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<u>Diary Dates</u> Monday 2nd October 8:45am — 9:00am Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Tuesday 3rd October 9:00am — 10:00am Y1 & Y2 Phonics Family Learning

Thursday 5th October 9:05am — 9:30am Class 5 Family Worship

Friday 6th October 9:40am — 10:40am Y1 & Y2 Phonics Family Learning (repeat)

Monday 9th October 9:00am — 10:00am Maths Family Learning

Tuesday 10th October Individual School Photographs

Wednesday 11th October 9:05am — 9:35am Harvest Festival Worship (parents/carers welcome)

Thursday 12th October 9:05am — 10:00am Parents/Carers Coffee Morning

Friday 13th October 9:05am – 9:30am Class 4 Family Worship 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 you informed as to what is happening in school. The previous newsletters and diary dates can be found on our website. Our staff are running 'fun family learning sessions' during the year— I encourage you to sign up for these. Please do take the time to read and make a note of any dates that are relevant to your child. If you are unsure if it involves them, just ask! Other events will be added via our newsletters throughout the year. We do our best to keep these as they are but sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstances, 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 also host coffee morning events during the year. There is no need to book onto these, you can just drop in and join us. These are an opportunity for you to meet other parents and carers along with our pastoral staff - Mrs Wood and Miss Kerry. We invite other services and professionals to attend these to talk about how they can support our families. Watch out for these dates on future newsletters.

We are a friendly welcoming team and have an open-door policy. If you are concerned about anything, please speak to your child's teacher either in person or by contacting the office — staff will ring you back when available. I am also available to deal with any concerns if your class teacher is unable to assist.

#### STOP PRESS - Our CARING vision in action

Congratulations to our Learning Mentor who was awarded 'Carer of the Year' at the Heart Radio Awards. This award was nominated by a parent and is tremendously well deserved! Thank you for recognising that Mrs Wood goes above and beyond for our children and families.



We are all looking forward to a happy and exciting year ahead and working together with you to achieve the best for your child. ③

Mrs Swallow, Head of School

# We Keep Children Safe By...

...reminding parents/carers to inform the school if someone different is collecting their child/children from school. In line with our safeguarding policy, we will not allow children to go home with an adult who does not have parental responsibility unless we have been informed prior to collection by the parent/carer. Please contact the office to inform school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

# Supporting You

Remember to be kind to yourselves and don't compare yourself to other parents you see online. Mrs Wood, our Learning Mentor, is available if you want to talk, text or ring the office or see her in the playground to arrange a

Click <u>here</u> to take a look at this useful guide.

# Reception 2024 Open Day - Thursday 26th October

We have our Open Day for parents/carers with children starting in Reception in September 2024 on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

October from 10:00am — 12:00pm or 1:30pm —

4:30pm.

Please can you share this date with any family, friends or neighbours with children starting school in September 2024.

Please encourage them to contact the Infant School by phone 01484 714964 or by email <a href="mailto:admin@st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk">admin@st-andrews-inf.calderdale.sch.uk</a> to book tours of the Infant and Junior Schools site.

Current Year 2 children and parents/carers will have the opportunity to visit the Junior School later in the year.

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more











#### **Harvest Donations**

As you may know, we are coming into our time of Harvest. Each year, as a school, we like to give back to our community by giving donations to charities. Our chosen charities this year are the local Brighouse Foodbank and Calderdale Smart Move.

We would be grateful for any food donations (such as canned foods, pasta, sauces etc) that we can send to them. We will be collecting these in school from **Monday 2nd October** until **Friday 6**<sup>th</sup> **October**. Please send these in with your child who will put them in the hall. We ask that you only send **non-perishables**.







Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

#### Scooters and Bikes

If your child goes to an after-school activity such as Lego Club, we ask that they **do not** bring their scooter or bike to school that day due to the gates being locked by the time the club finishes. This does not include Kid's Club.



