

**Andrews' Endowed
Church of England Primary School**

Spring Term

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Home Learning – Our Survey

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete our home learning survey – your feedback has been really helpful. If you haven't had a chance yet, but would still like to respond, please follow this link.

<https://forms.gle/CdLjS5jNaxaHJXEo6>

We hope everyone is beginning to settle into some sort of rhythm and routine now, although we know it will be a while before we all get used to the new 'normal'. We do want to reassure you that we understand that helping your child to learn at home may be more difficult than you would like. We are still here, albeit in a more limited capacity, and you can contact us with any queries about your child's learning on schoolsupport@aepri.co.uk. We will be looking at this account twice a day, and we will respond as soon as we are able. Your children can post messages to us on child@aepri.co.uk. Please don't worry that you are going to run out of resources, or that you cannot access what we have on line. We will be in touch with help, support and more ideas as the weeks go by.

The class teachers have made a start on phoning each and every learner in their class, just checking in and ensuring the children know we haven't forgotten them! Rest assured that they will call you to arrange to speak to your child in due course. Please feel free to put the call on speaker phone, and make sure that an adult stays in the room during the call.

The Next Two Weeks

As you are probably aware, today should have been the last day of the spring term, and the next two weeks are, in the calendar at least, the Easter Holidays.

We have taken the decision to still post some new work on the Home Learning Pages for each class, so that families who want the structure can continue. However, we recognise that some families may choose to take a proper two week break from home learning, so please feel free to do what feels right for your family.

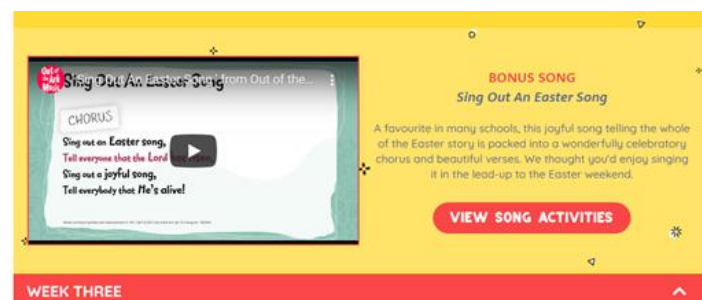
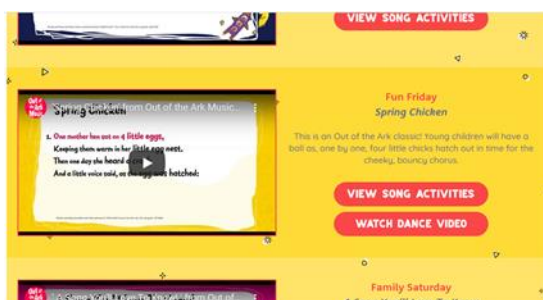
We are open for a few days over the next two weeks, but school will be closed for some days too. I am glad that the closure days will mean that the staff can take some days off too. We hope that you and your families will find some peace and rest over the next few weeks.

Celebrating Easter

We are attaching a number of documents with the newsletter this week, all produced by the Diocese to help families explore the Easter Story at home. This is a very strange time for us in church schools – it is usually a high point of our worshipping year. Today, we would normally have taken the children up to church to explore the events of Easter week, and to sing and celebrate together. Attached you will find

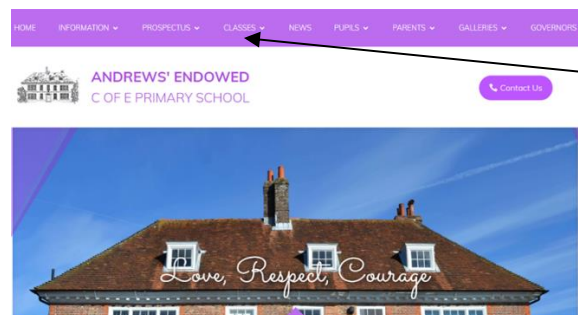
- **Palm Sunday** - A resource for discussing Palm Sunday with children and encouraging them to reflect on its meaning.
- **Picture Challenge Week 2** - Another excellent resource for exploring Easter with children.
- **Invitation to Pray with the World** - Compassion UK is a charity that supports vulnerable children all over the world, and they are calling for us all to pray at this time. You may wish to only parts of this, or adapt it for your children.
- **Divine Chocolate National Poetry Competition** – with some great prizes!

We are also signposting you to a free resource from our favourite singing resource company, [Out of the Ark at Home](#). They are providing a daily song and linked activities for free during the school closure – today's song is one of our all-time favourites, Spring Chicken! Do have a look each day – these songs are bound to get your children singing and you might find yourselves joining in. They have a beautiful song ready for Sunday, which is the song we usually end our Easter Service with. Have a listen!



The School Website – www.andrewsendowed.co.uk

You may not have had a chance yet to visit the school website, but this is where you can find all sorts of materials to help you in your Home Learning 'adventure'. We have been trying to create and upload new content as quickly as possible. Here are some links to this week's new additions:



Under the Classes tab, you will find a page about each class. You will also find each class's Home Learning Page. In term time, these pages will be added to each week. **Look out for material on Acorns Home Learning Page, which went live today.**

The KS2 children in all 4 year groups should by now have begun to access GoogleClassroom too.

Also under the Classes tab you will find '**Rainbow News**' where Mrs Lucie Harris, our Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) is posting a weekly blog about walks she has been on with her dogs, Penny and Otto. Every day Mrs Harris provides a different idea for learning, based on her beautiful photos of something she and the dogs have seen.

The activities look very enticing, and would be great fun for every family – do join in! We would love to see pictures of the children's creations.



Don't forget to keep checking in under the 'Pupils' tab on the page called 'Useful Links for Learning at Home'. Here you will find links to websites your children regularly use, and resources you can sign up to, such as Authorfy.

If you scroll to the very bottom of the page, you will find some STEM resources for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Please click on the buttons below to take you to the learning sites that we use.



Mathletics

TT Rock Stars

Google Classroom

Google Drive

We will signpost you to more new content on our website in our next newsletter.

Staffing Update - Acorns

We were pleased to see Miss Walter yesterday afternoon, when she came in to hand over to Mrs Ryan, our new Acorns teacher. The two teachers spent a long and fruitful afternoon together, sharing planning and ensuring that Mrs Ryan knows what she needs to know about each of your amazing children. Miss Walter has uploaded some new content to the Acorns Home Learning page, and Mrs Ryan will take this over when she starts with us after Easter. We will find a time for Mrs Ryan and I to conference call each Acorns family so you can begin to get to know her, albeit remotely at first. We wish Miss Walter every success as she moves on to her new school.

Headteacher's Awards

Our Headteacher's Award this week goes to every one of our parents and carers who is in a front line role – the nurses, paramedics, ambulance drivers, doctors, carers, police officers, posties, transport workers, refuse collectors, members of the armed forces, people in education, those ensuring that the food supply chain is sustained and the unsung heroes in many other roles. We are proud of you and very grateful for your service.

Contacting Us

Don't forget that you can send us a message at any time using our special account schoolsupport@aepri.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@aepri.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 would love to hear from them!

We will still be sending out newsletters to you regularly, but in the meantime, we look forward to seeing you all again before too long. Take care, everyone. Mrs Maria Lloyd and all the Staff