



NEWSLETTER



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Diary Dates



Monday 8th January
SCHOOL REOPENS

Thursday 18th January
9:00am – 10:00am
Parent/Carer Coffee
Morning

Tuesday 23rd January
Bun fundraiser at
breaktime

Class Worship

Friday 12th January
9:05am – 9:30am
Class 4 Family Worship

Friday 19th January
9:05am – 9:30am
Class 3 Family Worship

Friday 26th January
9:05am – 9:30am
Class 2 Family Worship

Friday 2nd February
9:05am – 9:30am
Class 1 Family Worship

Thursday 23rd
February
9:05am – 9:30am
Class 5 Family Worship

Friday 1st March
9:05am – 9:30am
Class 6 Family Worship

Friday 8th March
9:05am – 9:30am
Reception Family
Worship

Friday 15th March
9:05am – 9:30am
Class 4 Family Worship



Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre and fundraising, we raised an amazing £1642! Congratulations to our raffle winners, we hope you enjoy your prizes. Some of the money we raised went towards Monday's Chaplin's Pantomime performance of 'Cinderella'. The children were spellbound and joined in with all the 'it's behind you' calls. The rest of the money raised will go towards enriching the children's education through resources and experiences.

Christingle

A big thank you to Miss Burrell who organised and lead our Christingle Service at St Martin's Church with our Year 2 readers. Thank you to Mrs Hainsworth who stepped in last minute and played her violin to accompany the songs. Thank you to the parents and carers who walked with us to and from Church. Finally, thank you to Reverend Stephen, Sue Empson and St Martin's Church for making it possible for us to hold our annual Christingle service in church.



Christmas Dinner

Last Friday, Mrs Stringer, Miss Scott, Miss Fawbert and Miss Barraclough cooked and served Christmas dinner for 155 people. Thank you for all your hard work – well done!



Mrs Virtue

Today, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Virtue in the office. She will be missed but we wish her every success in the future. We will be recruiting for a new Admin Assistant in the new year and ask that during this period, if you are trying to contact the office and can't get through, you leave a voicemail which will be picked up and actioned.

Thank you

Finally, thank you for all your support this term at our Family Learning events, Coffee Mornings, Family Worship and Topic Showcases. We really believe that the education of your child is a partnership and we thank you for your support. Every child will bring home a Christmas book as a gift this week, we ask that you spend time enjoying reading this together.

We wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year from all the staff at St Andrew's Infants. **School reopens on Monday 8th January 2024.**



Mrs Swallow, Head of School

We Keep Children Safe By...

...asking parents/carers to park safely and legally on the roads around school. We appreciate that the roads are busy at drop off and collection times but ask that you do not park on the yellow lines on Lightcliffe Road or Blackburn Road – these are in place to keep our families safe when entering and leaving the school grounds.

Additionally, we ask that you park respectfully and do not block our neighbours' drives. This includes when dropping off or collecting from wrap around care.



Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Chat Around the Table

At some point in December, your child will have brought home the Posada bag which contained the Nativity scene. Why not discuss the questions below with your child?



- Who was born in the Nativity story?
- Where did the birth take place?
- What special thing in the sky helped guide the kings?
- How do you think Mary felt when all the visitors arrived?

Always Badges

Today, we have awarded more Always badges. Congratulations to Penelope, Myla, Robert, Ruby, Martha, Roman, Brodie, Henry, Jacob, Demir, Connie, Jax, Ruby, Isla, Henry and Oliver. These children were nominated by their class staff because they always follow our CARING vision. They have been recognised as excellent role models. Well done 😊.

Change to Uniform Policy - Boots

We have made a change to our uniform policy to allow short, plain black boots to be worn in school in the colder/wetter months. Children can still wear wellingtons or longer boots to and from school and at playtimes but must change into school shoes inside the building.

Overgate Reindeer Run

Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children in taking part in the Overgate Reindeer Run – we will let you know the total raised in the new year.

The children had a fantastic time and enjoyed wearing their antlers and noses!



Every Mind Matters

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

z is for ZZZ (SLEEP WELL)

Restoration is essential for learning and wellbeing. Using devices late at night interferes with sleep hormones, meaning many young people may be trying to learn while sleep-deprived.

