

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

Summer Term

Tuesday 21st July 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Y6 Goodbye and Good Luck

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the children in Year 6 for all they have brought to the school in the time they have spent with us. Yesterday, they participated in our first ever virtual Leavers' Assembly, with the two Year 6 bubbles linked with me over Google Meet. The Assembly contained a very moving video created by Mr Paine with contributions from every child, including their memories from their time here, and their hopes for the future. They were presented with our traditional gifts, and they also received two unique gifts from the staff. Mr Paine made each child a framed Wordart of their name, surrounded by words describing their characteristics, and Mrs Gundry made each child a Treasure Box with their own image carefully inked on top. Here are some of the things I said to the children yesterday:

You will receive a book, which you should recognise, as it is the one you chose, and which was bought for you by the PTFA. So many of your families have helped us run amazing events over the years, and it is thanks to everyone who came along, that funds were raised. Treasure your book, and treasure your memories of Christmas and Summer Fairs, Discos and Film Nights, Pet Shows and Parties, where the money was raised.

You will receive a Bible, bought for you by the Parish of the Resurrection, to mark your time here at this Church of England school. We hope the Bible might be useful to you in your RE lessons at Secondary School, but also in your own journey of faith, wherever that may take you.

You will receive a Cross, with a special card. The crosses are from the Governors, and the card has a picture of the school house on it. You were the group who helped us to celebrate our special Tercentenary, both in church and in school, so we hope that the cross will help you to remember that special day, and mark how important the school house is to all of us here. You have become part of the fabric of this building, part of the history shared by all who have learned here before you, and all who are to come.

You have been our special Treasure, so we hope you will take these special treasures with you and know how important and special each and every one of you has been to us.

In so many ways, the year we had planned for you all was very different to the year you experienced. Despite this, you have all shown such resilience and found the joy in every moment. We have been deeply impressed with your strength of character since you returned to us this term. You have worked hard, played well together, and never complained about the things you've missed out on.

You have been amazing House Captains, School and Church Councillors, Tour Guides, JRSOs, Monitors and Buddies. You led our Tercentenary celebrations. You supported each other at Calshot, and in the classroom, and during Lock Down, and on your return.

You have worked hard, and played hard, and laughed loudly and often. You have been the embodiment of Love, and Courage, and Respect.

We hope that you continue to support each other in the years ahead, and that you carry on being the Treasure that you are.

Reverend Gordon recorded a blessing for the children, which was a very special way to round off the event. We wish our Year 6 children every success as they move on to their secondary schools – we know they will continue to shine in their new settings, and we will continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers in the year ahead. The Year 6 Parents presented the school with some money which we will be spending on a special Reading Shed, which will house books the children can share at break and lunchtimes.

Goodbye to some of our Y6 Families:

Today marks the last day at Andrews' Endowed for some of those parents whose child is leaving Year 6, many of whom have enjoyed a very long association with the school. We would like to thank the following families for the time, support and encouragement they have given the school over the years: Aimee Andrew, Louise Spicer, Aneka Hawkes and Oliver Ballard, Belinda and Nick Carugati, Emma and Christian Coles, Emma Penfold Sharon Deakin, Gemma and Paul Froud, Julie and Tim Gill, Sarah and Darren Holburn, Mike Howard, Lisa and Richard Lane, Nicky Howard, Larry Andrew, Lucy and Will Ponsonby, Andrew Spicer, Tracy and Steve Slater, Jacqui and Graham Swaby, Gareth Penfold, Jane Trillaud, Mandy and Gareth Wells and Elina and David Wright.

Goodbye Mrs Wiesinger

Mrs Debbie Wiesinger leaves us this week as she moves on to her year of teacher training with the Alton Teaching Alliance.

She has presented us with a beautiful wooden cross for the entrance area of the school, etched with the school values.

What a gift to treasure!



Spiritual Support

As term comes to an end, I wanted to thank Reverend Gordon for providing us with our Virtual Collective Worship each week. It has been lovely to be able to share his videos with you through this year. Gordon – we wish you and the family a happy and restful summer!

Thank You to all our Families

We are incredibly lucky at Andrews' Endowed to have such a supportive parent body. We were able to offer the children a wide range of experiences again in the first half of the year, due in large part to the help and encouragement you offer us. Many of you have helped in the classroom, or the school gardens, either occasionally or on a regular basis. Others of you have supported us with resources from home, or expertise for special events.

