

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



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Headteacher's Message

Diary Dates

Mon 23rd Jan

Chinese New Year
Celebration Lunch

Thurs 26th Jan

Year 5 Robinwood Information
Evening in the school hall
5.30pm–6.30pm

Fri 3rd Feb

Parents / Carers
Coffee Morning

Weds 8th Feb

Choir to attend
Young Voices in Sheffield

Fri 10th Feb

Always Assembly
2.45pm

Fri 10th Feb

School Closes for half term

Mon 20th Feb

School Closed for
Staff Training Day

Tues 21st Feb

School re-opens



Welcome back! I hope that all of our families had a wonderful Christmas break.

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Community Streets Project last week. The feedback was very useful and has since been uploaded onto the website so that all views can be shared. These can be viewed here <https://northbrighouse.commonplace.is/>. I will be in touch with families as soon as more information is made available about the next stages in this project.

I would like to welcome Mrs Hall to our school. Mrs Hall is our new School Business Manager and is now working across both the Infant and Junior School. We also currently have 3 trainee teachers working with us so you may come in contact with them in the upcoming weeks. Miss Naude is teaching in class India, Miss Amjad is in class Australia and Mr Grayson in class Germany. We welcome them to our St. Andrew's family.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School

Snow Closure Information



Calderdale Council will no longer be showing emergency school closures on their website. If school does need to close due to the weather or for any other emergency then parents/carers will receive a text message and the information will also be available on the school website. We will endeavour to make this decision as early as possible in the day to allow for families to arrange childcare. Hopefully this will not be a decision that we have to make this winter.



Lord,

Give me patience and faith,
with you and in you,
all things are possible.

Amen

Class Italy

Miss King is currently on maternity leave and will be returning to school at the start of the summer term (after the Easter holidays). She will take over from Mr Blamires teaching in Class Italy with her previous class. Both teachers will have plenty of opportunities to meet prior to her start date to ensure that pupil progress, attainment and SEN needs are discussed so please be assured that all important information will be shared. The children will also have opportunities to see Miss King before the Easter holidays.

Chat around the table

This half term we are thinking about the Christian value 'Peace'.

As a family, perhaps you could have a chat about what makes for a peaceful family home?

What can make things tricky at times?

How can these problems be resolved?

Are there any particular times which make being peaceful, or having peace of mind tricky?



Please see the activity sheets on pages 6 & 7 of the newsletter which are packed with fun activities for the family to do together and ideas to stimulate discussion and reflection.

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

We keep our children safe by

. asking parents and carers to check where their children are keeping their phones.

In our PSHE lessons in some year groups we have been speaking to the children about setting alarms to help them get into a good routine for the morning and being independent. A number of children reported using mobile phones to set their alarms and mentioned that they keep them under their pillow throughout the night. This is a fire hazard and so we encourage our parents and carers to check where their children are keeping mobile phones during the night.



What is ADHD?

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a neurological condition that affects people's behaviour.

Common symptoms of ADHD can be:

- Trouble with attention to detail and can make simple mistakes
 - Trouble holding attention with tasks or when playing
 - Can appear to be not listening when spoken to directly.
 - Often doesn't complete tasks
 - Difficulties with organisation
 - Loses equipment needed for tasks
 - Easily distracted
 - Forgetful in daily activities
 - Fidgets, tapping hands / feet or fidgets in their seat
 - Gets out of their seat in situations where remaining seated is expected.
 - Runs / climbs inappropriately.
 - Talks excessively.
 - Appears to be always on the go.
 - Blurts out answers before questions are finished.
 - Trouble waiting for their turn
- Often interrupts conversations.



Support available:

If you feel that you or someone you care for may have ADHD, speak to your GP or the school SENDCo (Mrs L Marsden).

What West Yorkshire ADHD Support Group Do?

They support anyone affected by ADHD; this includes both adults and children with or suspected of having ADHD, and also their parents/carers and siblings.

<https://wyadhd.co.uk/>

Please see the chart on the next page giving details of West Yorkshire ADHD Support Group locations and dates of sessions.

West Yorkshire ADHD Support Groups

Dewsbury

Children under 18 welcome
(Parents must stay and supervise)

Every Saturday 10am-12pm

Sensory World Playcentre
Old Westgate
Dewsbury
WF13 1NB

Wakefield

Over 18's only

First Tuesday of the month 7-9pm

Pinderfields Hospital
Wakefield
Floor E, Gate 47,
Room 170

3rd January
7th February
7th March
4th April
2nd May
6th June

Group Locations Jan-June 2023

Huddersfield

Over 18's only

Second Tuesday of the month 7-9pm

New North Road
Baptist Church
New North Parade
Huddersfield
HD1 5JU

10th January
7th February
14th March
11th April
9th May
13th June

Bradford

Over 18's only
6.30-8pm Adults
with (suspected) ADHD

7.30-9pm Parents/carers
of children with
(suspected) ADHD

Last Tuesday of the month

ShIPLEY Library
2 Well Croft
ShIPLEY
BD18 3HQ

31st January
28th February
28th March
25th April
30th May
27th June

Calderdale

Over 18's only

First Wednesday of the month 6.30-8.15pm

Salvation Army
33 King Street
Brighouse
HD6 1NX

4th January
1st February
1st March
5th April
3rd May
7th June

Leeds

Over 18's only

Second Friday of the month 10.30am-12.30pm

Management Suite
White Rose
Shopping Centre
LS11 8LU

13th January
10th February
10th March
14th April
12th May
9th June

Please look at West Yorkshire ADHD Groups Facebook page or website for any cancellations due to weather or illness





Sumo Squats

60-Second Classroom Active Challenge

- >> Find a clear space.
- >> Squat down and up for a count of one.

