

St. Andrew's C of E Junior School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

Monday 16th September

After School clubs commence
this week

Wednesday 18th September

Parent Information evenings
Y4 @ 3.30pm
Y5 @ 4.30pm

Thursday 19th September

Parent Information evenings
Y3 @ 3.30pm
Y6 @ 4.30pm

Thursday 26th September

Weardale Presentation
Evening for Year 6

Tuesday 1st October

Harvest Festival
St Martin's Church @ 1.15pm
All welcome



Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope that you all had a lovely summer break and that you and your child/children are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term.

We have now stepped into the role of Executive Headteacher and Deputy Executive Headteacher meaning that you will see both of us working across both the Infant and the Junior Schools. We will be stood on both school gates throughout the week and so if you see us, feel free to come and say hello and have a chat about how your child is settling in to their new class.

I (Mrs Jocelyn) will be present across both schools but will be predominantly based at the Junior School with Mrs Swallow, the new Deputy Executive Headteacher being predominantly based at the Infant School.

We hope that this new structure will bring our two schools closer together and ensure that our procedures and caring vision continue to be consistent across the two schools.

Mrs Clarke, the Junior school's Assistant Headteacher will be around to support pupils, staff and parents whilst I am at the Infant School and so you might also see her in the Junior School playground.

We are looking forward to what we can achieve this year and know that we have incredibly supportive staff and parents who all want the very best for the pupils in our care. We've had a very busy start to the term with our Year 6 pupils away on their residential trip to Weardale. Make sure to look at our Facebook page for photos of what they've been up to.

Our Reception and Year 3 children have made a great start to their new schools and it's clear that the transition plan has helped pupils to settle into their new routines.

Mrs Jocelyn, Executive Head Teacher





Dear Lord,

Use my eyes to see new friends, open my ears to hear my teacher, open my mind to learn new things.

Let my heart remember you are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light so bright in my school.

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."

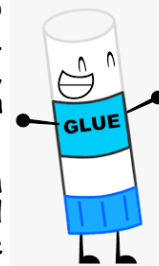
John 15:12

Equipment request

We would like to kindly ask parents and carers to provide their child with a glue stick to use in school. We provide each child with a pencil case, pens, pencils, scissors and rulers but have gone through an incredible amount of glue.

Therefore if your child could bring in a glue stick with their name on to put into their pencil case that would help our school funds a lot. Any child without a glue stick will, of course, have one provided through school.

We anticipate that each child will use one glue stick per term (so 3 in a year). Any help is much appreciated!



Nasal Flu Vaccination

Parents should have now received a link from school to **consent/not consent** for their child to have the Flu nasal vaccination in school in the coming weeks.

If you have not yet completed this please use this link <https://immunisation.cht.nhs.uk/vaccinations/flu?code=107547>



Government Funded Childcare Scheme

A government funded childcare scheme has been launched in September 2024. Hundreds of thousands of parents of children from nine months old can take up new 15 hours government funded hours in early education from Monday 2nd September.

Please follow this link to find out more:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-funded-childcare-offer-to-kick-in-from-next-week?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Healthy start Lunch & Learn

We are running a series of lunch and learn sessions for those who want to hear more about the NHS Healthy Start scheme, which is an NHS benefit to support pregnant women and families with children under 5 to access affordable nutritious food and vitamins.

The first session is on the **23rd October 12.30pm - 1.15pm** and can be booked via enable using this link:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:EU:38998c31-be4d-4149-8679->



Worship Theme –WISDOM

Our worship theme for this half term is Wisdom.

Wisdom is different from just being clever. Often wise people have lots of experience and can give good advice to help us make difficult decisions. Christians pray because they believe that God can help them to live their lives wisely.

Bible stories about Wisdom:

King Solomon Asks for Wisdom **1 Kings 3**

The Wise and Foolish Builder **Matthew 7:24-27**



Why not talk together about:

- Making wise choices
- The consequences of our words and actions
- Learning wisdom from others - including children from parents/carers and parents/carers from children
- Learning from our mistakes and becoming wiser through them

Parent Information Evenings

Parents and carers should have all been sent a copy (electronically and on paper) of the half termly curriculum overview. This overview informs you of what will be taught in each subject over the upcoming half term. Copies are also available online.

Teachers have listed the key vocabulary being taught and so it is worth having a look and discussing these words with your child.

