

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



10th February 2023 Issue 10

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Diary Dates

Mon 20th Feb
School Closed for
Staff Training Day

Tues 21st Feb
School re-opens

Fri 24th Feb
School Disco
Years 3 & 4: 3.30pm—4.45pm
Years 5 & 6: 5.00pm—6.15pm

Thursday 2nd March
World Book Day

Wednesday 15th March
Mother's Day Stall

Friday 17th March
Red Nose Day

Thurs 23rd March
Parent consultations
(in the school hall)
3.30pm—6.30pm

Weds 29th March
Parent consultations
(in the school hall)
3.30pm—6.30pm

Fri 31st March
Always Assembly 2.45pm

Fri 31st March
School closes for Easter



Headteacher's Message

A big well done to our choir who took part in the Young Voices concert on Wednesday. They had a fabulous time and I'm sure have made memories which will last a lifetime. A big thank you to the staff who helped on the day- I know the children are very thankful for the experience.

As we come to the half term may I remind parents and carers that we have a training day on Monday 20th February and so will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 21st February.

I would like to let our parents know of one project that we have been working on this half term. Since January we have held a weekly afternoon session for our children from the Ukraine and any other Ukrainian children in Calderdale. The sessions are run by a Ukrainian teacher who is living here in the local area. The children have reported finding the sessions really welcoming, fun and a great space to get to know each other by speaking a familiar language. This has been funded by the money raised at the Jigsaw Festival at St. Martin's Church. It's nice to share that we are giving back to our wider community and I do hope that this is something we can further develop in the future.



Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School





Dear God,

Help me spend today,
and every day with a
smile on my face, love in
my heart, joy in his
grace and my thinking
cap on all day!

Amen

Chat around the table

As we enter the spring months, have a chat about what signs of spring can you see?

Can you spot any signs in the changes of the length of the day?

Have you noticed that it's lighter for much longer?

What time does it get light and dark each day?



Reminder Year 5 Swimming after February Half Term

Class Germany
will go swimming
on Mondays

Class France will
go swimming on
Wednesdays



World Book Day Thurs 2nd March

Dress as your
favourite book
character or
bring in your
favourite book



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 Dinners / Meal Patterns



It has come to light following spot checks carried out that some children are going through for a school dinner who should be bringing a packed lunch from home. We will continue to monitor this at regular intervals and parents will be informed. We do appreciate that on the odd occasion children will forget their lunchbox and in these instances a school meal will be provided and the appropriate charge made to the child's account.

If your child would like to alter their dinner patterns you must complete a form which can be obtained from the school office. We require 1 weeks' notice for the change to take place.

Free School Meal Entitlement

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Are you entitled?

If you are entitled to any of the following benefits you may be entitled to Free School Meals. If your child is Infants School age (Reception—Year 2), please ensure you claim this entitlement even though your child may be receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals. By claiming this benefit it will increase the amount of funding for the school and, as long as your circumstances remain unchanged, the Free School Meals entitlement will continue when your child moves into the Junior School. If your child is already at Junior School and you are now claiming one of the following benefits for the first time you may be entitled to free school meals.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education

The link below will take you to Calderdale Councils 'free school meal' website page.

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals>

Children's Mental Health Week



To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week, Year 3 have created a 'connect me' hand to explore how they are connected to others in their class.





Clap and Catch

60-Second Classroom Active Challenge

- » Use a small ball or similar-shaped object.
- » The ball must go above head height. If you drop it, pick it up quickly and carry on counting your score.

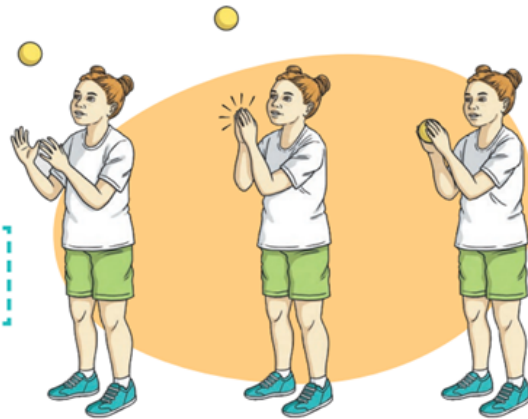
How many times can you throw a ball up, clap once and catch it in 60 seconds?



Work with a partner to throw, clap and catch in pairs. Can you achieve a medal together?

Did You Know...?

There are three types of muscle in the body. These are smooth, skeletal and cardiac.



Gold Award



35 clap and catches

Silver Award



20 clap and catches

Bronze Award



10 clap and catches

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S
BEST YOUNG BAKERS
AGED 9 - 12

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023**

Enquiries:

applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.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 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 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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**Calderdale
Music**



Mini Musical Voices

Mondays 4 - 4.45pm
at The Old Courthouse, HX1 2DL

For pupils aged 6-8 years old.
Learn to sing well-known tunes from musical
theatre, films and your favourite Disney songs!

FREE sessions 20th & 27th Feb and 6th March
£1 per session on 13th, 20th & 27th March
£5 per session thereafter

More info and sign up here:
www.calderdalemusic.co.uk
email: admin@calderdalemusic.co.uk



**Calderdale
Music**



Pop Choir

Wednesdays 5-6 pm
at The Old Courthouse, HX1 2DL

For pupils aged 9-12 years old.
Come together to learn and share the songs you
really love to sing!

FREE sessions 22nd Feb, 1st & 8th March
£1 per session on 15th, 22nd & 29th March
£5 per session thereafter

More info and sign up here:
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email: admin@calderdalemusic.co.uk

FRIENDS OF LOWER VALLEY



WE ARE PROVIDING A 12 WEEK ROLLING PROGRAMME AIMED AT WOMEN IN THE LOWER VALLEY COMMUNITY. EACH WEEK WE WILL COVER A DIFFERENT TOPIC AIMED AT PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND WELLBEING.

Sure Start Children's Centres
North Halifax Partnership

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO REFER, CONTACT THE FACILITATORS ON:
KIRSTY.RICHMOND@NHPLTD.ORG.UK
OR
KRISTINA.WAITE@NHPLTD.ORG.UK

North Halifax Partnership

LOWER VALLEY FAMILY SUPPORT TELEPHONE ADVICE LINE

RING 01484 386621 TO BOOK A TELEPHONE APPOINTMENT TO SPEAK TO ONE OF THE FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM FOR ADVICE AND SUPPORT ON ISSUES THAT ARE AFFECTING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.



APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE ON:
MONDAY 13.15-14.45P M
FRIDAY 9.30-11.30A M

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