Thank you for your understanding.



#### Colder Weather

Please send your child into school with a warm and waterproof coat every day. Autumn days bring changeable weather and the children will still play out. Please make sure all clothing items are clearly named so they can be returned to the right child if they get lost.







# Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

We will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale in the playground before school on Monday  $2^{nd}$  October. Items will be available for a small fee of up to 50p per item.

Please come along if your child needs any uniform.







# School Photographs

On **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, children will have their individual school photos taken. Please ensure your child comes wearing full St Andrew's Infant School uniform, including a jumper or cardigan.

Children who already have siblings at the Infant School will have the opportunity to have a photo taken together within the school day. If your child has a sibling who does not attend the Infant School and you would like them to have a photo together, please come to the school office for

These photographs will be available to purchase soon. Your child will come home with a proof in the weeks following the photographs.

#### Mobile Phones in School

As our Family Worships have begun again, we would like to remind you that the use of mobile phones in school is strictly prohibited. We ask that phones are either turned off or silenced and must be kept in your bag or pocket whilst in school. However, if your child has received a certificate and you would like to take a photo, we allow this to happen once the hall is clear and the child is stood against the piano. There will be a staff member in the hall to orchestrate this.

#### Chat Around the Table

I wonder can we give without expecting to receive back?

- How can we be generous with our words?
- How can we be generous with our actions?
- How can we be generous with our time?
- How can we be generous with our talents?



Why not watch and discuss the story of Stone Soup together?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZf60cb3Th8

Who showed generosity?

#### U is for UNCERTAINTY So many expectations and plans are bestowed upon young people - what their lives should look like and become out the future is a hope, not a certainty. More than ever, resilience isn't just about managing transition, but being ready to face the unknown, head-on. Make space for the unplanned and the inexpected! It cultivates a child's belief that they can cope, whatever happens. TODAY... ou don't need to know everything. How can you be prepared for that? What's the difference between a wish plan, an expectation and certainty?

# **Every Mind Matters**

The focus this time is 'Uncertainty & Peace'. Why not have a go at these activities:

Feel your way to peace by tracing a path around the thumb and fingers with a finger from your other hand. Breathe in and out as you move up and down the fingers.



# Worship Welcomers

We would like to introduce you to our 'Worship Welcomers' for this year. These children help prepare the hall, guide and direct their fellow students into worship, holding doors open into the hall, helping make sure children are settled and providing a friendly face at worship.

### Class 5

Annabelle

Alyssa

Connie

Freddie

Evie

Esmai



# <u>Class 6</u>

Zara

Annie

Luca Kyah

Ärlo

Layla

Henry

#### Lunchtime Ambassadors

We would also like to introduce our lunchtime ambassadors for this year. The ambassadors help children line up for lunch, assist with keeping the hall tidy over dinner time, are 'playground buddies' and are excellent role models for the other children.

#### Class 5

Grace

Jax

Lucas

Bella

Henry

Jacob Jude

Edward

Zac

Hettie



# Class 6

Niamh Bobby

Olive

Isla

Oliver Ruby

Annie

Harry

Gracie

Isabella

A warm welcome to all and thank you for all your hard work! You are helping to share our CARING vision.

# Year 2 Transitional Visits & Meetings

We have a carefully detailed programme of transition events which was praised by OFSTED in our recent inspection.

#### Ofsted Report

"Leaders make thoughtful and thorough arrangements for pupils' transition to their next phase of Education. Pupils are excited to move on to the Junior School" - OFSTED June 2023. In the summer term, all Year 2 children will have a series of visits to the Junior School. Children with additional needs have extra visits organised by our joint SENDCo, Mrs Marsden. Parents and carers will be invited to tour the Junior School and meet the staff during the summer term, date to follow in future newsletters.

#### **Educational Visits and Visitors**

In the upcoming weeks, each year group will receive information about their educational visit as well as visitors in school for the year. Please read this letter carefully and contact school if you have any questions or any issues with payment. We will send reminders out regarding the off-site trip details nearer the time.