More information about what is being covered will be available at the information evenings. This is a chance for you to meet your child's class teacher and to find out about the main objectives being covered this year.

The information evenings are next week:

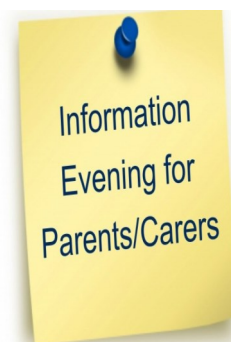
Year 3- Thursday 19th September 3.30pm

Year 4- Wednesday 18th September 3.30pm

Year 5- Wednesday 18th September 4.30pm

Year 6- Thursday 19th September 4.30pm

No appointment is necessary. You can just turn up.
Please enter via the main entrance.



Secondary School Applications



Parents of children in Year 6 have until October 31st to apply for a secondary school place. Please apply via this site if you have not already done so: <https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

Any children who live outside of Calderdale will need to apply via the Local Authority in which they live. If you need any help filling out this form, please make an appointment with Mrs Brearley who will be happy to help.

Every pupil, regardless of their choice of secondary school must make an application.

Chat around the table

Can you talk to your child about what has gone well throughout the transition to their new class?

What are they enjoying in their new class?
 What new topics have they been learning about?
 What is similar to last year?



Lighthouse Christian Club



ALL children are welcome to come along to this new and fun club held on Monday after school. There will be games, Bible stories, some acting and singing as well as craft activities.

Please speak to Mrs Davies (Year 3 Ireland) for more information or contact the school office to sign up.

We keep Children safe by

We keep children safe by explaining to our pupils who our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are. Mrs Jocelyn is the DSL for the Junior School with Mrs Brearley, Mrs Helliwell and Mrs Clarke as our Deputy DSLs.

We have ensured that all of our staff have received the annual safeguarding training and make it clear to our pupils who they can go to if they have a concern.



WISDOM

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HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value WISDOM.

We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT WISDOM TOGETHER...

Wisdom is different from just being clever. Often wise people have lots of experience and can give good advice to help us make difficult decisions. Some people pray because they believe that God can help them to live their lives **wisely**.

Talk together about:

- Making **wise** choices
- The consequences of our words and actions
- Learning **wisdom** from others – including children from parents and parents from children
- Learning from our mistakes and becoming **wiser** through them



READ TOGETHER...

The wise and foolish builders

Jesus told a story about two men. The first man was **wise** and decided to build his house on a rock. This house was hard to build. He had to stand on the rock and dig foundations deep down into that hard rock to make his house strong. He worked for many, many days before his new house was finished. It was a long time before he and his family could move in.

The other man built his house on the sand. This house was easy to build. The sand was soft, easy to stand on, and easy to dig into. He built his house very quickly and soon his family was living happily in their new house.

But then, one day it started to rain. It didn't rain gently. It didn't rain for just a few minutes. It poured. The wind blew and blew. All round new streams began to flow, making their own tracks across the rock and sands. The rainwater washed around the house on the rock and ran down the roads. But the house stood firm, it didn't move, and everyone inside was safe.

The family in the house on the sand looked out at the raging storm. Their house was creaking, it was moving. The water gushed all around. And then crash! As the sands shifted the house tumbled to the ground.

Jesus said, "The man who built his house on rock is like someone who listens to my **wise** teaching and builds their life upon it. When storms and troubles come, they will stand firm."

Bible story based on Matthew 7:24-27



THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"It's no good shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted."

Anon

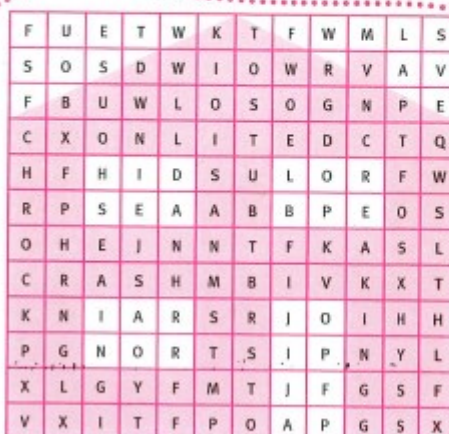
This is a well-known proverb. Can you think of a time when you did the right thing but too late?



QUIZ Wordsearch

Can you find the words from the story?