We are most grateful of all for the generous support you have given us as we have navigated this strange and tricky year. We have been touched by your concern for our wellbeing when we have phoned you or emailed you during lockdown, and have felt truly supported every step of the way.

We have appreciated the partnership we have enjoyed as we have shared in the children's learning through lockdown, and the time you have taken to share your hopes for your child in your 'All About My Child' profiles, ready for the new term.

I would particularly like to thank **Lisa Lane** for taking up the leadership of the PTFA again in her final year with us. Lisa's contribution to the school over the years has been outstanding, and she and her family have worked tirelessly behind the scenes at so many events. Lisa stepped up as Chair for what was planned to be an incredible final year. The Christmas Fair, Quiz Night and Wreath Making event were fabulous fun and raised important funds for the school, and at the time were just a taster of things that were to come, as so much work had already gone into planning the Summer Tercentenary Celebration before lockdown changed things. Lisa and her team have continued to work in the background, but Lisa will step down this summer as her 7 years with us draws to a close.

Jacqui Swaby also leaves us this year, after a similar number of years of service to the school. Jacqui has been PTFA secretary for a large portion of that time, and also chaired our Tercentenary Committee this year too. Jacqui is always so generous with her time and we have been so grateful to her for it all. She even spent some time sorting the attic for us – proof that she is always going 'above and beyond' for others!

Lisa and Jacqui, we will really miss you both, but hope you will still come to events in the future – as very special visitors, taking time to enjoy yourselves and letting us serve you for once!

I would also like to thank all the **PTFA team** who work tirelessly to ensure that we have the funds we need for the 'extras', and also quietly support all our events with refreshments for children and parents alike, often at no extra charge. Melissa Bird, our Treasurer, is stepping down this summer. Melissa has done an amazing job over many years and we are very grateful. Lyndsey Clifford has managed our school uniform on behalf of the PTFA for a long time, giving up hours of her time to make sure everyone's order is sorted. Now that we have moved to an online system, I am hoping Lyndsey will get her free time back! We are also grateful to Michelle Frisby who has co-ordinated the second hand uniform again this year. As soon as we are able, we will find a way of giving families access to this invaluable resource again.

I am also very grateful to our **Tercentenary Committee** – Anthea Bailey, Kate Green, Hindy Quigley, Mike Pearson, Claire Korbelly, Kerry Banks, Natalie Pingree and anyone else I've failed to mention. Their hard work ensured that our Tercentenary Founder's Day was an event we'll never forget.

Finally, I would like to thank our **Governors** who have helped us navigate our way through this strangest of years, ably led by our Chair, **Nigel Green**, supported by our Vice Chair, **Ian Power**. Each of our Governors spends an enormous amount of their time in their volunteering role, attending meetings, responding to legislation, and working with the staff team to drive forward our continuous improvement. It is a significant challenge to juggle employment, family life and this crucial and demanding role, particularly in a year such as this, and I really appreciate the hard work and dedication the Governing Body offers to our children and our school. I would also like to thank our Finance Chair, **Maritz Naude**, for his work on bringing our new school logo to life in this special year.



Our Wonderful School Grounds

Kate Marsh, our Forest School Leader and Head Gardener, has again worked tirelessly to co-ordinate all things planting and growing. She is the one who spurs us on to host the pigs (for which we are very grateful to our friends Tom and Sarah at Mill Cottage Farm) and then comes in every morning and weekend to make sure they are fed and well. Through lockdown, Kate has kept up the gardens, coming daily to water and tend to all the

beds. She planted the sunflowers in the front beds, which are spreading such joy to us, and will continue to do so for all the passers by over the summer. Kate – we are so very grateful to you for all you do for us!



Curriculum Enrichment – A Year to Remember!

Before lock down, the children enjoyed a whole range of wide and varied curriculum experiences. Visits were made to Calshot, RHS Wisley, Milestones Museum, Windsor Castle, Winchester Science Centre, ThinkSafe!, Butser Farm and Hillier Gardens. We participated in Remembrance Day Parades, we enjoyed rehearsing and performing our Nativity and Carols Round the Tree. We dressed up and celebrated our 300th Anniversary with costumes and biscuits and cake and balloons and a special appearance on the BBC News! There were parties and a swimming gala and sports events, we made Book Jars for World Book Day, we hosted pigs again in the secret garden, watched ducks and chicks hatch, and enjoyed Forest School. Since lock down we have become experts in Google Classroom, and we've learned to keep in touch in more creative ways. We've loved sharing in the children's learning of life skills and been impressed by the number of children who can now bake, and cook, or ride a bike, or appreciate nature, or sew or paint or knit. We have loved reading the children's work online, and seeing photos of their amazing creations.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September, and starting a whole new year of memories.

