

Andrews' Endowed Church of England Primary School

Summer Term

w/e 1st May 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Our Beautiful Grounds

The special planting we had done for us at the front of the school at the end of our roofing project last year is really coming into its own now. We didn't want you to miss out on seeing it in all its glory ...



Spiritual Support from Reverend Gordon Randall

If you follow our Facebook page, you will have seen that Rev Gordon created a lovely video for the children in the same style as the staff book video. The link is here if you haven't had a chance to share it with your child yet: [Message for the children from Rev Gordon 25 4 20](#)



I am really missing my usual Collective Worship time with the children, but Rev Gordon has kindly agreed to create a short video Collective Worship especially for us each week. The first of these, on the theme of 'The Good Samaritan' is up on the Facebook page, and will also be added to the school website. Rev Gordon has used a brilliant animated retelling of the story which I think the children will really enjoy. Here is the link: [Quick catch up with Andrews Endowed CE Primary School](#)



I am so grateful to Gordon for supporting us in this way and I hope you and your family will find this helpful. Don't forget that you can find lots of our worship songs on the 'Out of the Ark at Home' website too. <https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/>

Headteacher's Awards

It seems like we are running two schools at the moment – a virtual school for everyone, and a bricks and mortar school for our key worker group. Both schools need a lot of work done behind the scenes to make sure everything runs smoothly, and so our Headteacher's Award this week goes to our amazing Admin Team - Mrs Slater, Mrs White and Mrs Allen, who are working tirelessly to keep us all going!

Home Learning – What is our Home Learning 'Offer'?

We provide home learning resources in a range of different formats aimed at supporting the widest range of learning needs and opportunities:

- Regular uploads to the school website Home Learning pages
- Regular uploads to Google Classroom for Years 3 – 6
- Provision of paper packs, on a 2-3 week basis – families will be notified by email when the next pack is ready for collection
- Signposting via this newsletter, Facebook and Twitter any good resources or activities we have heard about
- Keeping in touch with our families through regular phone calls and emails

Each family's needs are different. We truly appreciate that home learning can be challenging for everyone. We do not want adults or children to feel stressed. Please feel free to choose to do what suits your child and your family best. We love hearing about all the things our children are experiencing – baking, den-building, creative artwork, nature walks and learning new skills such as riding a bike without stabilisers.

When we are finally open again, we will be able to work out where our children are in their learning, and we will be able to get everyone back on track.

The most important thing for us has always been that the children remain as happy and as safe as they can be whilst they are at home. When we re-open, whenever that may be, we will take whatever time is necessary to help our children re-adjust.

If you have questions or concerns, you can talk these through with your child's class teacher during your next Learning Call, or you can contact us via the routes outlined below.

The School Website – www.andrewsendowed.co.uk

Please keep checking in with the school website, as this is where you can find all sorts of materials to help you in your Home Learning role, and also to support you through the challenges of the Covid 19 crisis. We have been trying to create and upload new content regularly. Here are some links to more recent additions:

<https://www.andrewsendowed.co.uk/rainbow-news/> Rainbow News – Mrs Harris adds a new blog every week, detailing her forest walks with her dogs, Penny and Otto. There are always beautiful photos to look at, and ideas for talking, writing or thinking, which are appropriate for any age group.

<https://www.andrewsendowed.co.uk/parents/support-for-parents/> In these strange times, we appreciate there are high levels of worry and tension. If you follow this link there is an informative resource to help parents maintain their mental health and wellbeing.

<https://www.andrewsendowed.co.uk/bereavement-support-for-families/> If you follow this link, you will find a range of material to support children and their families who might be experiencing bereavement.

Contacting Us

Don't forget that you can send us a message at any time using our special account schoolsupport@aepr.co.uk We will be looking at these emails at least twice a day, and can respond to questions about home learning or anything else you need help with. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. You can still leave messages on the school office answerphone on 01420 83094, but this may not be checked so regularly at times when the school may be closed. Finally, the children can message us directly on child@aepr.co.uk

Please continue to follow our Facebook page www.facebook.com/andrewsendowed and share with us your good news about what your family is up to. We really miss seeing the children, and we love to hear from them!

We will continue to send out newsletters to you regularly, and we look forward to seeing you all again before too long.

Take care, everyone.

Mrs Maria Lloyd and all the Staff