thank you to parents/carers for the donations made.

Because of the money raised the children have had a pantomime visit in school, all received a book for Christmas and the PTA have made a donation towards the cost of replacing the wooden seating area in the playground. We could not have done it without you!

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day raised a fantastic £57.00 for Overgate Hospice to help them continue their amazing work for the people in Calderdale.



Scholastic Book Fair



Your generous purchases from the Scholastic Book Fair has raised an amount of £680.00 which will enable school to purchase books from Scholastic for our children to use in school.

Thank you for your support, you are amazing

We keep our children safe by

.....teaching our pupils about ice safety. The children have all been spoken to this week about the dangers of going near icy water and what to do in an emergency. Please also take the time to remind your child about the importance of staying away from frozen open water.

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

Calderdale Music Trust Performance



A huge thank you to Calderdale Music Trust who took the time out of their busy schedule to perform to our school today. The children watched an amazing choir and learnt the different parts that make up a choir. It really was inspirational.

If your child wants to learn how to play an instrument in school, you can contact <https://www.calderdalemusic.co.uk/> for more information.

Promoting Excellence Letters

Yesterday, all parents/carers should have received a Promoting Excellence letter with your child's current attainment and effort levels for this term. For more information about what the colours mean, please visit our website <https://standrews.calderdale.sch.uk/promoting-excellence/>.

If you have not yet received your child's report, please either speak to the office or your child's class teacher.

Goodbye and thank you

We would like to wish our School Business Manager, Mrs Stollery, a very happy retirement. She has worked in our school for the past 6 years and brought a huge amount of support to our whole school community. She has often been described as Mary Poppins (practically perfect in every way!) and we must let our families know what an incredible job she has done here. We wish her all the very best for her retirement.

We would also like to wish our librarian and SEN support, Mrs Austin, a very happy retirement. Mrs Austin joined St. Andrew's 20 years ago. She often comments on having been here when the parents of our current children were here. Mrs Austin has always worked incredibly hard to ensure our certificates are made on time, our school looks splendid and our library is in tip-top condition. Enjoy your retirement Mrs Austin- after 20 years in our school family, you deserve a lovely break!



Chat around the table

Over the Christmas holidays we often take the time (as we enter the new year) to think about our hopes and dreams. This half term our Christian Value has been Hope.

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 can do to help you realise these dreams



Time Out Christmas Holiday Activities

Christmas Holidays

Find your thing this half-term! **FREE** activities for children and young people in Calderdale.

TIMEOUT

Long Term Time

Mon 19th December: Christmas Chaos: Writing & Drawing

10.30am - 3pm Halifax Central Library, HX1 1QG with Tara & Zeke

Visit www.timeoutcalderdale.co.uk to book

Boxing

3pm - 4pm Star Boxing Club, Gibbet St, HX1 4JQ

Call [07759 387 304](tel:07759387304) or email starboxingclub@live.co.uk to book



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10-19



Tues 20th December: Make Exploding Bath Bombs!

12pm - 3.30pm Orangebox, 1 Blackledge, HX1 1AF

Visit www.timeoutcalderdale.co.uk to book



Weds 21st December: Acting Masterclass With Phil McGinley

10am - 3pm Calder High School, Mytholmroyd

Visit www.timeoutcalderdale.co.uk to book



Thurs 22nd December: Christmas Songs & Party

10am - 3pm Orangebox, 1 Blackledge, HX1 1AF

Visit www.timeoutcalderdale.co.uk to book



Scan to book



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Jodi at SOULSTATION, St. Martin's Church, Focus 4 Hope and Mary's mum for ensuring that all of our wonderful families get the support they need over Christmas. Their generosity has been overwhelming and we cannot thank them enough.



PIXEL CRAFT: FREE CODING, CRAFT & ACTIVITY CLUBS (limited places still available)

In conjunction with Calderdale Council and Community Foundation for Calderdale, Educraft are providing **free** coding, craft and activity clubs in Rastrick this winter. Limited places are now available to book on behalf of children and young people aged 8 to 14 who receive benefit-related free school meals and other eligible groups (see www.educraft.uk/rastrick for more details).

Children who attend will experience video game coding, craft making activities as well as physical exercise and a nutritious breakfast and hot lunch, all at no cost!

