



NEWSLETTER



5

19th November 2021
Tel: 01484 714964

www.st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk

Firstly I would like to thank you all for supporting Children In Need this year. We all know the excitement that wearing onesies and pyjamas to school brings to the children and our fantastic staff team too! 😊



School Value

Our value for this half term is **COMPASSION**. At St. Andrew's we try to show this in practical ways through supporting national and local charities along with our families. Please contact the office or speak to Mrs Wood, our Learning Mentor if you require support.

Open Day

Yesterday was our Open Day for Reception starters for September 2022. If you know someone who has a four year old and was unable to attend yesterday, ask them to phone school to arrange a separate appointment to come to look around.

New Staff

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Miss Fawbert as a new Kitchen Assistant and Miss Robery as HLTA for Class 2. Miss Robery has already met Class 2 and will start in the coming weeks.



Miss Robery
HLTA



Miss Fawbert
Kitchen Assistant

Mrs Swallow, Head of School

St Andrew's Day – Friday 26th November

On St Andrew's Day, children can come to school dressed in blue and white or tartan. There is no charge for this non-uniform day but we ask that you send a **bottle donation** (wine, beer, pop, shampoo, bubble bath etc) in with your child to class on this day for our bottle tombola (more info on the next page).

We will celebrate our special saint's day in school with exciting activities planned throughout the day, learning what St Andrew did to become such an important person.



Annual Shoebox Appeal

Just a reminder that our school is going to participate in this wonderful community appeal that we know will put a smile on so many faces at Christmas time.

If you would like to help, simply send shoebox donations into class with your child and we will fill as many shoeboxes as we can. There are three possible fillings – toys, toiletries & food.

Please send donations no later than Friday 26th November.



Bottle Tombola

Our bottle tombola will take place on Tuesday 30th November in the playground from 3:00pm-4:00pm. There will be tea, coffee and mince pies for sale.



Christmas Post

From Monday 6th December, there will be individual class post boxes in the hall. Please make sure that cards are clearly labelled with the child's name and class. Due to GDPR legislation, we can't give out class lists for names.



Christmas

We would be grateful for donations of:

- **'Secret Santa'** presents suitable for Mums and Dads. Bubble bath, chocolates, smellies, new items, soaps etc. Please send to school by Wednesday 8th December. Children will pay £2.50 on Party Day (15th Dec) and choose a 'gift' for their chosen relative. Santa's little helpers will help your child to wrap the gift and write a gift tag.
- **Mince Pies** – please send in on 29th November.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

We are now selling tickets for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. If you would like to be in with a chance of winning one of these hampers, we will be sending raffle tickets home next week for you to buy. They will come with an envelope attached – please return the envelope with the ticket and money enclosed and with your child's name and class on. If you have already purchased them through school money, we will also put these into the draw.

We will let you know nearer the time when this will be drawn.



Did you enjoy the TV series Vigil?

Royal Navy Dolphin badges are awarded to submariners as they join their submarines. Mr Young, our caretaker, has kindly donated two of the badges his son earned during his service, with HMS Artful.

These will be a raffle prize in our Christmas draw.



Travelling Crib - Posada

From Friday 26th November, every night, 2 children in each class will take home a 'crib' to welcome the nativity into his or her home to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The Travelling Crib is a nativity set with figures, a story, a CD of carols and prayers.

So that every child can take the cribs home, **please return it to school the following day (or Monday if taken home on Friday)**. We hope that during Advent, the Travelling Crib will help each child to think about Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas.



Chat Around the Table

Our Year 2 children have been studying the local area. Below are some questions you could discuss with them:

- Does your child know their address? This would help them if they needed to call 999 in an emergency.
- Do they live at an even or odd numbered house?
- Can they spot a pattern for the house numbers on their road?
- Could they find or read road names on their route to school?