# KS1 Topic Showcases

Year 1 are holding a Topic Showcase for parents/carers/grandparents on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm and Year 2 are holding theirs on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm. We would love you to join us to see what your child has been learning across their subjects. If you're attending, please come to the school office at 2:30pm on the day to sign in.

We look forward to seeing you!

# **Magical Maths**

A really useful app that all year groups can access at home is the White Rose Maths One Minute Maths app. It can be found by following this link: 1-Minute Maths App | White Rose Maths

The app helps children increase their speed, fluency and recall in a fun and competitive way.



Another website that has many great games and activities for children to access at home is Topmarks. (Link: <u>Key Stage 1</u> <u>Maths - Topmarks Search</u>)

This week in our Magical Maths, we would like all the children to focus on days of the week and months of the year. All the children can learn when their birthday is and for the KS1 children, they could have a go at writing it down too. An extra challenge could be the children also knowing the year they were born in.

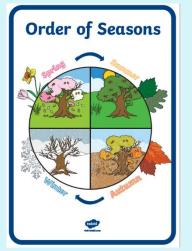




The children need to know the days of the week and months of the year in order. They also need to be aware of week days and weekend days. It is also good to discuss with the children on what days they might have clubs or do certain things in their weekly routine.

You could also talk to the children about the seasons and changes that happen in the different seasons. It would also be good to tell children about when key events happen in the year like, family members' birthdays, Christmas, Easter, Bonfire Night and Summer holidays. For the children in Year 2, you could also share the rhyme below about how many days in

each month.







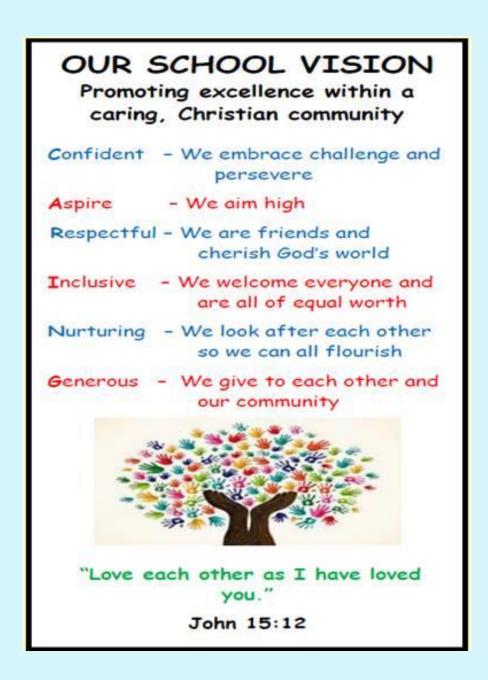
# Dear Lord,

Children in the streets, children in houses, give them love, give them a true home.

They are gifts of the Lord to every parent on earth. They are precious little ones who love with a big heart.

Give them love, give them a home. For they deserve a life they can call their own.

Amen



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# **OPEN DAY**

# **PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

Thursday 26th October 2023

10:00am - 12:00pm or 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Come and join us on our open day. See our children and staff during a normal school day at both schools (Infant and Junior). Please call to reserve a place.

# In April 22, OFSTED said:

- "Pupils are happy and enthusiastic learners. They are proud of their work and love to talk about what they know and remember."
- "Learning in every subject starts in the Reception class. The curriculum gives children a firm foundation on which to build future learning."
- "Pupils say they are all good friends and love playing together. They enjoy helping others."



# **Both schools offer Wrap Around Care**

Infant School: 7:30am— 5:30pm Junior School: 7:45am— 6:00pm



Applications for Reception 2024 open on Friday 17th November 2023 & close on Monday 15th January 2024

# Text

# Graphic

Are you a parent/carer taking photos of your little ones starting or returning to school...

