

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Fri 27th Oct
School closes for half term

Mon 6th Nov
School Closed
Training Day

Tues 7th Nov
School reopens

Mon 13th–Fri 17th Nov
Anti-Bullying Week

Tues 14th Nov - Mon 20th Nov
Scholastic Book Fair

Fri 17th Nov
Children in Need
Non-uniform day

Tues 21st Nov
Nasal Flu Spray
All Year Groups

Fri 1st Dec
Non-uniform Day
(for donations for the
Christmas raffle)



Headteacher's Message

We have made it to the end of our first half term and it's safe to say that the children have worked incredibly hard and deserve a good break next week. A reminder that we have a training day on Monday 6th November and so school is closed to pupils.

It was lovely to see so many children at our disco last week. The PTA raised £800 which has gone towards reducing the cost to parents for our trip to the pantomime in December. Thank you to the PTA for helping to organise this event.

You may have seen that there was a parking attendant outside school last week. Please can I ask that parents and carers park responsibly outside school and avoid parking on the yellow lines. This is for your own child's safety. It is particularly difficult as we do not currently have a school crossing patrol at the moment and so I ask that parents park sensibly around school.

As a federation, we will now be distributing our newsletters monthly. Our next newsletter will be on Friday 24th November.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing you all in November.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School

Coffee Morning



We will be hosting our next coffee morning on Friday 17th November at 9am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Free tea, coffee and cake available. We offer the chance to get to know other parents and have a chat with our learning mentor Mrs Brearley and our Head of School, Mrs Jocelyn. There's no need to book, you can just turn up.



*God wants me to be myself
For He created me this way,
And since God made me who I
am,
Myself I'm quite content to
stay.*

*In His eyes I'm good enough
It matters not what others say;
I need not act as if I'm tough
Or copy other children's ways.*

*Though I am still young and small
In Jesus Christ I'm strong and
tall;
So when people look at me
May it be God's own Son they
see.*

Amen

Brighthouse Swimming Club Gala

Congratulations to our fabulous swimmers Lyla, Jacob, Harvey and Charlie who represented St. Andrew's on Monday evening at the Brighthouse Swimming Club Gala.

They won a bronze medal and a ribbon in the two races we participated in.

Not only did they swim incredibly well, they were super ambassadors for our school showing great manners and sportsmanship throughout.

Well done !



Meditation



If your child came home wanting to meditate yesterday then this is why! Our lovely Miss Garside taught our pupils about what meditation is and how it can help us to relax. All of our pupils (and staff) had a lovely spiritual afternoon yesterday and came away feeling very relaxed. It was a lovely way to finish the half term when we're feeling a little tired and ready for a break.

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

How can you stay safe on bonfire night?

Why is it important to check your garden for small animals before having a bonfire?

How should you hold a sparkler?

What does your child know about staying safe on bonfire night?



We keep our children safe by

STAY SAFE

STAND BACK



. teaching our pupils about firework safety during PSHCE this week. The police visited our school this week and provided resources to help teach about firework safety.



Curriculum Letters

You should have received your child's curriculum letter this week which explains, in detail, what your child will be learning in the next half term. We have ensured we include the key vocabulary children will be learning so that these words can be discussed at home. All curriculum letters are also available on our school website under the curriculum header.

Trading Cards

We are having a number of children who are swapping and trading Pokemon cards and this is causing upset to some pupils. Whilst we said previously that children could bring these cards in, can we ask that these cards are now kept at home to avoid unnecessary upset. Thank you for your support with this.

Scholastic Book Fair

We're very excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school from **Tuesday 14th November until Monday 20th November**.

There will be an exciting range of books for children to choose from, including new releases and old favourites.

The fair will open each day at 3.30pm until 4.15pm. Payment can be taken via cash or online using the website www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay

It's a great opportunity to stock up on books and presents in the run-up to Christmas. Every book bought will help our school earn free books.

Last year's fair earned us a whopping £680 in free books for our library. Every penny you spend will really make a difference to our children.



Please can you also attach the info on this link
[september-invite-scholastic-2211949.pdf](#)

Pantomime Trip

We are excited to be taking the whole school to the Victoria Theatre to watch Cinderella on Thursday 21st December. This is a lovely way to celebrate all the hard work the children have put in this term (and also celebrate Christmas!). We hope that all the pupils can make it. Please look out for this letter if you have not yet had the chance to respond. Thank you to the PTA who are donating £1000 towards this trip and ensuring it is cheaper for our families. We are extremely grateful.



