

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

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

Fri 24th March
Parent / Carer
Coffee Morning - 9am

Tues 28th March
Y3 Trip to Creswell Crags

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

Mon 17th April
School re-opens

Mon 1st May
School Closed
May Day Bank Holiday



Headteacher's Message

Thank you to the wonderful PTA who worked so hard on Wednesday to ensure all of our pupils had the opportunity to buy a special gift from our Mother's Day stall. We really value the hard work that our parents put in to help our school.

Do you want to volunteer in school? We would love to have some volunteers who can listen to our children read and help in various ways around school. If you would like to volunteer, please collect a Volunteer Application Form from our school office. This process will include carrying out a DBS check. Volunteers play a huge part in helping our pupils whilst also supporting the volunteer to gain experience in working with children.

Did you know that we have spaces in Years 3 and 5? If you have any local friends looking for a school place, please encourage them to come for a tour of our school to see for themselves the outstanding education we deliver.



Our wonderful Mrs Talbot (in the office) is going to be retiring at Easter. I think you will all agree that Mrs Talbot is a great member of our school community and we wish her all the very best for her retirement.



Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School

Red Nose Day

RED NOSE DAY

Thank you to all of the bakers out there who helped bake for our school bake sale today. Because of your kind donations we have managed to raise, so far, an amazing £165.00 for Red Nose Day! We will report the final figure to you when known.

Thank you.





Dear God,

Thank you for the world so
sweet

Thank you for the food we
eat

Thank you for the birds
that sing

Thank you God for
everything.

Amen

Year 4 Visit to Murton Park

On Monday 13th March, Year 4 visited Murton Park in York for a Viking experience. The children got to visit an amazing replica of a Viking village where they learnt how to make authentic Viking clay pots, grind wheat to make flour and then some bread, learnt a Viking game AND learnt how to look after their home by going on patrol with replica shields and spears. They were also educated by the village leader about Viking times and how the Vikings were not just raiders. All the children behaved brilliantly and came away knowing a lot more about Viking times.



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

Chat around the table

This week in worship, Mrs Marsden spoke to the children about neurodiversity. The aim of the discussion was to allow our pupils to have a greater understanding of some of the needs that other children in their class may have.

Perhaps families could have a chat about what their child learnt in this session and address any questions they may have.



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2023



Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2023 the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 20-31 March. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event. Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert, and is great for their mental wellbeing too. The scooter/bike rack is located outside the Year 5 doors. Prizes to be won for the most active class!

We keep our children safe by

. teaching our children about mental health issues. Last week our Year 6 pupils attended an Open Minds workshop all about dealing with anxiety. The children worked with a specialist mental health worker in how to deal with stress and anxiety, what symptoms you might have if you suffer with anxiety and then gave strategies to help with anxiety and worries.



Science Week



For Science week, Year 3 and 6 were visited by some amazing speakers who talked to the children about Science in their line of work.

Year 3 were visited by John who is an engineer. He talked about what an engineer does and how our learning at school could help you to get into that profession in the future. He then set the year group an engineering challenge! He said that he was very impressed by their interesting and thoughtful questions.

In Year 6, the children were visited by Amber who has a career in construction. They also took part in a Q and A session online with Clare and Jennyfer who work as an ecologist and an engineer. The children learnt about their occupations and how they could go into that line of work.

Hopefully, some of our children could be inspired to take up similar roles in the future.



JOIN THE FUN THIS SPRING

AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE SPRING PROGRAMME

This Spring, during the April school holidays, children and young people aged 5-16 eligible for benefits-related free school meals are invited to take part in a range of exciting and fun activities through the Healthy Holidays Calderdale Programme.

The scheme provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe and fun environment.



To book scan the QR code or visit healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/

You will need to register your child on the booking system before booking your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

For more information on the programme and support in booking a place on the spring programme please contact:

Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

Twitter: @HAFCalderdale

Website: www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays

Email: healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk



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Children's Centres**

North Halifax Partnership



Sleep Tight Course

**Does your child suffer sleep problems?
Are you in sleep crisis?
Do you want to access support to help to improve bedtime?**

Join us on our Sleep Tight Course

Our workshops include:

- Understanding sleep cycles
- Common sleep issues and strategies to manage these
- Establishing appropriate routines
- Keeping sleep diaries and interpreting the data Environments

To book or for more information on the next course, please contact:-

**Nicola Cooke or Lisa Ward on 01422 251090 or by email
Nicola.cooke@nhpltd.org.uk or Lisa.ward@nhpltd.org.uk**

Our training is delivered by practitioners trained by The Children's Sleep Charity

www.thechildrenssleepcharity.org.uk



Working to ensure that Children get a good night's sleep.....
And so do their parents!