

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

Autumn Term [Weekly Timetable on P4] w/e 11th December 2020
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

End of Term - Friday 18th December 2020

The children will enjoy various Christmassy activities next week including their parties and the Christmas Lunch, alongside their normal learning. Normally, we would finish with Carols around the Tree next Friday, but sadly we are unable to hold this event this year as it is certainly not one where we are able to practise social distancing! We will therefore finish at the normal times for each class on Friday, namely 3 pm for Y6 and Y5, 3.10 pm for Y2 and Y4, 3.20 pm for Y1 and Y3, and 3.30 pm for Acorns. This will ensure that we can maintain the staggered pick up and associated social distancing right to the last.

Test and Trace over the Christmas Period

Please read and keep to hand the letter attached to the newsletter which sets out our responsibilities for Test and Trace over the first six days of the Christmas Holiday. I have been so grateful to parents for the diligent way you have kept us informed, via schoolsupport@aepr.co.uk, of any potential covid cases. It will be important for us all to keep this up for the first part of the holiday, as the letter explains. Thank you.

Nativity Performances

This week we have recorded the Nativity Performances for Acorns, Year 1 and Year 2. I was lucky to be able to film Acorns singing their two fabulous songs, and also Year 1 with their careful retelling of Martin Wadell's 'Room for a Little One'. Today, the camera was in the hands of the experts as Mrs Laura Miles filmed the Year 2 children performing their full production, called 'A Bundle of Joy'. We will send details to parents and carers in Acorns and KS1 next week of how they can view the three performances. The rest of the school will also get a chance to watch the videos in school next week. They are in for a treat!

PTFA Wine Tasting Evening

Many thanks to Julie Darroch, Ruth Hazledine and all the PTFA for the organisation that went into Saturday night's Wine Tasting event on Zoom. The whole evening ran very smoothly, and we are indebted to Henry Jennings and Dan Miles both for their knowledge of the wine and for co-ordinating the tasting and the auction so expertly. Particular mention has to go to Laura Miles who spent the whole evening in the 'tech truck' to ensure we could see and hear everything that was going on. It was a lovely event for all of us who participated, enjoyed from the warmth of our homes. Alas, it was not such a warm evening for Dan and Henry, who broadcast from an outside 'bar', and for Laura shivering in the tech truck. We are very grateful! We will let you know how much was raised in due course.

The Big Nativity : a message from our Diocesan Director of Education, Jeff Williams

This 30 minute broadcast will Premier on the morning of **Sunday 13th December**, and features a range of choirs and music, a reading of from [Sir David Suchet CBE](#), an exclusive reading of [Brian Wildsmith's](#) 'A Christmas Story', and lots of fun besides. The broadcast will be available on Winchester Cathedral's website and Facebook pages for the rest of December

<https://www.facebook.com/winchestercathedral/> and
<https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/>

Click here to watch the trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9105ptHVug>



Headteacher's Awards

Class		
Year 1	Dexter S: For his enthusiasm and determination towards Maths.	Ethan W: For his positive attitude and effort towards Phonics.
Year 2	Oliver W: For great enthusiasm in all Forest School activities.	Joseph W: For careful and precise paper mache application.
Year 3	Mikey R: For super thinking and clear explanations in Maths.	Jude M: For hard work on his handwriting and a lovely building design in art.
Year 4	Ned D-B: For using the sentence stacking sessions to create fantastic language choices.	Aston H: For showing great awareness for others.
Year 5	Lilly-May C: For great use of knowledge organiser in Geography.	Ben D: For attention to detail in Art.
Year 6	Iona A: For her different techniques with brushes in Art.	Willow P: For her different techniques with brushes in Art.

House Point Certificates

Bronze certificates for 25 house points were awarded to:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Freya	Alfie	Sofia C	Harry	Samj	Lily J
	Simon	Gabi	Tom	Ben	Lujain
		Willow		Bethany	Eddie
				Ryan	

Hampshire Music – A Re-Imagined Christmas

I am very grateful to Mrs White for co-ordinating as many of our peripatetic music teachers as possible to participate in this recorded event, and filming and uploading our various musical groups' performances. To date we have submitted a cornet piece, a cello piece, a guitar piece, our violinists, our wind group, and our Year 5 Handbells group. We look forward to spotting our performers within the final piece when it is released.

Forest School Morning for Acorns – Tuesday 15th December

Following on from the success of Forest School Days for KS1 and KS2 it is now the turn of Acorns to take their learning outside for a morning of Forest School activities, exploring wildlife, building dens, using hand tools and fire safely and helping to install our new pond. Our Forest School sessions are led by Mrs Kate Marsh, our gardening and outdoor learning expert. Mrs Marsh is a qualified Forest School Leader and we are excited that we can continue with this initiative after the success last year. Forest School sessions aim to enhance a child's mental and physical well-being and the class will participate in curriculum linked tasks designed to encourage independent thinking and build confidence in their own abilities. A letter with full details of what your child will need to wear on the day with a permission slip was sent home on Thursday. Please ensure you send this back into school on **Monday 14th December**.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Mufti Day – Tuesday 15th December 2020

Mrs Weston and her team will be serving Christmas Lunch on **Tuesday 15th December**. If you haven't already paid for lunches in advance payment for the Christmas dinner must be made via SCOPAY. Just a reminder that all KS1 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals so you do not have to pay for your child's lunch.