Please return the consent form after half term if you haven't already done so and make your payment via school money. Thank you

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 must apply for their secondary school by **31st October**. You do this via the Calderdale school admissions website. If you live out of authority, please apply via the authority you live in. Children are guaranteed a place at Brighouse High School so long as the application is completed and submitted on time.

If you need help completing the form, please get in touch with school ASAP.

Hairstyles

Please can we remind parents carers that extreme hairstyles are not allowed. Children may be excluded for this reason at the discretion of the school Governors. This includes tramlines or hair dye.

Support in school for CLA or PCLA

Designated Teacher for Children Looked After (CLA)
and Previously Children Looked After (PCLA)

Mrs Jocelyn is our designated teacher to support the pupils who have been or are currently looked after through the local authority. This includes pupils who may have been looked after before being adopted. If your child fits into one of these categories and we are not already providing additional support to you or your child, please get in touch. If we are not able to help directly, we may be able to offer support by referring to external agencies such as One Adoption, Calderdale Therapeutic Service (CTS) and Kinship.

Staff at St. Andrew's have additional training to support these pupils and their families and so please do let us know if this is something which would be of benefit to you.

Diwali Celebrations



On 13th November, children in school will be celebrating Diwali. There will be a special menu consisting of curry, rice, samosas, bhajis and naan bread. If your child doesn't usually have a school dinner on that day but would like a dinner, please contact the office. Pupils will also be making diya lamps, drawing Rangoli patterns and learning about the special festival in class.

Wrap around child care

If you use wraparound childcare or out of school clubs, you may be entitled to claim for tax free childcare.

More information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>. There is a significant amount of money to be saved if you do need to use childcare.

THIS SCHOOL IS A



**NUT
FREE
ZONE!**

REMINDER

We are a nut free school. Please do not send your child with any products containing nuts

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



POPPY APPEAL

We will be selling poppies and other RBL merchandise from 7th - 10th November

COFFEE MORNING

Friday 17th November

9-10am

School Hall

Come and join
Mrs Jocelyn and Mrs Brearley
for a chance to chat, meet new parents and get support with
any questions or worries you may have.


Free tea, coffee and cake provided



**Younger children
welcome**

We look forward to seeing you.





**FAKE
FIREWORK,
REAL DANGER**

#BonfireSafe

Scan the QR code for West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service bonfire safety advice, or visit:
westyorkshire.gov.uk/bonfire-night-safety




**Celebrate Safely:
Follow The Firework Code**

- Plan your firework display, making it safe and enjoyable, and make sure it finishes before 11 pm.
- Only buy fireworks that are CE-marked. Keep them, in a closed box, and use one at a time.
- Always read and follow the instructions on each firework. (Use a torch if you need to).
- Keep an arms-length distance with a taper and stand well back when lighting fireworks.
- Keep naked flames like cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Do not put fireworks in your pocket, and never throw them.
- Fire any 'rocket' type fireworks well away from spectators.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Make sure that any bonfires are out and the surroundings are made safe before leaving it unattended.

For more information scan the QR code on the front of this flyer or visit:
westyorkshire.gov.uk/bonfire-night-safety



the national sleep helpline

Want to know more about sleep?

ASK US THE QUESTIONS YOU WANT ANSWERS TO

03303 530 541
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?
In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

POWERED BY the sleep charity

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Furniture Village

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*Survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, Aug 2021

Admissions for School Places 2024

Primary school applications for September 2024 school places open on **Friday 17th November** and close on **Monday 15th January**. Please see details attached on how to apply through Calderdale.

Parents/carers of children currently in Year 2 at the Infant School, who will be starting in Year 3 in September at our Junior School, must apply for a place as well. The application should be processed through the Local Authority that your child lives in not the Local Authority the school is in – in most cases this is either Calderdale or Kirklees.

If you have any questions or need any help completing the application, please contact the school office who will be happy to help. If you know anyone who missed our Open Day, please ask them to contact us to arrange a visit.

Interfaith Week – 12th – 19th November

This year, Interfaith Week takes place from 12th to 19th November. There are activities for all ages during Interfaith Week and in the week following.

Celebrate Diwali at Huddersfield Mandir

Children, families, and all members of the community are invited to celebrate Diwali 'Festival of Light' on **12th November**. Meet at Huddersfield Mandir, Zetland St, HD1 2RA at 2:00pm for food, fun and celebration. **Free event – all welcome.**

Interfaith walk of friendship

Children, families, and all members of the community are invited to take a walk around Huddersfield, visiting a Mandir, a Gurdwara and a Church on the way. This is a free event for all ages and the faith communities are looking forward to welcoming you. Start at St Peter's (Huddersfield Parish Church) on **Saturday 18 November at 12 noon.**

Starting School September 2024

How to apply for a school place

Children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 are due to start primary school in September 2024.

