



NEWSLETTER



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Diary Dates

Mon 2nd May

May Day Bank
Holiday – SCHOOL
CLOSED

Tues 3rd May

After school clubs
begin for 4 weeks.

Friday 6th May

Ice Lolly Fundraiser
(this has been funded
from the £2 donated
by each child in
September)



Welcome to our Summer Term

Thank you for taking time to respond to Ofsted during our inspection this week. We were delighted to hear many of your supportive comments. As always, your children were a real credit to you and our school. We are looking forward to sharing the report with you in several weeks' time when it is published.

We are delighted that, following the removal of COVID restrictions, we will be able to invite parents and carers of the class leading our Family Worship to attend in person; this started today with Class 4! We just ask that, if you are displaying the main 3 COVID symptoms (temperature, cough or change/loss to taste and smell), you don't attend to protect the wider community. We will also return to our system of texting parents and carers on Thursday to invite them to attend the Family Worship and see their children receive their certificate. Whilst I understand that if you are a working parent it may be hard to attend, we do encourage you to invite other family members such as grandparents to attend if possible.

We invite you to join us in the hall after you have dropped your child off.

Friday Worship Date	Class Leading
29 th April	Class 4
6 th May	Class 1
13 th May	Class 2
20 th May	Class 3
27 th May	Mrs Swallow



Mrs Swallow, Head of School

Event Dates – Summer Term

Summer Term 2022	
Monday 25 th April 2022	SCHOOL REOPENS
Monday 2 nd May 2022	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 3 rd May 2022	Clubs begin for 4 weeks
Friday 6 th May 2022	Ice lolly pop fundraiser
Wednesday 25 th May 2022	Class Photographs
Thursday 26 th May 2022	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events Day – Picnic lunch and wear red, white or blue or dress as a British icon.
Friday 27 th May 2022	Ice-cream fundraiser
Friday 27 th May 2022	SCHOOL CLOSING – HALF TERM
Tuesday 7 th June 2022	SCHOOL REOPENS
Friday 10 th June 2022	Non-Uniform Day (Bring a bottle for the June Fayre)
Monday 13 th June 2022	Clubs begin for 5 weeks
Thursday 23 rd June 2022 @ 2:00pm	June Festival ticket only for the retinue and Y2 parents
Thursday 23 rd June 2022 @ 3:30pm – 5:00pm	June Fayre – All welcome! (stalls, raffles, food and more!)

This Half Term's Value - Friendship

We are focusing on the Worship value of Friendship this half term.

‘Encourage one another and build each other up.’ 1 Thessalonians 5.11

The words of wisdom from the Bible for our focus school value were written over 2000 years ago by St Paul. St Paul wanted to teach people that the best way to live in friendship is to encourage one another rather than being critical or negative. Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus.

Some Bible stories that illustrate this value are:

- Twelve Special Friends (Matthew 10)
- Breakfast by Galilee (John 21)
- Jesus and the children (Mark 10)

Other stories you might wish to read with your children at home which illustrate the value of Friendship are:

- Friends by Rob Lewis
- Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper
- A Cat and a Dog by Claire Masurel
- Gorilla by Anthony Brown
- Best Friends by Jacqueline Wilson
- How do you feel? by Gillian Liu



Stories from Other Religions:

- The Thief and the Veil – an Islamic story by Jenny Rose
- The Prince and the Guru's Cloak – a Sikh story by A Ganeri
- The Magic Herb Mountain from A Tapestry of Tales, Palmer & Breuilly

Chat Around the Table

Our ‘Chat Around the Table’ this week links to our new value ‘Friendship’. Discuss these questions with your child/ren – do they have any more friendship questions?

- How do you support and encourage your friends?
- How do we support each other in the community?
- How do we make sure we don't leave anyone out?
- How do we restore broken friendships?



Rotary Easter Egg Donation

Before we broke up for Easter, the Brighthouse Rotary Club very kindly donated some Easter eggs for some of our children. We are extremely grateful for the generous donation, it brought smiles to many faces!



We Keep Children Safe By...

...keeping parents/carers updated with any potentially harmful sites or ‘trends’ on the internet that we have been notified of.

Nationally, many internet safety agencies are warning parents to be extra vigilant over seemingly fun videos widely circulating on YouTube and TikTok that feature a menacing character with razor-sharp teeth with the seemingly friendly name of ‘Huggy Wuggy’.

The character is from a survival horror game called ‘Poppy Playtime’ which has the effect of leading parents and children to believe the videos are aimed at youngsters and contain no inappropriate material. It even gets past the parental controls on many devices.

The reality is that ‘Huggy Wuggy’, a blue bear-like creature, chases and threatens other characters in nightmarish scenarios, leaving many children upset and frightened.

The Poppy Playtime game is perfectly legal and widely available on the App stores for Apple and Android mobile devices with a PEGI rating of age 12+.

Please be vigilant in respect of the content your children are accessing and take appropriate steps to remove or block any harmful content they may be exposed to.



Lent Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who joined in our Lent fundraising by adding to our coin worms, taking part in the sand pit egg draw or decorating an egg for our competition. Congratulations to our winners of the egg decorating competition – Bella, Oscar S, Oscar B and Robyn!



We raised an amazing £115.30 through the fundraising. The money raised will be split between Christian Aid and our School Fund.

Water Safety

On Monday 23rd May, the Canal and River Trust have volunteered to come in and run workshop assemblies for each year group regarding water safety. Look out for some information coming home in your child's bookbag closer to the time!



