

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

Autumn Term

[Weekly Timetable on P2] w/e 11th September 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome Back Everyone

It is lovely to see everyone back again after the summer. We are pleased to welcome Jude who has joined Y3 and Zak who has joined Year 6. We also welcome two new members of staff, Mrs Fleur Goshawk, SNA in Year 2 and Miss Lauren Ford, LSA in Year 4.

We extend a big welcome to our new Acorns who all started this week: Luca, Ethan, Ava, Tate, Xanthe, Niamh, Kyle, Millie, Lucy, Ruby, Emma, Elsa, Noah, Elliot, George, Gwendolyn, Lily, Zara, Lexi, Layla, Daniel, Lincoln, Charlie, Isaac, Thomas, Theo, Henry, Esmay and Penny.

Drop Off and Pick Up

We are very grateful for your support this week as we have returned to school operating our staggered start and end times. Please take the time to read carefully the attached letter about our drop off and pick up arrangements to ensure that we are operating as smoothly and safely as possible for everyone.

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.

Sunflowers and Collective Worship

What joy the sunflowers around the school have given us. Once the biggest flowers had finished blooming, Mrs Marsh carefully removed and conserved the seed heads which have been drying out in the greenhouse. I have moved two to the Worship Table outside my office, ready to share with the children next week. These pictures don't really help with scale – the one on the right is about the size of a dinner plate. Although we won't be having whole school Collective Worship for a good while yet, we are ready to introduce class worship again, using resources provided for us by the Diocese. The theme for next week is ... sunflowers!



Here We Are

What a privilege it has been to watch the children settling back into school life this week. From the youngest to the oldest there have been new systems to learn, and for many of our children they have returned to school for the first time in over five months. We are enormously proud of the way our learners have begun the new school year. We have started exploring Oliver Jeffer's beautiful picture book 'Here We Are', and using it as a launch pad for writing, art work and much more besides. Here are just a few glimpses from the classroom: Year 1 have been writing lines of their own for the song 'What a Wonderful World', Year 2 have been creating A Guide to Planet Earth, and Year 5 have been describing their own scenes, based on the title 'Here We Are'. We'll share some of this work with you in the newsletter next week.

Welcome Letters, Curriculum Overviews and Homework Information

On Monday, the children in Y1 – Y6 will bring home letters giving you information about day to day life in their classes, homework arrangements and curriculum overviews for the term ahead. We have already shared lots of information about routines in Acorns with our new families, and will share more once all our Acorns are attending full time.

Administration of Non-Prescribed Medicine

County Policy states we can administer non-prescribed medicines on request from a parent if they are in a clearly identifiable pack and on a short term basis. However, there is clarification that medicine containing aspirin and/or ibuprofen may not be administered to any child unless prescribed by a doctor. Parents who occasionally ask us to administer these medicines will be asked to bring in an alternative or ask their doctor for a prescription. In all cases, medicine must be delivered to and from the school by an adult, who will still need to fill in the necessary consent form. Please alert your child's teacher or me at the gate if you have medicines to drop off to us. Please put the medicine in a clear plastic bag to enable us to handle it safely. This includes any skin creams or cough sweets which must be given to the adult rather than left with the child in their tray– thank you.

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. ***Payment for school lunches must be paid in advance of the meal being taken – ideally weekly or term.*** 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.

Hand Soap and Hand Cream

Just a reminder that if your child requires their own soap or hand cream we are only able to accept the following products, for which we have sourced the necessary COSHH sheets we are legally required to have. We have changed our school soap which is now less astringent, but if after a few weeks you feel your child needs to bring their own, please select from the following Hand creams: Aveeno, E45, Vaseline Intensive Care, Neutrogena, Palmers cocoa butter or Nivea. 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 the need for additional products.

Breakfast and After School Club

A reminder that all sessions taken at either of the above clubs must be paid **monthly in advance** and there is no refund if your child misses a session unless they are absent due to illness. In the case of casual bookings payment must be paid on the day. If you pay with vouchers please can you confirm that amount you have paid and the date it was paid via schoolsupport@aepr.co.uk

End of day collection

If you would like to give permission for a family member or a friend/another parent to collect your child at the end of the school day please ring the school office on 01420 83094 and let us know. This will be kept in the register until we are advised otherwise. If you have given instructions in the past to the school about collections we would be grateful if you could either confirm they should continue or notify us of any changes – much appreciated.

Nut and Kiwi Fruit Allergy – and a general reminder about Lunch Boxes

May we remind parents that due to some children in the school having a severe nut or kiwi fruit allergy, we ask that children do not bring nuts, kiwi fruit or products containing either to school in their lunch boxes or as their fruit snack. This includes checking yoghurts and smoothies, and remembering to avoid Nutella type products. We cannot guarantee ourselves to be a “nut or kiwi free” environment, but we do try to help those with severe allergies by not bringing these products into school.

Please continue to ensure that lunch boxes contain a healthy, balanced meal – with absolutely no sweets, and savoury snacks as an occasional treat rather than a daily inclusion. Also if your child has grapes in their lunch box or as a snack please can you ensure that they are cut in half lengthwise, not sent in whole - thank you.

Music Lessons

Just to confirm that lessons will commence **w/c 14th September**. Your child should bring their instrument with them in the morning and take it through to the class. Mrs White talked the children through the new guidance protocols for lessons which they should have brought home with them. All instruments must be clearly identifiable for the child to collect from the storage area without touching another child's instrument – please see the guidance.

Lost Property

Please ensure that all items of clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles, wellie boots etc are clearly labelled with your child's initial and surname. We will not be having a Lost Property Box this term so we need to be able to return any items left in the playground to the correct class. Thank you.

Cool Milk Scheme

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 5pm** to start receiving the following week. 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.

Mrs Maria Lloyd

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SCHOOL WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Theme for Collective Worship: Sunflowers

	Monday 14th	Tuesday 15th	Wednesday 16th	Thursday 17th	Friday 18th
Morning 8.55 –12.00	Autumn Born Acorns Start Full Time Breakfast Club Starts Brass Lessons	Violin Lessons	Spring Born Acorns Start Full Time		Summer Born Acorns Start Full Time Woodwind Lessons
Lunchtime 12.00– 1/1.15pm				Cello Lessons	
Afternoon 1 / 1.15 –3.30	Guitar Lessons				
After School Activities	After School Club Starts				
Evening Activities					

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September 2020	
Mon 14 th	Breakfast and After School Club start
Mon 14 th	Autumn Born Acorns Start Full Time
Wed 16 th	Spring Born Acorns Start Full Time
Fri 18 th	Summer Born Acorns Start Full Time