To apply for a school place you must **apply online by 15 January 2024** at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

For advice and guidance regarding the application process please contact 01422 392617, option 1, and a Customer First Advisor will be able to assist you.

If you would like a leaflet about applying for a primary school place please contact your preferred school and register your child's name. The leaflet will then be distributed by the primary school at the end of November 2023.

Information relating to Admission to Primary School 2024, including oversubscription criteria, is available at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

The application process opens on 17 November 2023 and the close date is 15 January 2024

Offers of school places will be made on 16 April 2024.



Short workshop for parents/carers delivered by Chelsea from Parent Zone on **Tuesday 7th November** at **7pm**. Parent Zone is a service aiming to help parents/carers understand the digital world. The workshop aims to tell parents/carers more about the Parent Zone service, as well as some quick tips for supporting the family when they go online. The joining link can be found on the flyer.

For more information about Parent Zone, please see their website here: [Parent Zone Local - Calderdale | Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life.](#)



parentzone LOCAL

Understanding the digital world isn't always easy.

Parent Zone Local is here to help. We offer free information, advice and events to support your digital family life.

Introduction to Parent Zone Local

Learn more about Parent Zone Local and discover some quick tips and habits that you can develop, which can help help your family everyday when you go online.

Date

Tuesday 7 November

Time

7:00-7:15pm

Location

Online Session

<https://meet.google.com/ddo-vdvt-qgb>

parentzone.org.uk/pzlocal/calderdale



FAMILY GHOUL FEST

'The creepers start to creep in the zombie's take a hold. It's time to let the light in as the nights grow dark and cold'.

A DAY OF ARTS ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY
FACEPAINTING, MASKMAKING, BUNTING, GAMES AND MORE.

4TH NOVEMBER 11:30 - 3:30
EDSHIFT@THE YOUTHBASE
7 HARRISON ROAD, HALIFAX
EMAIL: INFO@EDSHIFT.CO.UK TO BOOK

WWW.EDSHIFT.CO.UK £5



LANTERN-MAKING WORKSHOP

"The nights are getting darker, the ghólish games begin. It's time to make your lanterns to let the light shine in."

FOR: CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS
ON: 31ST OCTOBER.
FROM: 11-2PM
AT: EDSHIFT@THE YOUTHBASE
7 HARRISON ROAD, HALIFAX
EMAIL: INFO@EDSHIFT.CO.UK TO BOOK

WWW.EDSHIFT.CO.UK £5



CALDERDALE VIRTUAL SCHOOL
Making the Difference

Together for Looked-after Children
TLG

Calderdale Council

Want to try out new activities and make new friends?

Announcing the relaunch of a weekly extra-curricular club. These free, inclusive sessions are chosen by and run for Calderdale CLA children and young people aged 5-14 years.

Term time Mondays, 4 - 6 pm
Calderdale College, Inspire Building
Starting Monday 2nd October

For more information and to book a space contact
Play Services on 01422 380995

Run in partnership between
Play Development Service, Virtual School, and Together for Looked After Children charity.

DESIGN OUR CHRISTMAS CARD

For your chance to win a
prize, get creative and
design our 2023
Christmas card!