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|--------|-------------|----------|
| WISE | HOUSE | FOOLISH |
| STORM | RAIN | BUILD |
| STRONG | FIRM | CRASH |
| ROCK | SOFT | CREAKING |
| SAND | FOUNDATIONS | |





FAMILY FOCUS

Building a Wall of Wisdom

Everyone has a favourite proverb or wise saying. Talk to family members about proverbs that they think give **wise** advice. Ask them to explain the meaning of the proverb and add it to a 'wall of **wisdom**'.

Build your wall by writing each proverb on a 'brick' cut out of paper. Blu-tack the bricks on to a wall.

You can find lots of proverbs on www.phrases.org.uk



To start you off here three well-known proverbs:

"A chain is only as strong as the weakest link"

"Many hands make light work"

"Don't count your chickens before they hatch"



FASCINATING FACTS

Why are some teeth called **wisdom** teeth?

- Your first teeth are called milk teeth. Can your Mum tell you when you cut your first milk tooth?
- Milk teeth normally fall out while you are in primary school and are replaced by adult teeth, which have to last for the rest of your life! Can you remember when your first milk tooth came out?
- **Wisdom** teeth grow much later than adult teeth in most people and are bigger, flatter teeth. Can one of the adults in the family remember when they grew their first **wisdom** tooth?

Over the centuries and in different parts of the world '**wisdom** teeth' have been known by many names:

- In Ancient Greece they were *sophonisteres*, thoughtful teeth.
- Later in Roman times they were given the name *dentes sapientiae*, teeth of wisdom.
- The name **wisdom** teeth was adopted in Britain in Victorian times.
- In Arabic speaking countries, the teeth are called *Ders-al-a'qel*, or teeth of the mind.
- In Spain they are referred to as *muela de juicio*, or teeth of judgment, because they grow as young people leave school and become **wiser** and have more responsibility.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

A Brick for the Wall

Make a shoe box 'brick'. Cover the box with paper and write your favourite proverb on the brick. Then, either in a cartoon drawing or in words (hand written or typed on the computer and printed), tell a story using your proverb as the moral. Finish with the words:

So this proves the proverb, ".....".

(For example, So this proves the proverb "Don't count your chickens before they hatch".)

Decorate the brick so it looks fantastic and take it to school to help build a Wall of **Wisdom**.



HALL OF FAME

Confucius

Confucius was an ancient Chinese teacher. He lived more than 2500 years ago but such was his **wisdom** and understanding that his teaching is still remembered today.

Confucius wanted everyone to see the importance of making **wise** and thoughtful choices.

One of his sayings is...

"Everything in creation has a beauty of its own but not everyone is able to see it."



Local Information

JAMIA MASJID NOOR
HUDDERSFIELD

Visit My Mosque

MOSQUE OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

FROM 12:00PM TO 4:00PM

GUIDED TOURS | DISPLAYS | Q&A | REFRESHMENTS | NO BOOKING REQUIRED
1:45PM - CALL TO PRAYER | 2:00PM - LIVE PRAYER | 2:15PM - MAIN PROGRAMME

ALL WELCOME

Jamia Masjid Noor, Crosland Road, Huddersfield HD1 3JS
www.jamiamasjidnoor.co.uk info@jamiamasjidnoor.co.uk 01484 423081

The Friends of the Rydings

Craft Fair

Saturday
5th October
10:00 – 14.30

Brighthouse Library
Halifax Road
HD6 2AF

local artisans
free entry
refreshments

ASDA schools rewards scheme

Parentkind - a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 - every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there - Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School - either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

Remember, anyone can sign up - so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school. This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper - so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>



Infant School Open Day

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OPEN DAY

PLACES FOR RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2025

Thursday 24th October 2024

10:00am - 12:00pm or 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Come and join us on our open day. See our children and staff during a normal school day at both schools (Infant and Junior). **Please call to reserve a place.**

We are Ofsted GOOD with OUTSTANDING features:

- "Pupils are happy and enthusiastic learners. They are proud of their work and love to talk about what they know and remember."
- "Learning in every subject starts in the Reception class. The curriculum gives children a firm foundation on which to build future learning."
- "Pupils say they are all good friends and love playing together. They enjoy helping others."
- " Leaders are passionate about pupil personal development. The school has an exceptional personal development offer."

**A place at the Infant School guarantees your child a place
at our OFSTED OUTSTANDING Junior School.**



Both schools offer Wrap Around Care

7:30am — 6:00pm



**Applications for Reception 2025 open on Monday 18th November 2024
& close on Wednesday 15th January 2025**