Where? The Parish Centre, Church Street, Rastrick, HD6 3NF.

When? 19th to 22nd December 2022, 9am to 5pm.

How can I book? Go to www.educraft.uk/rastrick



Community Streets Consultation — Your Views Matter

Mrs Jocelyn and Mrs Stollery met with the Community Streets team from Calderdale as the area around St Andrew's Junior School has been selected by Calderdale for investment which will focus on improving local traffic, inequality, improving the environment etc.

A public drop-in session about this will be held on 4th January 2023 from 2.30pm—6.30pm in the school hall. This session is open to parents and staff. The session will then open to the general public from 5pm—6.30pm.

Please drop in and share your views as they are important to us and the project team.



Community Streets Consultation



Regeneration and Strategy
Major Projects
Princess Buildings
Halifax
HX1 1TS

Dear Sir/Madam

Calderdale Council are working with Bradford and Kirklees Councils, and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to improve the A641 between Bradford, Brighouse and Huddersfield.

As part of the scheme, we are developing plans for two Community Street improvement areas to reduce traffic and build safe and healthy environments for people of all ages to walk. One around Shirley Manor Academy in Wyke and the second around St Andrew's Junior School in Brighouse.

The North Brighouse Community Streets scheme is focussed around St Andrew's Junior School. Through this scheme, we are seeking to reduce traffic and build a safe and healthy environment for people of all ages to walk, cycle, rest and play.

Proposals are currently under development and we would like ideas from local people to help shape these schemes which is why we've created a Commonplace Community Map for each area. Commonplace is a digital platform that connects people to the places they live, work, and socialise to be a part of the positive change. These are interactive maps of the local area; you can add your comments and feedback on the maps. <https://lowerwyke.commonplace.is/>

The proposed scheme will then be developed in further detail, based on feedback received, this is why we need your feedback on the scheme and what you think needs to change. To feed back on the rest of the A641 Improvement Scheme please see <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/a641>

Yours sincerely

Penny Dargan-Makin
Project Manager
Major Projects



SOULSTATION AND THE SPACE BRINGS TO YOU

UKRAINE CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY | FROM 4:00 P.M.

INCLUDES

- HOMEMADE UKRAINIAN FOOD**
- TRADITIONAL UKRAINIAN FESTIVE MUSIC**
- CAROLS**
- PARTY GAMES, ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN**

IT WOULDN'T BE A UKRAINIAN PARTY WITHOUT ...

CHERRY VODKA!!

Free event for Ukrainians and their guests -
supported by the Integration fund from CFFC

AT THE SPACE

COMMUNITY CENTRE, RASTRICK

EMAIL EVENT ORGANISER -
SOULSTATIONCIC@GMAIL.COM

TEL - 07717755763

PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE
VIA EMAIL OR TEXT.



PLAY | FOOD | DRINK

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Diary Dates for Spring Term 2022 / 2023

EVENT	DATE
School Re-opens	Tuesday 3 January 2023
After School Activity Clubs start	Monday 9 January 2023
Year 5 & 6 Trip to the Pantomime at Brighthouse High School (optional)	Wednesday 18 th January 7pm – 9.45pm
Year 5 Robinwood Parent Information Evening in the school hall	Thursday 26 January 2023 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Parents / Carers Coffee Morning	Friday 3 rd February 9am
Young Voices (choir to attend in Sheffield)	Wednesday 8 February 2023
Always Assembly	Friday 10 February 2023 2.45pm
School closes for half term	Friday 10 February 2023 3.25pm
Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)	Monday 20 February 2023
School Re-opens	Tuesday 21 February 2023
World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character or bring in a favourite book.	Thursday 2 March 2023
Mothers Day Stall	Wednesday 15 March 2023
Red Nose Day (bring buns in for sale in school)	Friday 17 March 2023
Parent’s Consultation Evening in the school hall	Thursday 23 March 2023 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Parent’s Consultation Evening in the school hall	Wednesday 29 March 2023 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Always Assembly	Friday 31 March 2023 2.45pm
School Closes for Easter	Friday 31 March 2023 3.25pm
School Re-opens	Monday 17 April 2023