

Andrews' Endowed Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Spring Term

w/e 12th February 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Just a reminder that the next INSET day is Monday 22nd February 2021 – please note that school will not be open for any children, and there won't be any remote learning provided for that date, as the staff will be involved in training all day

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to Maisie, who joined us for the first time today in Year 1. I know she will have been well looked after by the little group in Year 1, and that the rest of the Year 1 community will be on hand to help her and her family feel part of the school family in the weeks ahead. We also extend a warm welcome to Ollie and his family who has joined us “remotely” today in Acorns – we look forward to welcoming him into school when lockdown finishes.

Thank You!

I wanted to thank parents and children for your incredible hard work and dedication to remote learning this half term. I am very mindful of the enormous challenge this has been for parents, juggling work commitments and other worries alongside our Google Classroom and Tapestry learning. Thank you for every activity you have supported, every message you have sent us, for the work you have uploaded, and for encouraging your children every step of the way. It has been wonderful to see the quality of work the children are producing, their commitment to their learning and their communication with their teachers over Google Classroom and the Google Meets. The children in school have worked extremely hard too, and been great company, despite the cold and the challenging weather. I hope you are all able to take some time off this week with your children, have time away from screens and get out and about. Whatever you are doing, I hope it brings you the joy and the rest you all deserve!

Jago sent us a lovely thank you garland of intricate origami stars, which is on display in the office.



If you are looking for ideas to keep everyone entertained next week, The Book Trust has some great sites to visit in their HomeTime section – click on the picture below to follow the link. For those with Apple devices, there is a pdf with some ideas attached to the newsletter – lots of the ideas have an app as a starting point, but then take the children away from screens to do something practical. Click on the pictures below to visit the Woodland Trust site and the National Trust site for more ideas. There is a National Trust pdf attached to the newsletter, which takes their popular '50 things to do before you are 11½' and translates it into activities to do in the garden (or the local park).



World Book Day Challenge – Decorate a Window to represent a Favourite Book

We're Going on a Book Hunt



Calling all brave book hunters - please join us for a World Book Day event.

Between 1st and 3rd March please recreate – draw, colour, or paint – a book cover and share in your window.

On World Book Day, Thursday 4th March, head outside for a walk around the local area and see how many 'books in windows' you can find.



Thursday 4th of March is World Book Day. We would like to encourage everyone to take part in a challenge being shared by lots of the primary schools in Alton. Choose a window in your house that can be seen from the street, and decorate it to represent a favourite book. You could draw, colour or paint the book cover, or dress up your window with clues or characters from the story. Whatever you decide, your window should be decorated by World Book Day. Then, on your family walks, see how many book windows you can spot. Can you work out which book each window represents? If you live a bit further out, you can still join in by decorating your window. We would like everyone to take a photo of their finished design and upload it to Google Classroom or Tapestry so we can make a display. Have fun!

New Chromebooks

Just a reminder that we still have a few devices to loan, and we are particularly keen to support any families where

- multiple children are sharing a device, and the use of a school Chromebook would help ease things
- you have been making do on an old device which isn't always reliable, or you don't have access to microphone or camera for Googlemeets
- any kind of difficulty in remote learning would be significantly eased with a Chromebook loan

So if this describes your situation, please let me know via schoolsupport@aepr.co.uk and we will try to help.

Laptop Donations

Please see the press release attached to the newsletter, issued by Patrick Sullivan, Head of Eggar's School, on behalf of the Alton schools in conjunction with Alton Lions and the Alton and District Community Resilience Fund (ADCRF).

Collective Worship with Rev Randall

Rev Gordon, Martha and Lorna will be back after half term. They send you their best wishes for a lovely half term.

Travel to Tokyo Challenge- we're on our way to Sydney!

Well done to all of the children/families participating in our virtual challenge to Travel to Tokyo. We have reached Rio, Brazil, so are well on our way to our next destination - Sydney, Australia! Please continue to stay active over Half Term and log all fitness related activity to help us reach our next goal. You can log your activity here: <https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity>

You can view our school dashboard to see how far we've travelled here: <https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/andrews-endowed-church-of-england-primary-school-gu34-4el/school-team-16418>



See you in Sydney!

Googlemeets – w/c 22/2/21

w/c 22/2/21	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	<i>INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING</i>	9.30 Year 3 10.15 Year 6 11.40 Year 4	9.30 Year 2	10.00-11.45 - Acorns	9.15 Singing Worship with Mrs Lloyd 10.00 Year 5 11.00 Year 1
Afternoon		1.30 Year 5	1.30 Year 1 2.15 Year 4	12.00 Drop in for Year 6	12.30 Year 3 2.00 Year 2

Singing Worship

Thank you to all the families who joined us at 9.15 am for our Singing Worship. It was great to see everyone singing and to hear about the things the children have been doing this week. Thank you to Vera for leading the prayer today, and to Oscar who drew a beautiful picture of the 5 candle wreath while he was singing, which he shared with us at the end. Our theme this week was 'Giving Thanks' and Vera's prayer gave thanks to God for the joy of songs, and the way they can make us feel happy, even in times of trouble. It was a lovely way to round off this half term.

EP Telephone Support Line

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer from the Educational Psychologists service in Hampshire. They are running a helpline for parents seeking advice about their child's emotional wellbeing.

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 second half of the Spring Term is £70 (28 lunches) or £12.50 per week - (£2.50 per lunch).

School Dinner Menu Change – Week 2

Please be aware that there are some small changes to the menu the first week back after half term:

THURSDAY: **RED – ROAST TURKEY /BLUE – QUORN FILLETS**, FRIDAY: **BLUE – TOMATO PASTA** The desserts may differ slightly to what is on the menu but otherwise the menu remains the same.

Safer Internet Day

You may be aware that the children have been covering lots of important questions about Internet Safety within their Google Classrooms, and these questions have sometimes been discussed in the Googlemeets too. Both in school and via remote learning, Safer Internet thinking will be a big part of the learning next week, as we use materials and ideas generated to mark national Safer Internet Day. I sent out an email via Teachers2Parents yesterday with a fact sheet attached about a very unpleasant website – please do ensure that you have read it and that it hasn't been overlooked.

Alton Community Share

Alton Community Share are trialling a new home delivery service of 2-3 activities to borrow and for volunteers to deliver directly to your home on the **13th and 27th February**. For more information see attached flyer or email: altoncommunityshare@hotmail.com

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.

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 last being in school. 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.

Book Returns

If you have any school library/class books to return please can you either place them in a plastic bag or put them in a plastic sleeve that you will find in the box by the pedestrian gate. If you could write your child's name and class this will help Mrs White return them to the correct teacher – thank you.

On-line Payments

Please take a moment to check your SCOPAY account to ensure all payments are paid up-to-date by the start of next term – thank you.

Mrs Maria Lloyd

SPRING AND SUMMER TERM DATES 2021

Please note that there are 2 remaining INSET days this year:

Monday 7th June and a further date in the summer term to be confirmed

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 May – 4th June

7th June – 23rd July

NB: Bank Holidays:

Monday 3rd & 31st May