REMEMBER, take a moment to check your privacy settings before sharing and keep personal information personal!

#backtoschool #noschoollogo #nohousenumber #nofriendsfaces

#### OR

Does your child have a personalised backpack? Do they have a keyring on their school bag with their name or initials on it?

This information is personal to your child & sharing a photo which includes it could be dangerous.

Keep personal information personal.

#backtoschool

First day at big school for my youngest! How exciting! "

Excited Mother



When posting your child's #backtoschool photos, remember:

- Hide/blur out the school logo
- Ensure only your child's face is in the photo
- Don't include personal details for example house numbers, school name, street names, etc

#backtoschool #keepitpersonal #safeguarding

#### OR

Posting a photo of your child returning or starting school may not be too revealing if you've ensured their safety.

However, information you put in the caption may be more harmful than you know.

#noschoollogo #nostreetnames #keepitpersonal #backtoschool



Everyone's proud of their children, but there are ways to be proud and sensible at the same time.

Protect your child by not revealing information that is personal to their school, home or the area they live in.

#keepitperson #safeguardingchildren #backtoschool





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If you are posting #backtoschool pictures of your child, stay safe.

Do not mention their name or the school's name.

Keep the logo of the school hidden.

Check your privacy settings to protect your child.

Don't post photos of other people's children.

#safeguardingchildren

#### OR

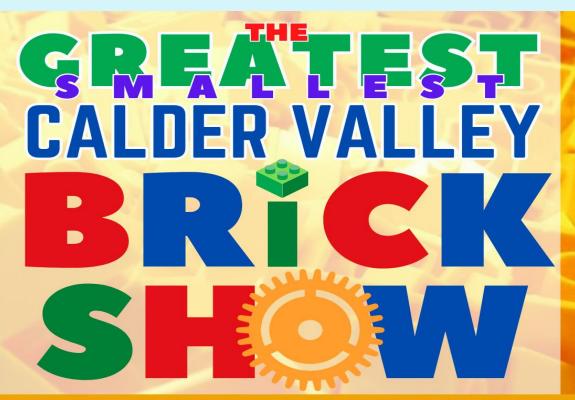
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> A SMALL SELECTION OF MODELS CREATED BY CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 18

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# WHATSAPP

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS? With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging ervice. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients in oteven WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safey Billiproposes to end such encryption on private messaging. WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered with drawing

in UK and Europe; rest of the world 13+

#### EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repect the code.

#### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs 'the mobile number of the WhotsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them vio WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other expole that they don't know.

#### FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly — whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded mony times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an ordinal — and might not be entirely factual, either.

# VIEW ONCE

mestages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content - but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

#### CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face 10 authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversions and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

# **VISIBLE LOCATION**

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely an the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

# Advice for Parents & Carers

#### **EMPHASISE CAUTION**

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution:
get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like
something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they
know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary
of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification
adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

# ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...', Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.

#### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them sale. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

# Meet Our Expert

br Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber raifety policies for schools. She has written various condemic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of yourse model in the UK USS and Australia.



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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

Data collected for ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) shows an increase in 11 to 17-year-olds experimenting with vaping: from 7.7% in 2022 to 11.6% in 2023. It's concerning that these age-restricted products are getting into the hands of under 18s as most contain nicotine, which can be detrimental to brain development and cause long-term addiction. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings; vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### NICOTINE ADDICTION

# WHAT IS VAPING?

# LACK OF AWARENESS

A proportion of young people tend to view vapes as harmless, mainly because of the products' appearance and the perception (often strengthened on social media) that "vaping is cool" and an trend. In many instances, young people don't fully appreciate the concept of addiction: that is, they aren't adequately aware of the risk of becoming hooked on nicotine before trying a vape.

#### POTENTIAL TOXICITY WIDER HEALTH CONCERNS

#### UNCLEAR LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

## ATTRACTINE PACKAGING

# ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

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