

**We close on Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> October @ 3.15pm for October half term and reopen on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**



### SMARTMOVE

Our School Councillors gave Dominic from Calderdale SmartMove our Harvest gifts.

He thanked everyone for their kind donations and explained the difference they would make to homeless people in Calderdale.

**A BIG 'THANK YOU'** to everyone who attended our **Harvest Festival on Wednesday**, sent donations in, or helped in any way.

Year 2 delivered donated food parcels to people in the local area. The children really love to do this!

**Thank you for helping us to spread a little happiness to our local community!**



### Disco

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our school disco - we raised **£804 - FANTASTIC!**

This will be used towards the Christmas pantomime, class Christmas presents, donation towards every child's school trip this year and other 'extras' that we just can't fund through our Budget.

**Thank you** also to all of the staff who gave up their Friday evening after working a full day, the parent volunteers, governors and to you all for attending and for making it a great fun night!

### After School Clubs Nov-Dec

Monday	Multisports	3.15-4.15
Monday	Sewing Club	<b><u>3.15-4.00</u></b>
Tues	Lego Club	3.15-4.15
Weds	Lunchtime Choir	
Weds	Christian Crackers	3.15-4.15
Thurs	Multisports	3.15-4.15

### Parent Appointments – have you signed up?

**Wednesday 24th October 2.20-7.00pm**

This is the first of our meetings where you can discuss your child's progress and future targets with their classteacher. We look forward to seeing you! ☺

### Staff news

It is with great sadness that we will be saying 'goodbye' at half term to **Miss Lord** our Administrator of 12½ years, as she has decided to try working outside of education. We wish her every success for her new venture but we will miss her!

**Mrs Hardaker** from our Junior School will be taking over from Miss Lord after half term. Many of you with older children will already know Mrs Hardaker and we are delighted to welcome her to the staff team!



We hope that there will be a seamless transition but please bear with us during this settling in period..... ☺

**Mrs Martin** will be on Maternity Leave shortly after half term – we are delighted to welcome **Miss Papamichael** to cover Class 3 in her absence.



Congratulations to **Ms Green** and **Mr Cupryk** on the birth of their little girl Kendall. Welcome to the St Andrew's family xxx



### Packed lunches

If your child would prefer to bring a packed lunch from home we would ask that you adhere to our Healthy School guidelines.

- Please do not include chocolate or sweets.
- Water or milk is provided at lunch so you do not need to send a drink.
- No nuts please as we have children with nut allergies.



**The Childrens' Food Trust recommends that a child's packed lunch should include:**

- **A starchy food** – such as bread, pasta, cous cous or potato
- **Fruit and veg** – we all need to eat more of these!
- **A protein food** – this includes beans, pulses, fish, eggs and meat
- **A dairy item** – this could be cheese or yoghurt



For the safety of ALL of our children please do not drop children off from cars or taxis on the **road markings outside school**. This is **illegal** and **puts other children in danger** because the lollipop lady cannot see the road clearly.

### **September 2019 Intake**

Any child with a 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1/9/18 and 31/8/19 should have their name down for admission.  
Please contact the office.

### **OPEN DAY 2018**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
10.00-12.00 or 1.30-4.30pm  
Staff will show round small groups and be available to answer any questions

### **What should I do if my child is ill?**

On the first day of illness, please phone the school office: **01484 714964** and leave a message stating your child's name and reason for absence. You do not need to phone again each day unless your child has returned to school in between. If your child is not in school, you will receive a text message from the school office. Please telephone the office to inform us why your child is off. If we do not hear from you, we will telephone home to find out why your child is not in school. Failure to do this on a regular occasion may result in the Education Welfare Officer contacting you. **Attendance at school is very important in order for your child to progress both academically and socially. Please consider this when booking family holidays.** Holidays cannot be authorised.

**Please note:** children should **not** be attending routine dental/optician/ doctors' appointments in school times, these will be marked as **unauthorised** in the register (unless in an emergency). Hospital appointments will only be authorised if an official appointment letter is seen by the office staff. This protocol is in line with the regulations set by the Government, and Headteachers cannot 'opt' out from these.

**The Education Pupil Registration England Amendment Regulations 2013 came into force on 1st September 2013 stating that I cannot grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

The 2007 Regulations state that penalty notices (fines) will be issued to each parent who fails to ensure their child's regular attendance at school... Parents must, from 1st September 2013, pay £60 to £120. Therefore, if your child is not in school, the Education Welfare Officer may contact you about the absence and a penalty notice may be issued.

If you require your child to be absent from school, an absence request form must be completed. These are available from the office for **all** requests. **Children must also come to school on their birthday.** We award 100% attendance certificates each term; these are presented in Family Worship. For children whose attendance is unsatisfactory, parents will receive an attendance letter.

If your child is ill, it is important that they remain at home to recover. At school, it is important that we control the spread of infection. In order to do so we recommend the following:

Diarrhoea / vomiting,	Child must be clear of symptoms for 48 hours since the last loose stool or period of vomiting.
Headlice	Children can come to school as long as their hair has been treated.
Conjunctivitis	Highly contagious. Treatment must be given over a period of 24 hours before the child can return.
Chicken pox	Once spots have scabbed over – usually 5 days from the onset of a rash.
Measles	5 days from the onset of the rash.
German Measles	6 days from the onset of the rash.
Hand, Foot and Mouth	May return once blisters are dry and the child's general health is normal.
Impetigo	Return once lesions are clustered or healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment

**PLEASE INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY OF THE ABOVE.**