

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Thursday 30th Nov

Y5 Residential Info Evening for
Weardale Hall Activity Centre
6pm

Fri 1st Dec

Non-uniform Day
(donations for the
Christmas raffle)

Thurs 7th Dec

Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 8th Dec

Christmas Fair
3.30pm—4.45pm

Weds 13th Dec

Y3 Christmas Production
1.30pm and 6pm

Fri 15th Dec

Y6 Christmas Classroom Party

Mon 18th Dec

Y3 Christmas Classroom Party

Tues 19th Dec

Y5 Christmas Classroom Party

Weds 20th Dec

Carols at St Martin's Church
1.15pm

Thurs 21st Dec

Christmas Dinner Day

Fri 22nd Dec

Y4 Christmas Classroom Party
Always Assembly 2.45pm
School Closes for Christmas

Headteacher's Message

Yesterday, Mrs Brearley and I were privileged to be able to attend the Calderdale Community Spirits Awards. As many of you may remember, Madi organised a fun day last year and raised £9545 for the Forget Me Not Hospice. Madi was nominated to receive a Young Community Champion Award and we are pleased to announce that she won!



After Forget Me Not Hospice took a whole school worship yesterday afternoon and explained to our pupils the invaluable work that the hospice does, Madi walked down a red carpet and was whizzed off in a special car to the event. We are so incredibly proud of what she has managed to achieve and it is lovely that her hard work has been rewarded. Thank you to all who contributed and made this possible. Unbelievably, a local businesswoman heard what Madi had done last night and increased the fundraising amount to an amazing £15,000! What an achievement.

Mrs Jocelyn, Head of School



Children In Need

Thank you to all who contributed to Children In Need last Friday.
We raised an amazing £193.35

Cauliflower Cards

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Cauliflower Christmas cards. Your child should have come home with any orders they have made this week. (Further items are coming home today). If there are any items missing, please speak to the school office next week.



Thank you God for this new day, in my school to work and pray.

Please be with me all day long, in every story, game and song.

May all the happy things we do, make you, Our Father, happy too!

Amen

Cross Country Qualifiers

We are extremely proud of all the children who represented St Andrew's at the Cross Country qualifiers on Thursday. Everyone showed great determination to get to the finish line, running over 1000m. Our runners cheered everybody on, showing great team spirit and fantastic behaviour. Go St Andrew's!

Miss Holt



Well done to all the pupils who attended the first round of qualifiers for the Calderdale Cross Country. 27 children from St. Andrew's took part and did a great job in rather muddy conditions. The pupils behaved well and tried their best. They cheered on other pupils and showed great team spirit. 12 pupils have made it through to the next round and we wish them luck!

Mrs Jocelyn

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

We keep our children safe by

. . . inviting Branching Out to speak to our children in Year 6. The organisation support pupils in understanding more about the negative impact that drugs, smoking and alcohol can have and help to explain the facts in an age appropriate way.



Weardale Adventure Centre (Residential September 2024)



A reminder that our parents and carers of children in Year 5 have been invited to attend our information evening on Thursday 30th November at 6pm. This will be a chance to hear all about the residential planned and ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there.

PTA Christmas Fair

On Friday 8th December, we are hosting our annual Christmas Fair. All are welcome to attend. Raffle tickets have been sent home and we would encourage you to buy what you can. Any money raised goes towards supporting our pupils.

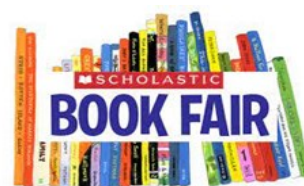


Volunteers are needed to help run the stalls and so if you are available, please leave your details with the school office and they will pass them on to the PTA. Food and drinks will be available along with various stalls and games. Our choir will perform at 4pm in the hall.

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 1st December. We ask that parents and carers bring in donations either for the Christmas raffle or the bottle tombola. Any alcohol or glass bottles can be dropped off at the main office.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all who attended our book fair last week. We managed to raise a whopping £915.61. This means that we are able to spend more money on books for our school. Thank you so much for your continued support.



Phunky Foods



Our Phunky Food ambassadors have been working hard in the dining area helping to identify and reward pupils for making healthy choices at dinner time. They have awarded stickers to children who have healthy items in their packed lunch box or if they have chosen healthy items from the school menu. Well done to these pupils.

Choir

Our choir have a few upcoming events. They will be performing at Brighthouse Library on Friday 15th December at 10.30 am. All families are welcome to attend. This is in support of the library's mission to create a warm and welcoming space for all. No booking required.

Our choir are also singing carols at Bridge End Care Home on Tuesday 12th December. They will be spreading some Christmas cheer to the residents. Just a reminder that the choir are attending Young Voices on Monday 8th January (our first day back after the holidays). More details to follow.