Online Admissions for Infant and Junior Schools

Online applications are now open until 15th January 2022 for September 2022 places. Please search for the school by postcode:

- **Reception – St Andrew's Infant School (HD6 2HH)**
- **Year 3 – St Andrew's Junior School (HD6 2AN)**

Please visit www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions to apply for a place for your child in either Reception or Year 3.

If you need any support with the application, please contact the school office.

Overgate Hospice Reindeer Run

We will be supporting Overgate Hospice again this year by taking part in the Reindeer Run on Tuesday 14th December and asking our pupils to collect sponsors for the charity. The children are provided with reindeer ears and noses and have a wonderful time running round the playground to festive tunes! More information and sponsor forms will follow closer to the time.



Reminders.....

- Please remember that the water bottle your child brings into school must be clear and only contain plain water.
- Boots are not to be worn whilst in school. If you feel your child would benefit from wearing boots on the journey to and from school please send a pair of sensible school shoes for them to change into whilst in the building.

Thank you for your continued support.

Family Worship

Unfortunately, due to the number of COVID cases in Calderdale still being high we have been advised by Calderdale Council not to open our Worships to families yet. This is as disappointing for us as it is for you; we can't wait to welcome our families' back in for our family events.



We Keep Children Safe By...

...asking parents/carers not to park on the road markings outside school or in the school car park (unless agreed with the Head of School under exceptional circumstances). Parking in these areas could put children in danger when crossing the road or entering/leaving the school grounds.



Calderdale Survey of Parents/Carers

If you have children under 8 years old or are currently expecting a child we'd love your views! You have the chance to be entered into a prize draw to win one of three prizes of high street vouchers before Christmas.

Calderdale Council as a local authority are responsible for commissioning and delivering public health services for children aged 0-5 years. As part of the local Starting Well Strength and Needs Assessment Calderdale Council are asking parents and carers (and parents-to-be) to complete a survey about services for 0-5 year olds and their families locally. Calderdale Council would like to know what families consider the strengths of local services to be, and what needs improving. Qa Research are managing this survey on their behalf.

You can complete the survey here:

<https://surveys.qaresearch.co.uk/Calderdaleparents.asp>

The survey will be open until 5th December for you to give your views.

Thank you!

Midday Supervisor Vacancy – Junior School

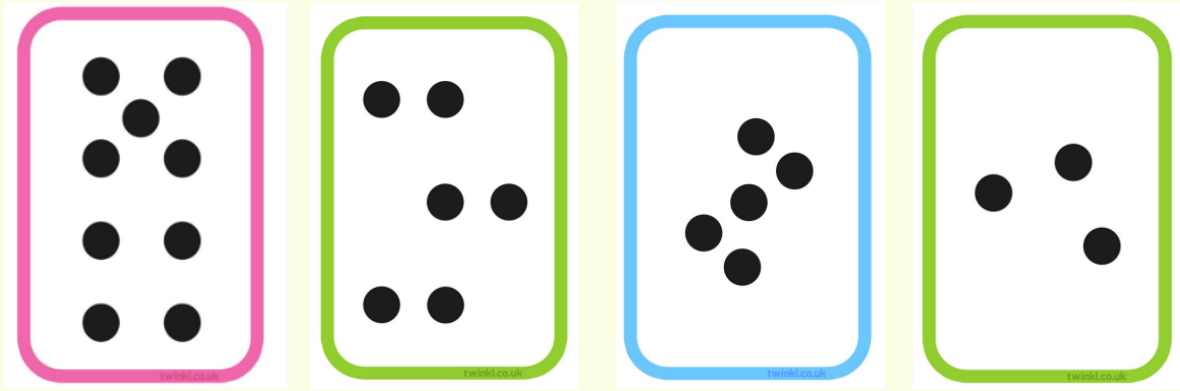
The Junior School currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. Hours of work are 11.50am – 1.05pm Monday – Friday. If you are interested please see the Junior School Office for an application form. More details can also be found on the school website. Please note that the closing date for applications is **Monday 6th December at noon**.

