

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



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## Diary Dates

**Weds 4th Oct—Fri 6th Oct**

Year 6 Robinwood Trip

**Tuesday 10th Oct**

Parent Consultation Eve

3.45pm—5.45pm

**Weds 11th Oct**

Parent Consultation Eve

3.45pm—5.45pm

**Thursday 19th Oct**

Year 6 Robinwood Presentation

**Fri 20th Oct**

Year 3 & 4 Disco

3.30pm—4.45pm

Year 5 & 6 Disco

4.45pm—6.00pm

**Weds 25th Oct**

Individual School Photographs

**Fri 27th Oct**

Always Assembly

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School closes for half term



## Headteacher's Message

Thank you for all of the kind donations for our Harvest appeal. We will be sending the donations to Brighthouse Central Foodbank. We know that this charity supports our local community well. Thank you to all who attended our service on Wednesday. It was lovely to see the church so full.



Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Information Evenings last week. If you were not able to attend but would like more information about what your child will be learning this year, take a look on our website <https://standrews.calderdale.sch.uk/year-groups/> where more information about what is taught each half term is available.

Our PTA meeting only had a small handful of parents last week. Our PTA fundraise throughout the year and have raised the money to pay for our new picnic benches in the playground. If you would like to join them, please see their Facebook page for more information <https://www.facebook.com/thePTAofstandrews/>.

Our Year 6 pupils go on their residential on Wednesday. A reminder to parents that children need to be at **school by 8.30am** on Wednesday morning. Keep an eye on our school Facebook page for updates as to how they are doing. We will do our best to post photos of some of the activities. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100077356762819>.



Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School



Dear Lord,

*Children in the streets,  
children in houses, give  
them love, give them a  
true home.*

*They are gifts of the  
Lord to every parent on  
earth. They are precious  
little ones who love with a  
big heart.*

*Give them love, give them  
a home. For they deserve  
a life they can call their  
own.*

*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

## Cross Country

Over the next week, the pupils will be competing in PE to represent St. Andrew's in the Calderdale Cross Country Event. Pupils will be selected based on who has achieved the best times. If your child is selected to represent the school, Miss Holt, our PE lead will be in touch with further details.



## Chat around the table

This week we have been thinking about harvest and giving to charities. We are debating the question: 'Should giving to charity be compulsory?' and what this would mean if it were. This could be something you discuss at home.



## Parents Consultation Evening



Parents evening will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to meet Mrs Marsden, our school SENDCo, she will be available in the school hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. No appointments necessary for meeting with the SENDCo. You will receive a text in the coming days explaining how to book a parent's evening appointment with your child's teacher. These are 5 minute appointment and a chance to discuss how your child has settled into their new class. The meetings take place in the school hall.

## Exciting News



We are extremely proud to announce that Madison Lord - Class Germany - has reached the finals in the Calderdale Community Spirit Awards in the category of Young Community Champion of the Year.

Madison was nominated by school and Forget Me Not Hospice for her efforts in helping to raise the phenomenal amount of £9545 from our Fun Day.

Madison and her family, along with Mrs Jocelyn and Mrs Brearley, will attend the Award Ceremony in November.

Dress shopping has already commenced and of course we all wish Madison the best of luck and have our fingers and toes crossed for her.

## Help with Communication

If you require communication from school to be in a different format, please speak to the office. This could include sending home communication in a large font or reading important information to you rather than relying on written text for example. If you, or a parent you know, needs our communication adapting to ensure needs are met, please let us know and we will be more than happy to help.

If you are ever in a position where you find you are unable to open a letter on your phone from a link that we have sent out, the letter will be on our website under the parents tab - parental information—letters to parents.



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

. . . . . ensuring we are available to listen to any concerns from parents or carers at the beginning of the school days. As much as possible, Mrs Jocelyn and Mrs Brearley are available to speak to parents before school in the playground.



Please can we ask again that parents do not park on the zig-zag lines directly outside school. This is extremely dangerous. Please help to keep our children and parents / carers safe by parking further away from school where it is safe to park and walking the short distance to the school entrance. Please do not park on the pavements as access is required by pedestrians / pushchairs / wheelchairs.

Thank you



## Year 2 Transitional Visits and Meetings

We have a carefully detailed programme of transition events which was praised by OFSTED in our recent inspection. <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50228517>

*"Leaders make thoughtful and thorough arrangements for pupils' transition to their next phase of Education. Pupils are excited to move on to the Junior School"* - OFSTED June 2023.

In the summer term, all Year 2 children will have a series of visits to the Junior School. Children with additional needs have extra visits organised by our joint SENDCO, Mrs Marsden. Parents and carers will be invited to tour the Junior School and meet the staff during the summer term, date to follow in future newsletters.

## National Trust Free Family Passes



National  
Trust

The National Trust are giving free family passes for the next month. Click on the link below for more information.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/escape-into-autumn>

## School Crossing Patrol Operative Required

Do you live locally and would like to work as a School Crossing Patrol Operative?

We are looking for a caring individual to join the School Crossing Team and provide excellent high standards of customer care in the efficient running of the Council's School Crossing Patrol Service, within the Road Safety Section

Do you or someone you know have free time in the morning or afternoon and want to help save children's lives?

Our children need help getting to school safely

The hours are 8.10am to 9.00am and 3.20pm to 3.55pm - 7 hours 5 minutes week term time only, fixed term 12 months

Uniform and training provided

The rate of pay is £10.79 per hour

The position is currently advertised on the Calderdale Council website

Thank you



## PTA Events

Date	Event
13.10.23	Cauliflower <b>Cards</b> - each child to make an Christmas card to be sent home. All orders to be places by parents by Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October and artwork returned to school. PTA organising the collection of the art work.
20.10.23	<b>School disco</b> Y3/4 3.30-4.45pm Y5/6 4.45-6pm Y3/4 to stay straight from school and leave afterwards by classroom doors. Y5/6 to enter via main entrance and leave through Jigsaw room. Tickets to be purchased through office. Text will explain.
01.12.23	Donations for Christmas raffle- <b>non-uniform day</b> / can wear Christmas jumper if they want. Donations such as bottles, sweets, chocolates etc are very welcome!
08.12.23	<b>Christmas Fayre</b> Raffle tickets will be sent home prior to the fayre. 3.30-4.45pm. Food available. Stalls, secret santa, games etc. All welcome.
20.12.23	<b>Christmas carol service @1pm (1.15pm start)</b> PTA will serve tea, coffee and mince pies after the service. All welcome.
06.03.24	<b>Mother's Day Stall</b> 9am-11.30am Children to bring in money and choose their own gifts. Gifts range from £1- £5.
20.03.24	<b>Easter service @1pm (1.15pm start).</b> All welcome. PTA to serve tea, coffee and hot cross buns after the service.
14.06.24	<b>Summer fayre</b> 3.30-4.45pm. Range of stalls and games available.
27.06.24	<b>Y3,4,5 disco (No y6)</b> 3.30-4.45pm. Children to go straight from classes. Parents to pick up from classroom doors.
18.07.24	<b>Y6 Leaver's Party</b> 6.30-8pm Tickets to be purchased from school. Food and drinks served.