Directly influencing their sleep may be beyond our control, but there is much to teach children about restoring their energy levels. Do your bit with episodes of downtime or rest throughout the day.

TODAY...

How can you rest, restore, or rejuvenate, right now? What changes because of that? How can you re-energise yourself more often? What gets in your way?

01. What **FIVE** things can you see?

02. What **FOUR** things can you hear?

03. What **THREE** things can you smell?

04. What **TWO** things can you touch?

05. Take **ONE** big deep breath.

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Our CARING Vision in Action

Confident	Our Reception children performed their Nativity to parents and carers and Year 2 lead the Christingle service.
Aspire	Children have worked hard to achieve their Always badges by being excellent role models.
Respectful	We have been awarded a 'Friends of the Honeybees' membership by The British Beekeepers Association. Congratulations to all our Eco Warriors and gardening club for ensuring our grounds are nurturing for pollination.
Inclusion	Children have been working hard with our Speech and Language therapist this term. Please continue to support them at home with their activities.
Nurturing	We look after everyone, including our wider community. This week, our Choir sang to the residents at Bridge House Care Home.
Generous	Your donations and generosity at our Christmas Fayre meant we have raised £1642 for school! Our Reindeer Run will support the work of Overgate Hospice.

Spring Term 2024	
Monday 8th January 2024	SCHOOL REOPENS
Friday 12th January 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 4 Family Worship
Monday 15th January 2024	Clubs begin for 4 weeks
Thursday 18th January 2024 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Parents/Carers Coffee Morning
Friday 19th January 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 3 Family Worship
Tuesday 23rd January 2024	Bun Sale Fundraiser (send in buns – no nuts)
Friday 26th January 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 2 Family Worship
Friday 2nd February 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 1 Family Worship
Tuesday 6th February 2024 – 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 2 Topic Showcase
Wednesday 7th February 2024 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 1 Topic Showcase
Friday 9th February 2024 @ 9:05 – 9:35am	Always Assembly
Friday 9th February 2024	SCHOOL CLOSSES – HALF TERM
Monday 19th February 2024	SCHOOL REOPENS
Thursday 22nd February 2024 @ 9:05 – 9:35am	Class 5 Family Worship
Monday 26th February 2024	Clubs begin for 4 weeks
Thursday 29th February 2024	Year 2 trip to Skipton Castle
Friday 1st March 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 6 Family Worship
Thursday 7th March 2024	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite character
Friday 8th March 2024 – 9:05am – 9:35am	Mothers' Day Worship - Reception
Tuesday 12th March 2024 @ 3:20pm – 6:20pm	Parents'/Carers' Pupil Progress Meetings (booking info to be sent out closer to time)
Wednesday 13th March 2024 @ 3:20pm – 6:00pm	Parents'/Carers' Pupil Progress Meetings (booking info to be sent out closer to time)
Thursday 14th March 2024 @ 9:00am – 10:00am	Parents/Carers Coffee Morning
Friday 15th March 2024	Red Nose Day – wear something red!
Friday 15th March 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Class 4 Family Worship
Tuesday 19th March 2024 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 2 Topic Showcase
Wednesday 20th March 2024 @ 9:10am	Easter Service & Eucharist at school
Wednesday 20th March 2024 @ 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 1 Topic Showcase
Friday 22nd March 2024 @ 9:05am – 9:35am	Always Assembly
Friday 22nd March 2024	SCHOOL CLOSSES

Christmas Magical Maths

Below are some Christmas maths activities for you to try at home during the holidays. When you are trying these activities, it will be useful to have some equipment to help you. There are ideas about what you could use to help you under each activity. With adult help, children in all year groups can try these activities.

Present Trouble!

The elves have been putting the presents onto the sleigh.
There are three presents left to put on.

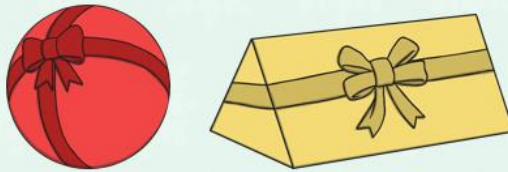
What order could they put them on the sleigh?

How many different ways can you find?



Equipment: counters from a game, lego/building blocks in these colours, coloured crayons or felt tip pens.

Present mix up!



There are 10 stars on these presents altogether.

