

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



27th January 2023 Issue 9

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Diary Dates

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

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Wednesday 15th March

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 17th March

Red Nose Day



Executive Headteacher's Message



**WE ARE OFFICIALLY
OUTSTANDING**



Inspection of St Andrew's C of E (VA) Junior School

Waterloo Road, Brighouse, West Yorkshire HD6 2AN

Inspection dates: 6 and 7 December 2022

Overall effectiveness	Outstanding
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The quality of education	Outstanding
Behaviour and attitudes	Outstanding
Personal development	Outstanding
Leadership and management	Outstanding
Previous inspection grade	Good

I hope that you've now had chance to read our **OUTSTANDING** Ofsted report.

We are delighted that we've been awarded the top grade in all areas during our latest Ofsted inspection. This fantastic accolade reflects the dedication and hard work of our governors, staff, children and all our school community.

I'm thrilled that Ofsted could see the lengths that we go to, to ensure that we provide a first-rate education to all our children and that we are living our mission statement of 'Promoting excellence within a caring, Christian community.'

And yes, we will be getting a banner!



Mrs K. Smith

Executive Headteacher





Dear God,

Please give me the strength to endure this situation, and to find the blessings and lessons that it contains.

Please give me the endurance to continue ahead.

Please guide my thoughts, words and actions, so that I walk your path of peace and love.

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

Coffee Morning – Friday 3rd February

Coffee Morning



Next Friday (3rd February) we will be hosting our coffee morning. All parents/carers are welcome. We will have free tea, coffee and cake available. We will have a school nurse available that morning so if you have any health concerns you wish to discuss please come along. Any parents without health concerns are also welcome! We are hosting these events as a way of supporting any of our families to get to know each other and to have the opportunity to chat to Mrs Jocelyn or Mrs Brearley (with the added bonus of having cake!). We hope to see you then.

Friday 3rd February 9am-10am

NEU Strike Action



You may be aware that the National Education Union is planning strike action, which potentially will take place on 1st February, 28th February, 15th and 16th March in our area. The strike action is happening nationally due to a dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

As it currently stands, school is planning to stay open on the intended strike days. Please note that this situation could change if other teaching unions decide to re-ballot. We will continue to keep you informed if there any updates regarding the proposed strikes. Information will be sent as soon as possible to assist parents / carers.

Golden Book Assembly

We are delighted to be able to invite our parents / carers into school to celebrate our children's achievements in our Golden Book Assemblies. Attendance at these assemblies is by **invite only**, as we need to limit the number of people in our hall to adhere to fire regulations. You will receive a text message inviting you to attend if your child is receiving an award. Unfortunately we can only allow one person to attend for each child who is to receive an award.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.



We keep our children safe by

. asking our families to speak to their children about Stranger Danger. We want our children to know that school is a safe place so if they feel worried or unsure of anyone outside our grounds, they can always come to us.



**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



Dental & Eyesight checks



Just like we encourage our families to ensure children get their teeth checked at the dentist every 6 months, we encourage you to get your child's eyesight checked annually. Pupils eyesight is usually checked as they enter school in Reception Class but it is not checked in school after this time. Having a child's eyesight checked at the opticians is free.

Polite requests

Earrings

We have noticed quite a few children have had their ears pierced recently. Please can we ask that all parents/carers ensure that any children with their ears pierced are able to safely remove them for PE or swimming or ensure that they are covered. Swimming caps or swimming head bands are advised. As swimming is a statutory element of the National Curriculum we must ensure that the children attend these lessons. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Expensive items

Some children have started bringing in expensive water bottles. We encourage our pupils not to bring in expensive items from home as these can easily be lost or damaged in a very busy classroom. I am politely asking that parents consider not sending their child in with an expensive water bottle or pencil case to avoid any unnecessary upset should they become damaged as they can easily be knocked off a table. School will not be held accountable for any lost or damaged goods.

Year 5 Swimming after February Half Term

Please note after half term

Class Germany will go swimming on a Monday
& Class France will go swimming on Wednesday.



FREE for FSM, Foster Children,
Looked After Children or those on EHC Plan

Calling all young people

Free holiday activities and food sessions

HALF TERM FUN

13th February to 17th February 2023

Join #HealthyHolidaysCalderdale for a variety of activities during February Half Term!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE

Calderdale Council

ACTIVE CALDERDALE

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR CALDERDALE

HALF TERM FUN

This is your chance to take part in **free, fun** activities during the half term holidays! Scan the QR code to find out what activities are available to book.

Find out what's on and book your place at...www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays

Whether it's abseiling or caving, drama or dance there is something for everyone.

Calderdale Council are providing free activities for young people eligible for free school meals aged 5-16.

Calderdale's Healthy Holidays Half Terms provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe & fun environment, during the school holidays.

Calling all 5-16s on Free School Meals - Book your place now!

Get Out & Ride!



Brooksbank Cycle Circuit, HX50TA

£1 Taster Session, March 4th 2023

Who are we?

The Clancy Briggs Cycling Academy was founded by three-time Olympic gold medalist Ed Clancy and former professional road cyclist Graham Briggs, with the aim of getting children on bikes, developing skills and having fun!

We have classes available for children aged from just 18 months learning how to balance, right through to teenagers looking to develop their racing or technical skills.

Saturdays at Brooksbank

11:00-11:40

Balance & Learn Classes

11:45-12:30

Pedal Classes

12:30-13:15

Race Classes

Book your place - www.clancybriggs.co.uk/academy

Contact us - team@clancybriggs.co.uk

We have vacancies at our Infant School for a Catering Manager and an Administrative Assistant. Please see the adverts below. Full details can be found on our website,



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 Junior 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 180 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. Our school has been rated 'Good' in our most recent Ofsted (April 2022) and SIAMS (November 2016) inspections. We have 167 pupils on roll, 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 all of our pupils.

For more information about the post, or to arrange a visit, please phone 01484 714964 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-inf.calderdale.sch.uk/>

Completed application forms should be returned to the school office or by email to: admin@st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk by 9am on Wednesday 22nd February 2023.

We anticipate that interviews will be held w/c 27th February 2023.

CALDERDALE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

St Andrew's CE (VA) Infant School

Lightcliffe Road, Brighouse. HD6 2HH. Tel: 01484 714964

**Administrative Assistant**

**Permanent position. 20 hours per week (8.00am – 12 noon), term time only
Scale 2 point 6-13**

The Federated Governing Board of St Andrew's CE (VA) Infant and Junior Schools is looking to appoint an Administrative Assistant to join our staff team at the Infant School.

St Andrew's CE (VA) Infant School is a warm and welcoming two-form entry Infant School with an excellent reputation. We are looking to appoint caring, enthusiastic individuals to join our supportive and friendly staff.

The post is permanent, subject to a probationary period.

The successful candidate will be:

- Dedicated, organised and enthusiastic with good attention to detail
- Able to provide an efficient and welcoming reception service in our busy school office
- Excellent administration and communication skills with the ability to prioritise
- Experience of dealing with money and confidential information
- Able to maintain and contribute to the ethos of the school
- Adaptable and enjoys a challenge!

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants to posts that are exempted from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act will require a DBS check from the Disclosure and Barring Service before the appointment is confirmed.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed; please contact the school to make an appointment. Application form and supporting documents can be downloaded from the CMBC or St Andrew's Infant websites and returning directly to the school email – or by requesting an application form from Julie Hall, School Business Manager

01484 714964 admin@st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk

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