Carol Service



All families are invited to attend our carol service on Wednesday 20th December at St Martin's Church. The children will start arriving at 1.15pm and we ask that parents could arrive from 1pm please. We will of course be serving tea, coffee and mince pies after the service.

Pantomime

This is just a reminder that all pupils who have returned their permission slips will be watching Cinderella at the Victoria Theatre on Thursday 21st December.

We aim to be back for around 5pm but this is very dependent on traffic in Halifax. We will send parents a text to say what our estimated time of arrival will be once we have left the theatre. Parents and carers are to wait in the playground to collect their children. Please do not wait on the pavement outside of school as this area can become very congested. Teachers will take their pupils back into the classroom and pupils will leave via their usual classroom doors. Please note that the playground will be very dark at this time and so I encourage parents and carers to bring torches when collecting.



Open Day and school places available

Our open day for new reception parents was very well attended. If you know any parents still considering St. Andrew's who have yet to book a tour of either school, please let them know that tour bookings can be taken via the school office.

We currently have spaces available in Year 4. If you are aware of any parents looking for availability in Year 4 please let them know and spread the word.

Casual General Kitchen Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a casual kitchen assist at the Junior School site with effect from February 2024.

Casual Kitchen Assistant

10 hours per week (but may vary throughout the year)

Scale 1b SCP 2

If interested please contact the Junior school office on 01484 712895 to request an application pack.

BRIGHOUSE LIBRARY COFFEE MORNING



Junior School
CHOIR
DECEMBER 15th
10.30am

JOIN THE FUN THIS WINTER AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE WINTER PROGRAMME

2nd January - 5th January 2024

This Winter, during the school holidays in January 2024, children and young people across Calderdale aged 5-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals are getting the chance to access free holiday club places through our 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 during the school holidays.

You can book your free place at a holiday club taking place near you this January by visiting: www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays

Please book 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 winter programme please contact:

Email: healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk

Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

Twitter: @HAFCalderdale

No internet? Visit a local Calderdale Library and they will support you in registering your children onto available activities.





Book your place now to join the Healthy Holidays fun, taking place this winter across Calderdale.

BOOK HERE: www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays





Deck The Halls With Boughs Of Holly! Tis The Season To Be Jolly!

Tis certainly is the season to be jolly. But for many of us at this time of year, Christmas can be a time of sadness and hardship. Let us bring some joy to your festive season.

We need all the little elves we can get to decorate our wonderful building. Can you join us?

🕒 On: Saturday 2nd December 2023

📅 When: You can pop in between 11:30 - 2pm

📍 Where: 7 Harrison Road, HX1 2AG

🎪 Activities include:

Festive Bauble Making
Seasonal Bunting Making
Christmas Card Crafting
Window Snow Stenciling
Dressing the EdShift Xmas Tree
Interactive games
Festive Music
Seasonal Buffet

Let's enjoy the festivities together!

To book on: info@edshift.co.uk
or call 07596855364





**Calderdale
Music**

Table Top Sale

Calderdale Music are holding a Table Top Sale in the Performance Space at The Old Courthouse on the 25th November, 9am - 12pm

Overgate Hospice and the Bodyshop will be joining us and Rhythm and Brews will be open.

* Special offer of a breakfast sandwich (either Bacon, Sausage or Vegan Sausage) And a standard tea or coffee for £4*



To book a table please contact

roomhire@calderdalmusic.co.uk
01422 401260

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DECEMBER

9.30-12noon
CALDERDALE MUSIC
THE OLD COURT HOUSE
BLACKWALL
HX1 2DL

CHRISTMAS FAIR



SANTA|STALLS|MULLED WINE|MINCE PIES|CAROLS|GAMES|CRAFTING



**Calderdale
Music**

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West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Service

Christmas Carol Concert

**Friday 24th November,
6pm - 9pm**

Rastrick Fire Station,
Clough Lane, Brighouse, HD6 3QH

Free entry, donations
welcomed in aid of:



**The Fire Fighters
Charity**

Entertainment for all the family...

- ➔ Singing Firefighter Jonny, known for his 'A Tale of Safe & Well' song
- ➔ WYFRS Brass Band
- ➔ Performances by The Fixby Songbirds, and The Uke Boxes as well as, sing along carols.
- ➔ Meet Santa Claus
- ➔ Fundraising, educational, food and drink stalls
- ➔ Exciting Christmas competitions, including "Name our Fire Engine"

Please note that there is no parking at the Fire Station and limited parking on nearby roads, we would advise parking nearby and walking to the event if possible.



**Rastrick
Fire Station**