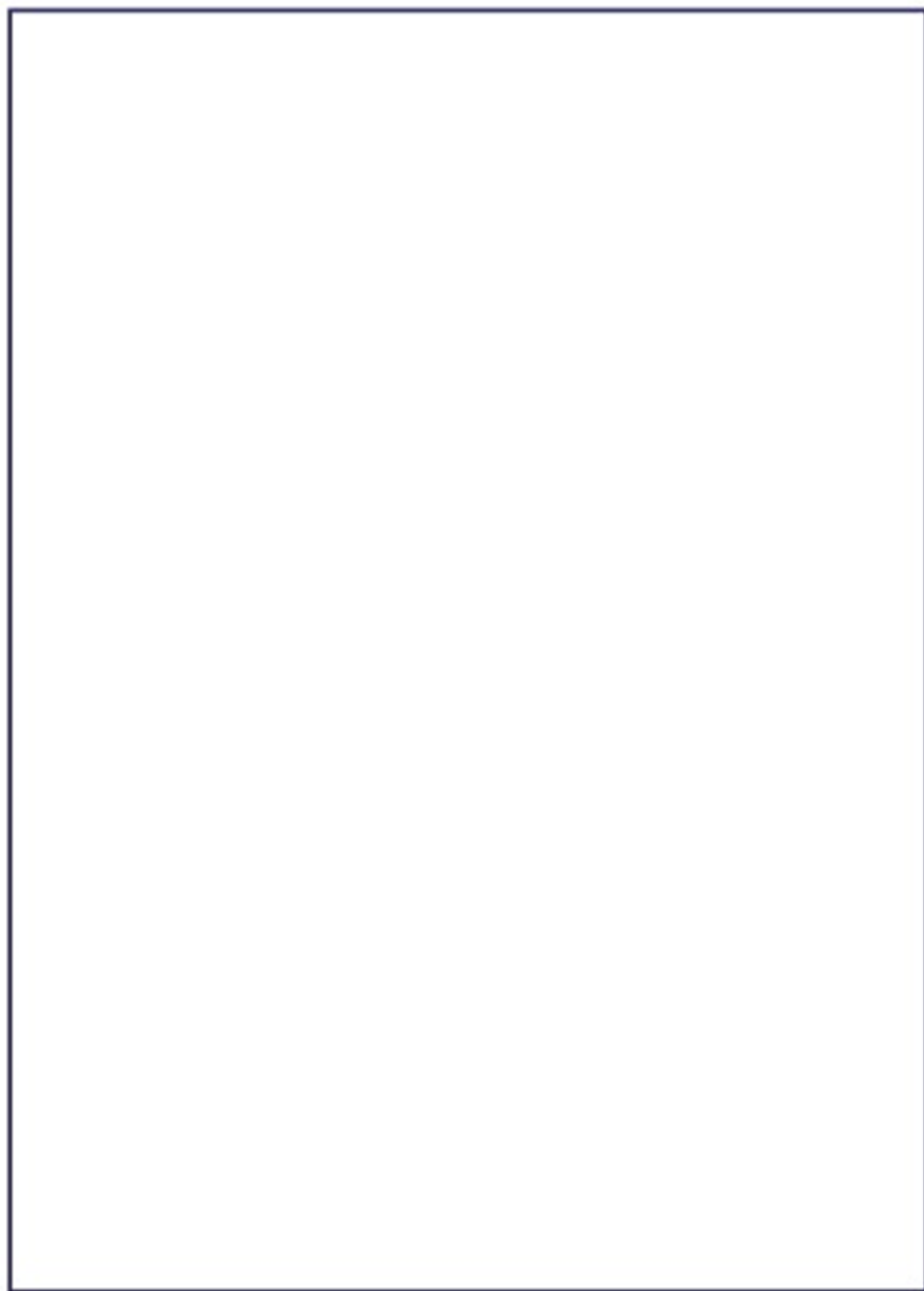


Closing date: 16th November 5.30pm

**RYDER &
DUTTON**
HELPING PEOPLE MOVE

To enter, just hand your design in to your local branch!

DESIGN OUR CHRISTMAS CARD!



Name: _____ Age: _____

School/Group: _____

Contact Information: _____

**RYDER &
DUTTON**
HELPING PEOPLE MOVE



Northern Broadsides

iron people

FREE FAMILY CREATIVITY DAY

Inspired by Ted Hughes' *The Iron Man* and *The Iron Woman*

SOUTHGATE METHODIST CHURCH UPPER HALL
Langdale St, Elland, HX5 0JL
Saturday 11 November

Doors open at 10am
10.30am - 11am
The Iron Man Storytelling Session

11am - 1pm
Art Workshop with *The Iron Man*
illustrator Chris Mould

1.30pm - 3pm
Performance Workshop
Bring the Iron stories to life

All day
Drop-in craft activities
Day ends at 3.30pm

perfect for
ages 3 - 11
and their
families

Funded by
Calderdale Council

No need to book - drop in or stay all day!
[northern-broadsides.co.uk/iron-people](https://www.northern-broadsides.co.uk/iron-people/)

Supported with grants from
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Above is a Halifax-based theatre company running free family creativity days inspired by Ted Hughes' *The Iron Man* and *The Iron Woman* in various locations around Calderdale this year: <https://www.northern-broadsides.co.uk/iron-people/> (for ages 3-11).

The days include storytelling sessions, art workshops with *The Iron Man* book illustrator, and performance workshops. Children will also explore the environmental themes in the books and create their own stories about the natural world and how they can look after their local area better.