



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back! All of our children have settled in well and are happily on task with their new challenges.

A **very** warm welcome to everyone at the start of this new school year – and particularly to our new parents/carers whose children have joined us for the first time. Welcome to our St Andrew's Infant family!

Let me encourage you to join in with the life of the school as soon as possible. Our newsletters are usually fortnightly, and they are a really important way of keeping informed as to what is happening in school. Along with this letter, we have sent out a list of school dates and events that we will be offering throughout the year. Please do take time to read and make a note of any dates that are relevant to your child. If you are unsure if it involves them, please ask. Other events will be added via our newsletters throughout the year and due to the unpredictable weather and Covid 19, some dates **may** need to change. Other ways that we keep in touch are by our texting service and by the school Facebook page: **St Andrew's Infant School** and our website: www.st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk.

We are a friendly welcoming team. If you are concerned about anything please speak to your child's teacher in person outside, or contact the office - staff will ring you back when available. Myself, or Mrs Wood, our Learning Mentor, are also available to deal with any concerns if your class teacher is unavailable.

We are all looking forward to a happy and exciting year ahead and working together with you to achieve the best for your child.

Mrs Jo Swallow, Head of Infant School

Welcome back! How lovely to see the children again, we have been looking forward to it so much!

Please be assured that we continue to follow Government guidelines to safeguard us all from COVID-19. One of the things we will continue to do is remind the children to wash their hands regularly. On that note, I'm concerned that some children might develop sore skin with all the handwashing so do keep an eye on their hands and have some hand cream available for them to use at home.

Remember, when dropping off and collecting to use our one-way system and to keep your distance from other families. Please can I remind you that there should only be 1 adult per child on site.

We've included a handy guide on the newsletter to tell you what to do if anyone develops COVID-19 symptoms. We will continue to talk to and reassure the children to allay any worries that they may have. Likewise, if you have any questions, please do get in touch with school.

Mrs Karen Smith, Headteacher

Staff Vacancy at St Andrew's JUNIOR School – Midday Supervisor 1 ¼ hours daily. Please ring 01484 712895 or look on the Junior School website: www.standrews.calderdale.sch.uk for further information.

Parent Information Sessions – OUTSIDE on the school field/playground – you may need a coat!

We would like to invite you to attend the outdoor year group meetings next week (see below). These are an important opportunity to hear about the higher demands of the curriculum and we will share ideas about how you can help your child. The meetings will not last longer than 30 minutes.

Please do try to arrive for the start so you don't miss any vital information and stand 2m socially distanced with your child, from other parents/children. We look forward to meeting you! ☺



Reception parents' Getting-to-know-you meeting is on **Wednesday 23rd September at 3.30-4.00pm.**

Year 1 parents' Getting-to-know-you meeting is on **Tuesday 15th September at 3.30pm-4.00pm.**

Year 2 parents' Getting-to-know-you meeting is on **Thursday 17th September at 3.30-4.00pm.**

Please always send your child with a **coat** as the weather is so unpredictable.

Please wash/refill and send your child's **water bottle** daily. Bottles should be **CLEAR**, named and only contain **water**.

Please check that **ALL** of your child's uniform is named, including coats please.