How many sumo squats can you perform in 60 seconds?



Challenge a partner to see who can hold their sumo squat the longest.



Did You Know...?

You can find out the maximum number of times your heart should beat per minute during exercise, by subtracting your age from 220.

Gold Award



Silver Award



Bronze Award



Chinese New Year Celebration Lunch

On Monday 23rd January we will be celebrating Chinese New Year by having a special Chinese lunch. If your child doesn't usually have a school dinner on this day but would like one, please contact the school office.



Menu

Chicken curry
Sweet & sour chicken
Vegetable sweet & sour
Vegetable spring rolls
Prawn crackers
Noodles



Our Christian Value

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

PEACE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK ABOUT PEACE TOGETHER...

In school, children will have been learning about different kinds of **peace** including **peace** that comes when it is quiet, the things that make for **peace** of mind and the qualities of a **peacemaker**. In this issue of Home School Values, we will be focussing on the last of these.

All families have disagreements and arguments from time to time.

- What are the things that cause members of your family to fall out?
- Are there particular times of the day that arguments happen?
- How do each of you feel inside at these times?

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist"

Golda Meir/Indira Gandhi



READ TOGETHER...

David Tries To Make Peace With King Saul

King Saul knew that he needed to keep an eye on young David. He had killed the giant, Goliath, and now people were saying that David should be king. David was a gifted musician and so Saul asked him to come and live in his palace and play soothing music to him when he was in a rage.

David became more and more popular and a good friend of Saul's own son Jonathan. Saul became more and more angry and jealous. Finally one day, as he watched David **peacefully** playing his harp Saul's fury erupted and he threw a spear at David narrowly missing him. David knew he must escape from Saul's palace and with Jonathan's help, he fled into the desert. Before long, hundreds of followers joined David. Saul was furious and, with 3000 of his finest soldiers, set out to hunt David down and kill him.

One day Saul and his men stopped by a huge cave. Saul went into the cave alone or so he thought! In fact, David and his friends had been resting in another part of the cave and when they saw Saul, David's men whispered, "This is your chance David. God has delivered Saul into your hands to deal with as you please. Let's kill him at once." David ordered his men to stay back while he crept forward and taking his knife from his belt, instead of killing Saul he simply cut off a corner of the king's cloak.

As Saul left the cave, David called after him, "My King, why do you think that I want to harm you and cause a rebellion? Look, here is a piece of your cloak! I could have killed you but I wish for only **peace** between us."

Saul was overcome with sadness for what he had done. "May the Lord reward you richly for the way you have treated me today. I know now that one day David you will indeed be king."



QUIZ

Spot the difference

Can you spot the eight differences?



Bible story based on 1 Samuel 26



FASCINATING FACTS



The Nobel Peace Prize

Alfred Nobel was a 19th century Swedish inventor and engineer. He invented dynamite, which was used to destroy many things! Perhaps because of this, in his will, Nobel left money and instructions to award five special prizes each year. He said that one of these, the Nobel **Peace** Prize, should be given to a person, or group of people, who had done the most or best work to promote **peace** between nations.

- The Nobel **Peace** Prize is presented in Oslo on 10th December each year by the King of Norway
- The winner is given a diploma, a medal and over 1 million US dollars to carry on their work



FAMILY FOCUS

Becoming Peacemakers

'Peer Mediation' is a scheme often used in schools to train teams of children who volunteer to help settle disputes in the playground. Some of the guidelines in the training include the following strategies:

- Listen carefully to both sides
- No interrupting
- No accusations
- List problems to be sorted out and then work through them

How do you resolve disagreements in your household? List one 'top tip' from every member of the family.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Create an Acrostic for the word **Peacemaker**

A good **peacemaker** is.....

Prepared to listen

Even-handed with everyone

Always fair



HALL OF FAME

Rigoberta Menchu

Very few people had heard of Rigoberta Menchu when it was announced that she had won the Nobel **Peace** Prize in 1992. However, Rigoberta was one of the bravest women ever to have been awarded this prestigious prize. She was born in 1959 into a Mayan Indian family who lived and worked in Guatemala. The Mayan people were treated cruelly by the government and the army in Guatemala. The Menchu family were Christians and they believed it was their duty to fight against such injustice. The family learnt Spanish from the local priests so they could stand up for the rights of their people. One by one the members of the family were killed in the most dreadful way by the government soldiers, first Rigoberta's 16 year old brother, then her father because he was a union leader and then finally her mother. Rigoberta knew she would be next, so she escaped to Mexico where she wrote her life story and made a film about the bad things happening in Guatemala. Rigoberta continues to this day to stand up against injustice and is now an Ambassador for the United Nations.





FOOTBALL & MULTI-SPORTS

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CAMP 2023

AGE RANGES FROM SCHOOL YEARS 2 TO 6
9am to 3pm

Tuesday 14th February 2023

Wednesday 15th February 2023

Thursday 16th February 2023



St Andrews C of E Junior School

Waterloo Road, Brighouse HD5 2AN

Be sure to bring along a packed lunch & water bottle each day, along with suitable sports clothing for both indoor and outdoor activities.

Sibling discount available

Single Day Rate

9am to 3pm

£17.50

2 Days

9am to 3pm

£30

3 Days

9am to 3pm

£40

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