

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Weds 17th May
Class photographs

Fri 26th May
ALWAYS Assembly
2.45pm

Fri 26th May
School Closed
Half Term

Mon 5th June
School re-opens

Weds 7th –Weds 14th June
Art Exhibition at
Brighouse Library

Thurs 15th June
Year 2 Parent's Information
Evening
(for September New Starters)

Mon 19th June
Year 3 Trip
Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Thurs 29th June
Sports Day from 9am

Fri 23rd June
Summer Fair
3.30pm–5.00pm



Headteacher's Message



A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for working so hard this week with their SATs. We know that all of our pupils have tried their best and we're proud of each and every one. Some parents have asked when the results are available. Parents and carers will be informed of their child's results at the end of July. Results shown on your child's end of year report will show the class teacher's assessment for the year and not how your child has performed in the formal assessments. However, the end of year reports will go home before the SATs results are published and so we will send these home as soon as they are available.

Our pupils had a wonderful time last week celebrating the King's Coronation. Thank you to class Germany who took on the role of acting out the ceremony in the hall so that we knew what to expect on the day. A huge thank you to the catering team for making a great coronation lunch. The school council decided what should be served and they reported it being a great success.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School

Chat around the table

In collective worship we have been thinking about what Jesus taught us about how to forgive others.

Have a look at the sheet attached about Forgiveness as there are some great family activities.





Thank you God for this day

From dawn to dusk I will rest in your promises of love, direction, protection, grace and truth.

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

Year 5 Trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Year 5 had a wonderful time at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park last week. The children worked with an artist all day, first of all drawing some of the sculptures and then making their own out of plasticine. They looked at the work of Barbara Hepworth and Henry Moore. In the afternoon, they worked in groups to create their own sculptures using a variety of materials. What a fantastic day!



Reminder

The Coffee Morning planned for Friday 19th May has been cancelled

Breakfast Club Opening Times

Please can we remind parents that Breakfast Club does not open until **7.45am.**

Please do not bring your child before this time.

Thank you

Change of venue for Year 6 Leaver's Service

Our Year 6 parents and carers are invited to attend the Year 6 Leaver's Service on Wednesday 19th July. Parents can arrive at 9.15am with a view to the children arriving at 9.30am.

This service will take place at St. Martin's Church. We hope to see you there.

We keep our children safe by

. . . asking that parents and carers do not park on the yellow lines outside of school. We also ask that you do not use the staff car park at any time, including when picking children up from the after school childcare provision. The car park is very small and we do not allow pupils to walk through it.



Coronation Celebrations

Sadly the weather wasn't kind to us for our Coronation Celebration but we still had a fantastic time indoors. Here are a few photos from the day.



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

We are hoping to run this 5 week parental course, in school, after half term. Each session is 1.5 hours and is run by trained Practitioners from The Sleep Tight Charity. The sessions could be held during the school day or after school.

If you are interested in attending please let us know either via text or speak to the office. Please indicate what time would work best for you. Responses are required by Monday 15th May.

North Halifax Partnership Sure Start Children's Centres
North Halifax Partnership

Want to be the best parent you can be?

Then come join our 12 week parenting course!

Next course:

Wednesday 13th September
St Andrews Junior School
9.30-12.30pm

Refreshments provided

Together we discuss:

- ◆ Child Development
- ◆ Positive Parenting Techniques
- ◆ Improving parent/child relationships
- ◆ Explore other factors that contribute to parenting

strengthening families
strengthening communities

For more information, please contact
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Parenting Course

12 week parenting course starting

Weds 13th September.

Limited places available.

Please reply asap to school if you would like a place. Please note parents need to commit to the 12 week sessions.

Calling all young people

Free holiday activities and food sessions

HALF TERM FUN

29th May to 2nd June 2023

Join #HealthyHolidaysCalderdale for a variety of activities during 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!

FORGIVENESS

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK ABOUT FORGIVENESS TOGETHER...

Everyone makes mistakes, it's part of being human. Sometimes our mistakes hurt others and then we need to say sorry. Sometimes mistakes made by other people hurt us. When this happens we need to be able to **forgive**. **Forgiveness** can be difficult and costly but without it a new start is impossible. Talk together about:

- A time when you needed to say sorry
- A time you didn't say sorry but wish you had
- A time when you had to **forgive** someone who had hurt or upset you
- How it feels when you are given a new start because someone has **forgiven** you

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"Without **forgiveness** there is no future.... If you can **forgive**, then you can move on and even help the person you are forgiving to become a better person"

Desmond Tutu



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Maze

Design your own version of the maze tree in the story of Zacchaeus.

