



All Saints' News



School closes: Friday 15th February

School Reopens: Monday 25th February

Governors' Announcement

As you will know, Mr Sharp, our Headteacher, is leaving at the end of this term.

We are very sad to see him go but we wish him all the best in his new venture at Cross Lane Primary in Elland.

It is now our role to find a new Headteacher and we are keen to find the best person for the job. We will shortly be advertising the post with a view of appointing a new, permanent Headteacher from September 2019.

In the meantime, I am pleased to announce that the Governing Body has asked Mrs Dumbreck and Mr Stuttard to be the acting Headteachers for the Summer Term. We feel this is the best decision for our children as together they will offer consistency and familiarity and will be able to continue driving forward this year's School Development Plan.

Mr Stuttard, in his current role as Reception teacher, will continue to oversee teaching, learning and assessment of the class and will work closely with the team in there, who will be joined by an excellent Early Years teacher for the summer term.

If you have any questions that you would like to ask, please speak to our Parent Governors (Mrs Rachel Dean and Mrs Lily Chapman), or alternatively, leave a message at the School Office.

We will continue to update you with information, as required, during the recruitment process.

Thank you.

Yolande Shire - Chair of Governors

Parents' Consultations

The dates for the Spring term's parents' consultations have been agreed:

Wednesday 10th April (2-5pm) or

Thursday 11th April (4-7pm)

You'll be able to access the online booking system from Friday.

Thank you.



Macbeth!

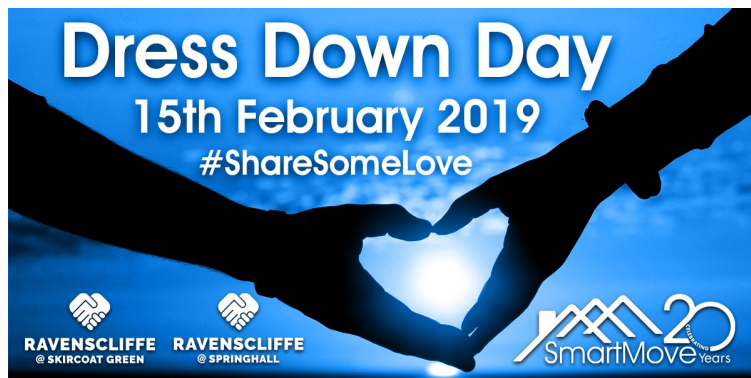


Tickets are on sale **NOW** (and throughout half term) to come and see our fantastic performance of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'! **You do not want to miss it! There's plenty of space for all of our families to enjoy!**

A huge thank you to Christabel and our Musical Theatre group for working so tirelessly and passionately, since September, to recreate this masterpiece.

Tickets, which cost **£10** each, can be purchased directly from the Halifax Playhouse (01422 365998) or by using this Box Office direct link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/halifaxplayhousehirers>

Smartmove



This year we are supporting Calderdale Smartmove by having a 'Dress Down Day' on Friday 15th February 2019.

In April 2014, 41 Calderdale schools agreed to hold a Dress Down Day in aid of Ravenscliffe's @ Spring Hall dream. Back then, this support helped Ravenscliffe kickstart the fundraising for their new building, with a whopping £17,000 raised. This was a very strong collective statement.

We will be supporting Mr Moorman, Head at Ravenscliffe, and the Calderdale Smartmove organisation, to make another strong statement this year: **'SHARE SOME LOVE'**.

All pupils and staff donate **£1** to wear non-uniform on the day. We are committing to this message and showing united support to Calderdale Smartmove, who are working so hard to tackle homelessness and food poverty across the region. We really do delude ourselves if we think homelessness is not an issue affecting our community.

Date for your diary: Friday 15th February 2019 - Dress Down Day (non-uniform day) - £1

Church Garden Competition

Steve and Andrea Lees have launched a competition for the children to partake in to support the Welcome Garden Project. They are looking for a LOGO for the project. The logo should include a simple flower design. The deadline for entries is: Friday 1st March 2019. First place prize = £20!

You've got to be in it to win it!

The Church also invites you all to attend their Spring Fayre on Friday 22nd March (further details to follow).

Winter Weather



The Met Office has issued various weather warnings for our area, including snow and ice, over the next few days.

Although we cannot predict the exact weather patterns, we will be sure to keep you updated with the school's status with enough notice to sort necessary arrangements. The school's status ('open', 'closed', 'open for a length of time') and any additional information you might need will be published on Calderdale's website in the first instance:

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/education/closures/status.jsp?establishment=SCH>

We will also send a push notification, via the School App, to inform you of the school's status if/when the wintry weather strikes. In the event that you do not hear from school, assume that we are open. As always, we endeavour to remain open but it is your decision to decide whether or not it is safe to travel to school.