How many stars might be on the red present? Or on the yellow one?

How many different ways can you find?

Equipment: 10 of anything and 2 containers! This question is about children using their knowledge of bonds to 10. If children are successful in this challenge, you could ask them what would happen if there were 3 gifts and 10 stars.

Reindeer Bells!

Each of Father Christmas' reindeer wear a different shaped bell.
Choose a bell below and ask a friend to guess which one you chose.
You can only answer 'yes' or 'no' to their questions.



How many guesses did it take you?

Can you guess your friend's shape in less than 3 guesses?

No equipment is needed for this question, just encouragement to ask specific questions with key details that will help you guess which bell has been chosen.



Dear Lord,

May my friends and family be blessed.

May whoever is feeling weak during the festive season be given strength.

May all of those who are carrying heavy burdens this Christmas have their load lightened.

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

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVs

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

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Lower Valley What's On Guide

DECEMBER 2023

Covering the areas of Brighouse, Elland, Greetland, Stainland, Hipperholme, Lightcliffe and Rastrick

**Elland:
Elland
Children's Centre**
Tel: 01422 266197



**Rastrick:
Field Lane
Children's Centre**
Tel: 01484 714768



**Brighouse:
Wellholme Park
Children's Centre**
Tel: 01484 714768



MONDAY

Elland Baby Group
Fun sessions to help support your child's development.
Each session will be different.
When?
Every Monday 9:30-11am
How to book?
Call 01422 266197
Cost?
£1.50

Baby and Toddler Group at The Space, Rastrick
A play session for parents/carers with children up to 5 years old
When? 1.15pm - 2.45pm
How to book? Just turn up
Cost? £1.50 per family
Well Baby Clinic
Suitable for parents with children under the age of five
When? 1pm onwards - appointment only
How to book? Ring 03003045076

Well Baby Clinic
Suitable for parents with children under the age of five.
When?
All day - appointment only
How to book?
Ring 03003045076

TUESDAY

Antenatal Clinic
When?
All day
How to book?
Appointment only - call 01484 355731

Baby & Me Course - Rastrick Library
Explore your babies first year and how to navigate this as a parent with lots of top tips and handouts. You will also get the chance to meet other parents. The 5 sessions are followed by a FREE 5 week baby massage course (suitable for babies 0-6 months).
When? Tuesday 9th January 2024 10.30am-11.30am
How to book? Call 01484 386621 to reserve a place
Cost? Free

Antenatal Clinic
When? All day
How to book? Appointment only - call 01484 355731
Breastfeeding Support Group
Why not come along for a chat and a cuppa? We offer support for all feeding questions
When? Tuesday 10.00am - 11.30am
How to book? Places are bookable, either speak to your Health Visitor, phone 03003045076 or e-mail Calderdalepeersupport@locala.org.uk

WEDNESDAY

Antenatal Clinic
When?
All day
How to book?
Appointment only - call 01484 355731

Lower Valley Family Support Team Advice Line
If you need advice, information and support please ring 01484 386621 and a member of the team will call you back

Baby Group
A play session for parents and carers with children from birth to just walking
When? Every Wednesday 10.00am to 11.30am
How to book? No need to book - just turn up!
Cost? £1.50 per family

THURSDAY

Health Visitor & Antenatal Clinic
When?
All day
How to book?
Appointment only - call 01484 355731

Family Learning Courses
Scan the QR code or visit our website
If you have any queries please contact 01422 251090



FRIDAY

Lower Valley Family Support Team Advice Line
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Scan the QR code to visit our News & Events Page for information on upcoming festive events



Family Walk
Meet other families on a walk around the park and cuppa
When? Every Friday at 9.30am
How to book? Just turn up
Cost? Free
Ready, Steady, Nurseries (Fridays)
A fun six week programme for children and their parents/carers which helps build independence skills for your nursery adventure
When? UNTIL 15th December - 9.30am-11.00am
Where? Cliffe Hill Primary School
How to book? Call 01422 266197 or 01484 714768

SATURDAY



Follow us on Facebook:
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surestartchildrenscentresnhp.org.uk

Shining Stars
Support group for SEN children under the age of 5 and their families (First Saturday of every month)
When? Saturday 02.12.23, 10am-11.30am
How to book? Call 01484 714768 to book a place
Cost? Free