You can either draw it on paper or use other materials to create it. It's up to you! Take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.



READ TOGETHER...

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Zacchaeus was a little man. He was a tax collector and had become rich by making others pay lots of money in taxes to the Romans and to him. He didn't have many friends.

When Zacchaeus heard Jesus was in town, he wanted to see him. But Zacchaeus was short and Jesus was always surrounded by a crowd. So Zacchaeus decided to run ahead of the crowd and climb a sycamore tree. From there he could watch for Jesus. As Jesus drew closer, he held his breath excitedly until Jesus stopped right beneath his tree. Jesus looked straight up at him! "Zacchaeus," said Jesus with a smile, "come on down. I want to stay at your house today!"

Zacchaeus hopped down. "You are welcome at my house, Jesus," he said with a huge grin.

But others grumbled, muttering to each other. "Why does Jesus want to go home with the rich, cheating tax collector? He isn't good enough for Jesus to come and stay at his house."

Zacchaeus heard what the people were saying about him and he wanted to put things right. He turned to Jesus and said, "Master, here and now, I promise to give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone in taxes, I will pay them back four times that amount."

Zacchaeus wanted to turn over a new leaf because Jesus believed that everyone deserved a new start and now Zacchaeus believed it too!

Bible story based on Luke 19:2-10



QUIZ

Tree Maze

Help Zacchaeus find his way down from the top of the tree, to meet Jesus.



★ HALL OF FAME

Desmond Tutu

Desmond Tutu was Archbishop of Capetown from 1986 to 1996. Throughout his life Desmond Tutu worked tirelessly against apartheid in South Africa. Apartheid was a system that treated people differently because of the colour of their skin. People who were non-white were not given the same rights in the country as white citizens. For example they had to live where the government told them to, they were not allowed to vote, had to use separate transport, go to different beaches and use separate sports facilities.

There was much violence and oppression in South Africa during the years of apartheid, and when it finally ended in 1992 some people were left feeling bitter and angry and wanting revenge. In order to give everyone a chance to talk about the things that had happened to them Desmond Tutu set up the 'Truth and Reconciliation Commission'. Many people who had behaved badly could hear from those they had hurt. There was the chance to say sorry and sometimes receive **forgiveness**. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission helped to provide an opportunity for a new beginning for South Africa, a chance to build what Desmond Tutu called a 'Rainbow Nation' in which everyone had the same chance in life no matter what the colour of their skin.



FASCINATING FACTS

Crosses across the world

The cross is a very special symbol for Christians it reminds them of Jesus' death on the cross which brought **forgiveness** for the world.

Different shapes and designs of crosses reflect different traditions and communities across the world.

Maria Gomez was a Christian Primary School teacher in El Salvador. She angered the authorities in her country because she campaigned for the rights of poor people. Eventually she was murdered. Later a local artist was commissioned to paint a wooden cross with scenes showing her life and her work among the poor women in the rural villages of El Salvador.



The Celtic cross originates from Ireland. St Patrick described the circle on the cross as symbolising the endless love shown by Jesus. The cross is decorated with natural shapes and animals to remind us of God's creation.

The Black and White cross comes from South Africa and was designed during the time of apartheid. The Bible teaches that people are equal in God's eyes, no matter what their background or the colour of their skin.



The Jewish New Year Tradition

New Year for Jews normally falls during September. On the first afternoon of the new year, the festival of Rosh Hashanah is celebrated. Families visit a nearby stream, river or even the sea for the ritual of Tashlich (in Hebrew, the language in which the Jews' holy book the Torah was written, Tashlich means throw away).

After a celebration meal Jewish families gather left over breadcrumbs. These crumbs represent the words or deeds that each family member feels sorry about. When the crumbs have been thrown into the water, fish eat them or they are washed away. This symbolises the way that God **forgives** the bad things that people have done and washes them away so that there can be a fresh start for the New Year. During the ceremony the following words from the Torah are read aloud, "You (God) will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our transgressions into the depths of the sea." Micah 7: 19