Autumn Term 2020 School Lunches

The cost for school lunches for the first half of the Autumn Term is £84 (35 lunches) or £12 per week. Although you can pay on a daily basis our preferred payment would be on a weekly basis or paying a half term in advance. If your child is ill, on a trip or decide they don't want a lunch the credit would be carried over to the following week. At this time we would prefer that all payments are made via SCOPAY as we do not want to be handling cash in the office and making weekly trips to the bank. If you have yet to try this method of paying please give it a go and don't hesitate to contact us if you are having difficulties or you have forgotten your log in details. If you are continuing to pay cash/cheque please can you ensure that all dinner money is put in a sealed envelope and clearly marked with your child's name and the amount enclosed and sent in via your child's class teacher and is paid in advance of the meal being taken.

As you are aware lunches for KS2 will be served in their classroom with their lunch in a box. This has worked extremely well over the Summer Term. There may be occasions when the meal won't work in a box and will be adapted accordingly but we will notify you of the change the week before. KS1 will have their lunch in the school hall.

Music Lessons

We hope to restart lessons at some stage in September but will advise at the start of term once we have had confirmation from HMS. For those children wanting to start in September, Mrs White will be in touch with you at the start of the Autumn Term to advise when your child can have a trial lesson.

Inhalers

Just a reminder to return all inhalers to the school on **Monday 7th September**. These must be handed to the class teacher in the morning ideally in the zippy wallet that you took them home in. For those children currently in school there is a new Consent Form to be completed and returned in the zippy wallet but for those currently not in school Mrs White will send home a new "Administration of Medicine consent form" for you to complete and return on **Tuesday 8th September**.

Hand Soap and Hand Cream

Over the Summer term children have been bringing in various hand soaps and hand creams. Each product that comes in to school has to have a COSHH sheet so we have looked at various products that are available locally, reasonable prices and can cover all skin types. In September, if your child requires their own soap or hand cream we are only able to accept the following Hand creams: Aveeno, E45, Vaseline Intensive Care, Neutrogena, Palmers cocoa butter or Nivea. We have changed our school soap which is now less astringent, but if after a few weeks your child needs to bring their own, please select from the following Hand soap: Nivea moisture rich, Carex Antibacterial, Waitrose essential hand wash, The Collection from Sainsbury's - original or honey. If your child has a prescribed hand soap/cream this is okay to bring in but it must be in the original box with the child's prescription. All items must be new and in their original bottles and not decanted. They need to have a clear name label on and must remain in school in the classroom. Above all, if you could help us to encourage your child to dry the backs of their hands and not just the fronts, some of the difficulties would be resolved without additional products.

Cool Milk Scheme

We will be restarting Cool Milk in September so please don't forget if you would like your child to receive milk in school your child must be registered with Cool Milk. You can apply on line at www.coolmilk.com or by paper application (copies held in the school office). You must register your child by **Tuesday 2nd September 5pm** to start receiving at the start of the Autumn Term. If you have any questions regarding this you can contact Cool Milk directly on **0844 854 2913**. If your child is in Acorns and under 5 they will receive milk FREE but you must ensure that your child is registered **before** their 5th birthday if you wish your child to continue with milk.

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September are INSET Days

Autumn 2020 Term will start on Monday 7th September for Years 1 – 6 and the Autumn and Spring Born Acorns. Term begins for Summer Born Acorns on Wednesday 9th September.

We wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Mrs Maria Lloyd and the staff team

Autumn Term 2020

3rd September – 23rd October

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

Autumn Term Starts Monday 7th September

(Half Term – 26th – 30th October)

2nd November – 18th December

Andrews' Endowed Church of England Primary School – Summer Term and Autumn Dates

September 2020	
Thurs 3 rd	INSET DAY
Fri 4 th	INSET DAY
Mon 7 th	Autumn Term begins
Mon 7 th (am)	Autumn Born Acorns start in the morning
Mon 7 th (pm)	Spring Born Acorns start in the afternoon
Wed 9 th (pm)	Summer Born Acorns start in the afternoon