

# St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



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## Diary Dates

**Friday 31st March**  
School Closed  
Easter Holiday

**Mon 17th April**  
School re-opens

**Thurs 20th April**  
West Yorkshire  
Cross Country Finals  
12 noon

**Mon 24th April**  
Nursing Team Visit  
Year 6 Height & Weight

**Mon 1st May**  
School Closed  
May Day Bank Holiday

**Mon 8th May**  
School Closed  
Coronation of King Charles III

**9th–12th May**  
SATs Week

**Fri 9th May**  
Parents / Carers  
Coffee Morning  
9am

**Fri 26th May**  
School Closed  
Half Term



## Headteacher's Message

We have had a very busy couple of weeks in the run up to Easter.

First of all I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our Easter service at St. Martin's Church. It was lovely to see the church so full and I think that you will agree that all of the children sang and spoke beautifully throughout.

Our class teachers have been busy taking children on various trips this half term. Our Year 5/6 gymnasts participated in the Key Steps competition at Diamonds Gymnastics and represented the school well. It took a lot of courage to perform in front of so many other schools and families.

Well done to our Year 6 children who participated in the Poetry Slam at the Victoria Theatre last week. The children (Noah, Evie, Erica, Ebony, Charlotte and Keira) were the first to the stage and performed a poem they had written in school. They too showed a lot of courage and should be very proud of representing our school so well.

Parents and carers should have all received their child's Promoting Excellence reports yesterday. More details about what the different colours mean can be found here:

<https://standrews.calderdale.sch.uk/promoting-excellence/>.  
If you have not received your child's report, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

I hope that you all have a lovely Easter break.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School





Dear God

I dwell upon the goodness  
in my life.

Thank you.

I cherish you in my heart,  
your gift to me.

Thank you.

I notice the blessings of  
life, breath, loving and  
sharing.

I am so very grateful.

Thank you, Lord.

Amen

## Year 3 Trip to Creswell Crags

Year 3 had an amazing time on their school trip to Creswell Crags. They became Stone Age explorers, and participated in spear throwing, cave painting and even got to sit in a real Stone Age cave. The children behaved exceptionally well, and were a credit to St. Andrew's Junior School.



## Poetry Slam



**POETRY  
SLAM**

## Chat around the table

What do Christians remember on Good Friday?

Good Friday is the Friday of Holy Week, the Friday before Easter Day. It is thought that the name Good Friday is an altered form of God's Friday. But many people say that 'Good' Friday is an appropriate name because, on this special day, God showed his goodness to humankind. It is the day God made it possible for people to be forgiven and know him in a new and special way.



## We keep our children safe by . . . . .

. . . . . teaching our children about health and safety when cooking. Our pupils have been learning about how to cut food safely and the importance of washing hands before preparing food. The children have made all sorts of wonderful recipes including breads, pizzas, cheese wheels and various salads.

Please can we also remind parents / carers not to park or stop on the yellow lines or zigzags outside the school. These areas must be kept clear for the safety of our children. If you do need to use a vehicle to drop your child off, then we request that you allow extra time in order to drop off safely and legally and park further away from school. Finally, can we also ask parents not to use the staff car park at any time. Thank you for your co-operation.



## Year 5 / 6 Key Steps Competition

Well done to our Year 5 / 6 gymnastic squad who competed at Diamonds for the Key Steps competition on Tuesday 21st March. They demonstrated great teamwork and were fabulous representatives for St Andrew's.



## Phunky Food Ambassadors Update

Year 5 Phunky Food Ambassadors have been looking at how many sugary snacks are acceptable in our diet.

We have reported on Year 5 eating habits.

We have completed a survey amongst Year 5 about snacks. We asked them how many sugary snacks they had in a day. The results showed us that almost half of the year group eat more than 3 sugary snacks a day.

When we did our assembly we explained that fruit and veg snacks are much better for us than sugary snacks.

It is okay to have a sugary snack occasionally but we should have less than 24g of sugar a day.

For example - a small pack of Haribo has 96g of sugar in it. That is 4 days of sugar!

So think carefully about what you choose for a snack.

Written by our four Phunky Food Ambassadors - Lexie, Iris, Emilia and Billy.



### Office Hours

Just a reminder the office opens at 8.15am.

If parents/carers call before this time please leave a voicemail on the answerphone.

Please also remember to notify the office by 9am if your child is to be absent from school.

Thank you



### Summer Afterschool

#### Activity Clubs

The new activity clubs will start the week commencing Mon 24th April.

Parents / carers will be notified by text message as to which clubs their child has been allocated the week commencing 17th April.

Thank you



## Goodbye and Good Luck

Mr Blamires will be leaving us today to take up his new post as Year 2 Class Teacher at our Infant School. We wish him all the very best and thank him for all of his hard work this year.

Our lovely Mrs Talbot (in the office) has retired today. We wish her well and thank her for the many years she has worked here.

Enjoy your retirement Mrs Talbot!

Goodbye & Good Luck

HAPPY retirement


## Yorkshire Attractions Easter Holiday Booklet

Yorkshire Attractions are trialling a digital version of their much-loved voucher booklet for the Easter holidays. The link below will take you to booklet containing the discount vouchers for a variety of attractions throughout Yorkshire, for use during the Easter holidays and beyond.

**Booklet link:**

<https://yorkshireattractions.org/wp-content/uploads/YAG-Spring-Voucher-Book-2023.pdf>


**yorkshire  
attractions.org**



# ASK FOR A *Kellogg's* BREAKFAST

For the last 25 years, Kellogg's has been supporting School Breakfast Clubs across the UK. Simply say 'Kellogg's Breakfast' at any Morrisons Café, to get a free bowl of cereal for you and your family. Available from Monday 3rd April, while stocks last and subject to availability.

Better days are built on breakfast today and everyday.



**AVAILABLE 03.04.23 - 24.04.23**

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## TRAVEL TO SCHOOL SURVEY

Tell us about your child's journey to school to be in with a chance of winning one of five £50 supermarket vouchers.



Scan the QR code above to take part in our survey or visit  
[www.activecalderdale.org/SchoolTravelSurvey](http://www.activecalderdale.org/SchoolTravelSurvey)

