NEWSLETTER

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Keep going everyone…you are doing a fabulous job and no matter how hard everything may seem to be right now, the vaccines mean that brighter days are ahead. Every child is unique and so is every family too. I want to reassure you that everyone at school understands the many difficulties faced by our families by the challenges of home learning. Home learning is difficult to manage, especially where parents are also working from home, sharing devices or have several children at home. Please hang in there and do a little bit at a time. Minimising stress is absolutely vital in a time like this for mental health. Don't let school work be something that causes you or your child stress. If they are struggling with any work please email the teachers, tell staff when they call you, or please ring school. If your child's behaviour is causing you concern, please contact our Learning Mentor, Mrs Wood. To help try to maintain your daily routines including bedtimes and wake up times as though your child was at school.

Mrs Swallow ☺

Half-Term

Remember, school closes for half-term today, **Friday 12th February.** Monday 22nd February is a **staff training day** which means school will be **closed** for all children including key worker and vulnerable children.

School will re-open for key worker and vulnerable children on **Tuesday 23rd February.**

Winter Weather

Whilst we are experiencing this winter weather, we ask that you send your child to school with appropriate outdoor clothing (hats, scarves, gloves). If you're sending your child to school in wellies, they must have their normal school shoes in a named carrier bag to change into when they are in the school building.

Calderdale Library Service

The Calderdale Library Service is currently offering **free** memberships for access to eBooks, eAudio books, eMagazines and comics. They also offer **free** printing of any homework; all you have to do is email them the documents and they will let you know when it is ready to collect. The email for our local library, which will be open for printing services on **15th February**, is brighouse.library@calderdale.gov.uk .

Visit the website below to watch a video on how to join the library service:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=pvEHn4i_qmQ&feature=youtu.be

Head over to Calderdale Libraries on Facebook for virtual Rhymetimes, Storytimes and Craft Sessions as well as information on upcoming events.

Finding lockdown overwhelming?

We know this time is challenging for all and we won't all respond to lockdown in the same ways. If your child is struggling with lockdown or finding it overwhelming, please visit the school website, under the COVID-19 tab, for some tips and strategies you may wish to try.

Safer Internet Resources

The UK Safer Internet Centre have created a range of resources for Safer Internet Day. Please check our website, under the Home Learning tab, for a link to resources for children aged 3-7.

UK Safer Internet Centre

REMINDERS

- If anyone in your household starts displaying symptoms of COVID-19, please do not send your child to school.
- Please can we remind adults to stay 2m apart when dropping off and collecting children. Also please remember the one-way system around the school grounds
- We ask that only 1 adult enters the school grounds to drop off / collect each child.
- Isolation has been reduced from 14 days to 10 days.
- Please stick to bubble start and finish times to avoid bubble cross over.
- Please keep children with you and do not allow them to run around to avoid accidents.

Thank you for your co-operation.

CBBC on YouTube

The CBBC YouTube channel has had an exciting revamp! They will be offering entertainment for children throughout half-term and for out of school hours. Videos suitable for children aged 5-11 will be uploaded daily onto their channel from a wide range of genres and may include clips from their favourite shows.
If you don't want to miss out on all of this, don't forget to subscribe to their YouTube channel for free!

NHS Uniform Competition

The Children's Ward at both Calderdale and Huddersfield Hospitals are looking to make their uniform more child-friendly. They are asking pupils from local schools to get creative and design a tunic style top. This is an optional task for over half-term; your class teachers will post all the information, including a template, about how to submit a design on Purple Mash.

Year Group Email Addresses

Please continue to use theses email addresses to send completed work, request new reading books and ask learning-based questions.

Reception: reception@st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk

Year 1: year1@st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk

Year 2: year2@st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk

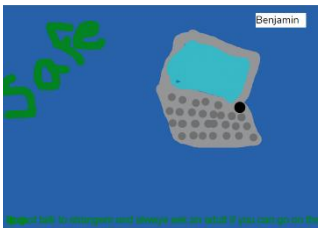
Superhero Models

We are really enjoying seeing the models you have been creating for the Superheroes topic. Please continue to bring the models into school for them to be displayed for everyone to see!

Internet Safety Poster Competition Winners and Runners Up

Reception Winner - Evie

Reception Runner Up - Ruby



Year 1 Winner - Benjamin

Year 2 Runner Up - Lola

Year 2 Winner - Amelia