

Andrews' Endowed Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term

w/e 15th January 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Remote Learning

The staff and I would like to thank you all for rising so readily to the challenge of this latest lockdown. The interaction that is happening between our learners, their teachers and support assistants and our parents and carers is amazing. We are very impressed with the mature attitude of the children as they approach their tasks and send messages to their teachers. We see evidence of all three of our school values – Love, Respect and Courage, and it makes us very proud! Thank you so much for all your positive messages of encouragement to the staff about the learning videos they are recording and the feedback happening over Google Classroom and Tapestry. It is good to know that we are all in this together and that the incredible effort and very long hours the teachers are putting into juggling remote learning and in-school responsibilities is appreciated.

Do you Need any Help with Google Classroom or Tapestry?

We are all here for you, so please don't hesitate to ask if there is something you are finding tricky – we can always find a member of staff who can ring you or arrange a GoogleMeet to talk parents through something you are stuck on, whether it is uploading work or making routines work for your child, or fitting things in around your own work demands. Please drop us a line via schoolsupport@aepr.co.uk if you need a bit of help or want a chance to talk something through.

Singing Worship

Thank you to all the families who managed to join us this morning at 9.30 am for our first Singing Worship. We had around 35 families with us, and it was an absolute joy to see so many happy faces and to be able to sing together again. Thank you to those children who contributed ideas to our discussions, and to Eve in Year 1 for her lovely prayer at the end. Next Friday we will sing together at 10.00 am. If any children have a song they would like included, they can either send me a message via their Google Classroom or ask you to email schoolsupport@aepr.co.uk to let me know.

Googlemeets

Thank you for supporting your children to join their class Googlemeets this week – it has been fantastic to see all our home learners and to hear their superb contributions to their group discussions. We have tried to provide a range of days and times for next week's meets, to give families the most flexibility as we know how hard you are working to fit things around your own work responsibilities.

Next week's meets are as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	9:30 Year 3 11:40 Year 4	9:30 Year 5 12:00 Drop In for Year 6	9:30 Year 2 10:30 Year 1	10:00 Acorns 1 10:30 Acorns 2 11:15 Acorns 3 12:00 Drop In for Year 6	9:00 Year 6 10:00 Singing Worship with Mrs Lloyd
Afternoon		2:15 Year 4			12:30 Year 3 1:30 Year 5 2:00 Year 2

Critical Worker Group – a Few Organisational Things

It is very cold in the classrooms due to our need to keep ventilation maximised. Please continue to send children with plenty of warm layers. We would like to serve a drink of hot chocolate to the children sometimes in the afternoon to warm everyone up. There are no guarantees that this would be every day. Please send your child in with a plastic beaker in a labelled clear plastic bag, just as you did for Forest School in December. The beaker will remain in school until needed, and be sent home whenever it has been used and needs washing. If you do not want your child to have hot chocolate, please let me know via schoolsupport@aepr.co.uk We may be able to offer hot squash as an alternative, but I can't promise.

Arrival times for Lower KS2 – as the children are currently in a Y3/4 group, it may help you and us if all children in Y3/4 arrived for 8.40 am, and were collected at 3.10 pm, unless they are using breakfast/after-school club.

Message from Alton Town Council – Help Available for Families

Alton Town Council have asked us to remind our families of what local support is available to assist residents in and around Alton by forwarding the attached Local Covid Support information sheet.

ATC have compiled a helpful support sheet which list the local support available to help, including:

- Where you can find information, advice, and support for vulnerable people, including those who have been shielding or having to isolate due to Covid-19.
- Where to find local help if you are struggling to get the food, medicine, or essential supplies you need for yourself or for your family.
- Details of a local charity providing transport for medical appointments and vaccinations if you have no other means of getting to your appointment.
- How to find free, confidential, and impartial advice for money, benefit, housing, or employment problems.
- How to apply for Food Bank vouchers and help with fuel costs.
- How to apply for goods and services up to a value of £500 from the Alton & District Community Resilience Fund (ADCRF) - support and assistance for local residents and groups who find themselves in exceptional circumstances and need help.

Music Lessons – HMS Virtual Learning Zone

If you are yet to sign your child up for their virtual music lessons there is still time. We have heard that those already started are really enjoying their lessons and would really urge you to take up this great opportunity to continue your child's musical learning. They have all put in so much effort into practising since September and we are sure you are as keen as we are that the impetus continues this term. If you have mislaid the letter please email schoolsupport@aepr.co.uk or call Mrs White in the office and she will gladly re-send you the details or if you have any queries/questions regarding she will be more than happy to help.

Notifying the School When Your Child is Ill

Whilst we really hope that everyone stays well, it remains essential for families to let us know if your child (or another member of the family) has had any Covid symptoms since being in school on Monday 4th.

For those children who are attending in the Critical Worker group, please continue to be vigilant and do not send your child if they have any symptoms.

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.

Message from Hampshire Libraries

"This year, the Public Libraries' Winter Reading Challenge is all about getting cosy together to share the love of reading. It started on **Monday 11th January 2021** and runs for six weeks, until the end of the Spring half-term – still time to join!"



To sign your child/ren simply click here [Hampshire Libraries website](https://www.hampshirelibraries.co.uk). Children can read or listen to any four books to complete the challenge. This includes books they read or listen to for school, with family members and friends over Zoom, bedtime stories, non-fiction books, eBooks and audiobooks. Those who take part online will automatically be sent a certificate when they complete the challenge, but the most important thing is that your pupils enjoy some winter reading for pleasure!"

Spring Term 2021 School Lunches

If your KS2 child is currently attending school in the Critical Worker group and having school dinners this is just a reminder that lunches should be paid ideally half termly or weekly in advance. The cost for school lunches for the first half of the Spring Term is £75 (30 lunches) or £12.50 per week - (£2.50 per lunch).

School Dinner Menu Change – Week 1

Please be aware that there are some small changes to the menu next week: Wednesday: **RED - BUBBLE SALMON**, Thursday: **RED – Roast Turkey** / **BLUE – Vegetarian Sausages**, Friday: **BLUE – Vegetable Goujons**. The desserts may differ slightly to what is on the menu but otherwise the menu remains the same.

On-line Payments

If you have any outstanding lunches from last term, Breakfast/After School Club or Xmas Party money please can you ensure that these are paid via SCOPAY by **Monday 18th January** – thank you.

Crisps!

We have temporarily put on hold collecting crisps packets for recycling – as soon as we are all back in school we will re-instate – thank you for the packets received so far!

Cool Milk Scheme

Our school milk delivery has been put on hold for the time being. For those children not in school Cool Milk will be issuing you a credit against your account if you have already paid for your milk upfront. If you have any queries regarding this please contact them directly – thank you.

Mrs Maria Lloyd

SPRING AND SUMMER TERM DATES 2021

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