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Trail

Please follow the link below regarding the Jubilee Beacon Trail. The trail is a national event being hosted in many areas, including Halifax between 30th April and 12th June.

<https://highstreetsafari.com/platinumjubilee>

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On Thursday 26th May, we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by having a whole school picnic at lunchtime. Children who are usually on packed lunches are welcome to join this picnic and therefore would not need to bring lunch on this day. We will cater to any dietary needs for allergies.

Children and staff have also been invited to wear red, white or blue or dress up as a British icon on this day. We can't wait to see what everyone wears!

We are looking forward to celebrating!



COVID in children

The new guidance from Public Health regarding COVID in children states that if a child is unwell and has a temperature, they should not attend school until their temperature has gone down and they feel better. If a child has a positive test result, they should stay off school for 3 days and then they can return to school as normal.

Northern Gas Works – Lightcliffe Road

We have been notified that Northern Gas will be carrying out essential gas works on Lightcliffe Road between 25/4/22 – 09/05/22 between 8:00am and 5:00pm. Temporary two-way traffic lights will be in place for the duration of the works.

Dinners at School

This week we have started serving our summer term menu; this is a 2-week rotating menu. If you would like to make any changes to your child's menu or if your child will be changing to packed lunches, please contact the office. Please make sure that you let us know if you are sending your child with a packed lunch if they would normally be having a school dinner to help us avoid food waste.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Attendance

We regularly monitor our pupil's attendance and the expected attendance target set by the government is **96% or above**. If your child's attendance falls below the expected target, we will inform you by text and continue to monitor it. We appreciate that children get ill from time to time and their attendance may drop temporarily. However, if we feel your child's attendance is becoming a cause for concern, we will contact you. Please support your child to achieve good attendance.

Magical Maths

This week, we would like all the children to look at number bonds. Number bonds help the children rapidly recall number facts and improve their fluency. The facts they need to know are what help the children have a solid foundation in number and improve their number sense. Below you will find details of what the children in each year group need to know and images to help your children practise at home. Here are just a few ideas that you could use with your children at home:

- The children could use objects at home to help them learn these facts in a practical way.
- They could do counting as they walk up and the stairs.
- You could play talking ping pong where you say a number and they say the other number to make the number bond, encouraging the children to get quicker with their recall.

Reception

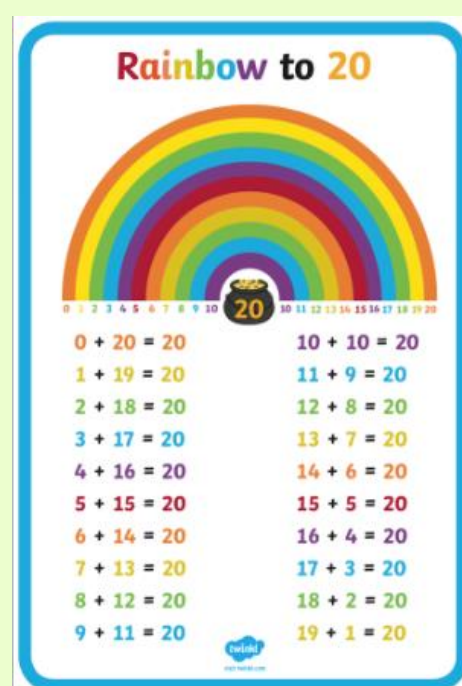
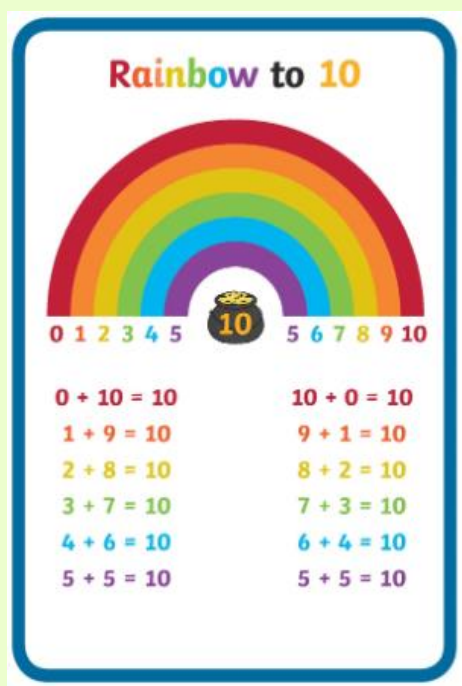
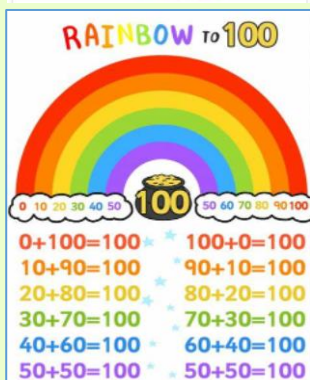
By the end of Reception, children are expected to be able to recall number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.

Year 1

By the end of the Year 1, children are expected to be able to represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20

Year 2

In Year 2, the children are expected to be able to recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts up to 100.



Topics for this half term

Please follow the links below for information on the Topic your child is learning about this half term.

Reception – Farm Life

<https://st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Summer-1-Farm-Life-Key-Learning.pdf>

Year 1 – Bright Lights, Big City

<https://st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Bright-Lights-Key-Learning.pdf>

Year 2 – Scented Garden

<https://st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Scented-Garden-Key-Learning-2022.pdf>



Dear God,
Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you, God for everything.
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