Next meeting: Tuesday 26th March, 6pm

Mother's Day Shop: Friday 29th March

Easter Bake Sale event: Monday 15th April (tbc)

Spring Fling Disco!: Friday 17th May

Summer Fayre: Friday 5th July (tbc with Copley Cricket Club following Sports Day)

Church Garden

You may be aware that this year sees the start of the exciting Church garden project and we are backing this 100% of the way! The All Saints' Welcome Garden Project is soon to become a reality (you can view the vision and plans in the foyer in Church), with Phase 1 commencing early Spring. The overall project aims are:

- * To create an outside space which is inviting and welcoming (the garden will replace the graveyard at the front of Church)
- * To improve the appearance of the approach and entrance to Church
- * To improve the surroundings and make the area safe
- * To provide an **outdoor facility** to be used by a variety of groups, **including our school children**

Unfortunately, as a school, we are very limited to the amount of 'green space' we can access to promote learning in the outdoors. This garden will provide us with the valuable space we need to extend our learning from the classroom and develop our spiritual and reflective practice. We believe this will also provide us with yet another strong link between the school and Church. What's more, the garden will be open to the local community, thus strengthening relationships within the wider Skircoat Green community.

The cost of Phase 1 is approximately £18,000, which involves the removal and re siting of majority of the gravestones, as well as rough levelling of the landscape. Thanks to Church contributions and a couple of small grants, approximately £13,000 has been raised so far! As a school and Church community, we would like to support the project further by raising funds at strategic points across the year.

Safeguarding



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Our first priority is that ALL children and adults feel safe and happy in our school.

If you do not feel safe or you are worried about someone else, you must speak to an adult you trust



NSPCC
HELPLINE
0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

Mr Sharp, Mrs Dumbreck and Mr Stuttard are responsible for safeguarding in school. Please speak to them if you have any worries or concerns.



Mr Sharp (Headteacher)



Mrs Dumbreck (Deputy Headteacher)



Mr Stuttard (Assistant Headteacher)

Keeping Our Children Safe

If you have any concerns or worries about the safety or well-being of a child, do not hesitate to contact Mr Sharp, Mrs Dumbreck or Mr Stuttard on 01422 367140 or email:

head@allsaints.calderdale.sch.uk

I would like to thank the parents who have contacted school regarding an issue that occurred during a recent Cross Country event. This notice is to provide the whole school community with information regarding key learning taken from this and strategies/procedures put in place to ensure the system is tight and effective when pupils leave the school site. This has been discussed and agreed with members of staff so that there's a consistent approach.

Stage 1: Permission to be sought from a member of the Senior Leadership Team for all off-site activities.


Stage 2: Parental consent forms are sent and returned to school.

Stage 3: All trips, no matter how small, will be logged using the platform 'Evolve'. Here, risk assessments, class information (GDPR compliant), activities planned and staffing information are all recorded. This has to be approved by the Educational Visits Coordinator or the Headteacher. Some activities, depending on where they are and what is involved, also need further approval from the Local Authority. Stage 3 must be completed at least 2 weeks before the event takes place.

Stage 4: In our weekly 'teacher briefing', upcoming trips and events are shared, including timings, staffing and transport details, to ensure key staff, including members of the Leadership Team, are aware.

Stage 5: An evaluation of the trip is completed and shared, when back in school, on the 'Evolve' platform.

Thank you for your continued support with providing our pupils with the best learning experiences and opportunities outside the classroom.



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What's on...

Friday 8th February 2019 - Thank You For The Music

Friday 1st March 2019 - We Will Rock You

Friday 5th April 2019 - Swinging with the Gershwins

from 10-11.30am

at St Andrew's Methodist Church (Moore's Hall),
Huddersfield Road, Halifax, HX3 0AT



Workshops are £5 per person
Book all 3 and get the 3rd one half price!

For more information or to book your place contact Laura Durrans:
lessons@melodyroadmusic.co.uk or call 07545057241



**Calling all Children aged 7-11.
Come and join our Musical
Theatre singing day!**

Musical Theatre Singing Day

The day will be full of learning fun songs from the musicals such as: The Greatest Showman, Grease and Beauty and the Beast. The participants will not only sing but do some movement and acting.

The day will conclude with an open rehearsal for all parents and carers.

**Monday 18th February 2019
9:00am – 3.30pm
At the Calderdale Music Trust
Heath Campus, Free School Lane, Halifax,
HX1 2PS**

£15 Per Child

Please contact us on:

Email: william.marshall@calderdalemusictrust.org.uk

Tel: 07597 370 381

For a sign up sheet!



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