Sadly due to the current climate we haven't been able to do our usual PTFA fundraising over the course of the Autumn Term so as a Christmas treat we are inviting children to wear their own clothes on this day accessorised with a Christmas theme if they wish. If you could send your children with a donation to the school PTFA there will be buckets available for the children to drop this into as they arrive at school.



Family Advent Calendar from the Parish of the Resurrection

The new Youth, Children and Family Worker – Martha Lloyd, has produced a wonderful on-line Advent Calendar that Rev. Gordon Randall wanted to share with you.

Click on the link [Family Advent Calendar](#)

The Parish of the Resurrection Living Advent Calendar went live on **Tuesday 1st December**. Throughout this month 24 windows in 24 houses around Alton and Holybourne will be illuminated with festive scenes and a Bible verse. One window is 'opened' each day from the 1st to the 24th. Why not take a daily stroll and discover each new window? Fun for everyone and a great way to get into the festive spirit. The map of Advent Windows will be sent out via email and Facebook and on the parish website - www.potr-alton.co.uk

Flu Immunisation Programme

If your child was absent on Thursday the school nursing team will be contacting you in due course.

Christmas at Andrews' Endowed – Christmas Cards

If your child is writing Christmas Cards this year, these should be taken into class and put in the class post box. They will be handed out in the last week of term as usual.

Retirement News

Our wonderful caretaker, Mrs Sally Colbran, is retiring at the end of term. Sally has worked tirelessly to keep the building and grounds in tip-top shape for the past seven years and we are going to really miss her. As well as all her cleaning tasks, she maintains the site throughout the seasons, and does everything with such care for our children and staff. If you would like to make a contribution to Sally's retirement present, please send in your donation in an envelope marked 'Caretaker Retirement' and we will buy something on your behalf that we know she will enjoy.

SCOPAY

Please can you check your child's account and ensure that all payments are made before the end of term – ideally by latest **Thursday 17th December** – this includes: lunches, Christmas Parties, Breakfast and After School Club – thank you.

Notifying the School When Your Child is Ill

All non-Covid related illness absence should be reported by phoning the school office on 01420 83094. Messages should be left before 8.30 am if possible, so that we know before the first groups arrive in school.

Please note that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school for a full 48 hours after their symptoms have completely stopped.

If you have a child who is showing symptoms that you believe may be Covid related, [a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of, or change to sense of smell or taste] please let us know immediately by emailing schoolsupport@aepr.co.uk as well as telephoning the school office.

We are grateful to receive notification of the outcomes of any Covid tests as soon as you receive them – please email us via the same address. Speedy notification means we can act quickly in the event of a positive result, and welcome your child back promptly if the outcome is negative.

Don't forget that if your child is self-isolating but not ill, work is ready for their first day of absence on the Remote Learning area of the school website. From Day 2, individualised work will be posted for them on Tapestry (Acorns) and on Google Classroom (Y1 to Y6).

Looking for a School Place for Reception 2021? Applications close on 15th January!

If you, or someone you know is looking for a place in Acorns for September 2021, we invite you to visit our school website and take our Virtual Tour. There are three tours available, one of the whole school, one of the Acorns Classroom and one of the Acorns Outdoor Area. There is also a chance to view a virtual version of the Open Day Presentation visitors would normally see in the school hall on Open Mornings. After viewing the materials, parents are welcome to book onto one of our Virtual Q&A sessions, running via Google Meet over the next few weeks. Click [here](#) or on the picture below to visit the Virtual Open Day area of our website. Applications open on 1st November and close on 15th January 2021.



Mrs Maria Lloyd

TERM DATES 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020

3rd September – 23rd October
(NB: INSET DAYS – 3rd & 4th September)

Half Term - 26th October – 30th October

2nd November – 18th December

Spring Term 2021








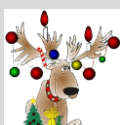


4th January – 12th February
Half Term - 15th February – 19th February

22nd February – 1st April
(NB: INSET DAYS – 22nd February)
Easter Holiday: 2nd April – 16th April

Summer Term 2021

19th April – 28th May
Half Term 31st – 4th May
7th June – 23rd July
NB: Bank Holidays:
Monday 3rd & 31st May

SCHOOL WEEKLY TIMETABLE

	Monday 14 th	Tuesday 15 th	Wednesday 16 th	Thursday 17 th	Friday 18 th
Morning 8.55 –12.00	Brass Lessons Y5/ Y3 / Y1 PE 	Bring a Donation “Mufti Day” Forest School Morning Acorns Violin Lessons Y6 PE 	Y6 / Y4 / Y2 PE 	Y2 PE 	HMS Re-Imagined Christmas  Woodwind Lessons Y5 / Y4 / Y1 PE 
Lunchtime 12.00– 1/1.15pm		Christmas Lunch 			
Afternoon 1 / 1.15 –3.30	Guitar Lessons	Y6 & Y1 Christmas Party 	Y5 & Y4 Christmas Party 	Y3, Y2 & Acorns Christmas Party 	End of Autumn Term
Evening					

Andrews’ Endowed Church of England Primary School – Autumn Term Dates

December 2020	
Tue 15 th	Acorns Forest School Morning
Tues 15 th	Christmas Mufti Day – Bring a donation for the PTFA
Tue 15 th	Christmas Lunch
Tue 15 th	Y6 & Y1 Christmas Party
Wed 16 th	Y5 & Y4 Christmas Party
Thurs 17 th	Y3 Y2 & Acorns Christmas Party