

Andrews' Endowed Church of England Primary School

Summer Term

w/e 8th May 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,
We hope everyone enjoys the VE Day Bank Holiday tomorrow. We look forward to hearing about your special commemorations next week.

A Special Hello Greeting!

The 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, and although we included some of these photos last week, we thought you might like to see them again. We had a lovely surprise this morning when we found a little greeting from Vera in Year 4, waving out from the flower trough by the school office – “Hello everyone at Andrews’ – I just wanted to say a papery hello. Hope to see everyone soon” If you look closely, the finger nails are painted sprigs of lavender!



We love all the messages we receive from the children, and the photographs you send us of the things you have all been up to. It is a real lift for us that we sometimes get to see some of you when you come up during your walks to collect your learning packs, or if we get a chance to have a conversation when passing in our cars. Please know that you are all in our thoughts, whether we see you and hear from you or not! We do miss you all!

When Will Schools Reopen?

There is a lot of speculation at the moment and I completely understand that this can cause anxiety or false hope. Once we get a clear indication of any proposed change to the current arrangements, we can start to plan for the next phase. We will share this plan with you, and take your views into consideration. Whatever happens, we always have the children's best interests, and everyone's health and wellbeing, at the heart of any decision making.

Spiritual Support from Reverend Gordon Randall

Here is the link to Reverend Gordon's latest message for the children, on the theme of Love:

[A Short Message for the Children from Rev Gordon](#)



Headteacher's Award

Our Headteacher's Award this week goes to Mrs Kate Marsh, our Forest School Teacher and 'Head Gardener', and to all the children in Gardening Club, as well as family and friends who help to keep our grounds looking spectacular. Mrs Marsh is working particularly hard for us all at the moment, keeping everything growing well whilst observing all the social distancing rules. Yesterday I had a lovely conversation with a lady who is doing some temporary work in the school kitchen at the moment. She remarked on the beautiful gardens all around the school grounds and was surprised to learn that our kitchen team are regularly presented with fresh produce from the school allotments to be added to the school lunch menu.

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.

Safeguarding Hub for Parents

The link below will take you to a new safeguarding resource with interactive advice on setting restrictions on devices, and some information about popular apps and social media. We hope it is useful to you.

> [Parenthub Safeguarding Advice](#)

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 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