Brighouse Food Bank

We have received a letter of thanks from the Brighouse Food Bank. All the food you generously donated has gone directly to people in our community who are struggling to feed themselves and their families.

Magical Maths

This week's Magical Maths is based on subitising. Subitising is an essential part of developing number sense in children by helping them to relate numbers to actual items or groups of items. It can also help children learn addition and subtraction facts. It helps them recognize and understand representations of number.



All year groups can use the picture cards above.

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Look at these cards. Count how many dots there are. Ask the children what can they see?

Reception

- The children can count the dots and then you can ask them to write the number they can see to practice number formation.
- Discuss which is the biggest and smallest number.
- Can you collect this many items from your toy box?
- Can you see the number in the house or outside on doors?
- Can you clap/ jump/ blink that many times?

Year 1

- Discuss how we could order them smallest to largest and then from largest to smallest.
- How many can we add to each to make 10?
- Draw a number line, place each number on a number line.
- Are the numbers odd or even? How do you know?
- How many can we add to the number to make another amount?
- How many can we take away to make an amount?

Year 2

Year 2 can try the year 1 activities, as well as these listed below:

- What numbers can we add to the cards to make 20? 30?
- Can you write an addition sentence, using the 4 numbers?
- Can you make 4 subtraction sentences?
- What would the value of the cards be if the dot represented 10? 5? 2? Have a try at counting in these steps.

Anti-Bullying Week

During anti-bullying week, we are raising awareness of sharing kindness online as well as in person.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

- 1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE**
Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.
- 2 REACH OUT**
It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.
- 3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS**
If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.
- 4 OFFER TO HELP**
Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!
- 5 POST POSITIVELY**
Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.
- 6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION**
If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.
- 7 BE UNDERSTANDING**
Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.
- 8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS**
When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.
- 9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING**
Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.
- 10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE**
If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert
Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

www.nationalonlinesafety.com @natonlinesafety /NationalOnlineSafety @nationalonlinesafety

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 17.11.2021



St Andrew's C.E. (VA) Infant & Junior Schools

'Promoting Excellence in a Caring Christian Community'



We currently have the following vacancy based at the Junior School to start January 2022:

Midday Supervisor

Permanent position.

6 hours and 15 minutes per week, term time only

Hours of work 11.50am – 1.05pm Monday - Friday

Scale 1b, SCP 2: £9.43 per hour

We are looking for an enthusiastic and caring person to join our friendly lunchtime team.

Your duties will include:

- Supervising children at lunchtime in the dining hall and playground
- Light cleaning duties after the children have eaten
- Leading and organising games and play activities.

You must be prepared to comply with the school's safeguarding and behaviour policies and contribute to the smooth running of our lunchtime period. Experience of working in a school is desirable but not essential as full training will be given.

About Us

St Andrew's CE (VA) Junior School is a happy, inclusive two-form entry school. Our school has been rated 'Good' in our most recent Ofsted (June 2016) and SIAMS (February 2017) inspections. We have 220 pupils on roll, an incredible team of staff and supportive governors who work well together to make our school a warm and welcoming place to be. We take great pride in providing an excellent all round education for all of our pupils.

We can offer you:

- A well-resourced, attractive and spacious working environment
- Happy children who are enthusiastic about their learning
- Support and networking opportunities across the two schools in our Federation
- Robust continued professional development – we have a proven track-record of supporting and developing our staff.

For more information about the post, or to arrange a visit, please phone 01484 712895 between 9.00am and 3.00pm.

The school is committed to safeguarding the rights, welfare and safety of all children. The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced Criminal Record Check (Disclosure) from the Disclosure and Barring Service before the appointment is confirmed.

Further details and application form can be obtained from the school website.

<https://standrews.calderdale.sch.uk/>

Completed application forms should be returned to the school office or by email to: admin@standrews.calderdale.sch.uk by noon on Monday 6 December 2021.

We anticipate that interviews will be held Monday 13 December 2021.

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