

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

**Autumn Term**

**[Weekly Timetable on P2] w/e 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,**

**Another Busy and Productive Week!**

As of today, all our Acorns new starters have gone full time. This is a tremendous achievement in any September, but particularly impressive this year. Our lovely new Acorns have been so brave and resilient, coming into a school many of them had only visited once or twice, and having to leave their grown-ups at the wall. We are really proud of them, and grateful to you for helping them to transition so smoothly. They (and Mrs Ryan and her team) are certainly ready for a good rest over the weekend!

This week we have also re-launched our Breakfast Club (Early Birds) and Afterschool Club (Rainbow Friends). I am extremely grateful to Mrs Bev Pither and her team for the huge amount of planning that has gone on behind the scenes to ensure that the clubs could re-open. There are many additional layers of work that have to be done daily and I have been so thankful that the team have been determined to make it work. The children have been amazing too, adapting quickly and understanding why some things are quite different.

**Thank You to our Governors and Friends of the School**

In normal times, we hold a Groundforce Day during a May Saturday in term time and staff, parents, governors and children work together to spruce up all the outdoor spaces. Lockdown made this impossible this year, and I was concerned that our outdoor furniture, fences and sheds were looking very tired as a result. I am enormously grateful to Maritz Naudé, our Finance Committee Chair, for co-ordinating a dedicated band of School Governors and friends of the school to do all the work during the summer holiday, following Covid-19 safe protocols. Over the course of many weekends, a phenomenal amount of work was done, including repainting all the perimeter fences and gates; repainting the fence around the Acorns Outdoor Area in bright colours; repainting the little picnic benches in Acorns and Y1/2; staining all the benches and picnic benches; repainting the playhouses on the main playground; repainting the playhouses in the Acorns Outdoor Area; staining all the sheds and storage units; clearing undergrowth in the Secret Garden; carrying out minor DIY repairs and lots more besides. We returned to everything looking smart and ready for the children – thank you to everyone who helped.

**Admissions 2021-22 – Notification of Variation**

Please be informed that the Andrews' Endowed CE Primary School Admissions Policy and Supplementary Information Form for the 2021-22 admissions round has been amended with permission from both the Diocese and Independent Adjudicator. The only change has been to the qualification criteria for applications under the Faith criteria. The change recognises that it may have been impossible to meet the original church attendance criteria during the period when churches were closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The wording has been amended as follows:

**“In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church [has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.”**

Please follow this link to the [Admissions Page](#) of the school website, where the revised Admissions Policy 2021-22 and Supplementary Information Form can be found at the bottom of the page.

**Remote Learning Plan**

You should have received earlier today a copy of our school Remote Learning Plan. This document lays out what we aim to provide for any child who is unable to attend school due to self-isolating. Please make sure you have read and understood the document, which will also be sent out with this newsletter.

**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@aepri.co.uk](mailto:schoolsupport@aepri.co.uk) as well as telephoning the school office.**

**Welcome**

We welcomed another new member of staff to our team this week – Miss Mollie Osborne-Brown, SNA. Miss Osborne-Brown is a fluent British Sign Language communicator, and we are really looking forward to being able to introduce more signing to our day to day activity and our singing in school.

## **Welcome Letters, Curriculum Overviews and Homework Information**

Hopefully this week parents and carers of children in Y1 to Y6 will have received letters giving you day to day information about your child's class, homework arrangements and curriculum overviews for the term ahead. These will also be available on the school website in due course. Next week we will send information home to parents and carers in Acorns about our online Learning Journal, Tapestry.

## **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. 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](mailto:schoolsupport@aepr.co.uk)

## **Lunch Boxes**

At the moment, the children in Y2 to Y6 need to store their lunchboxes under their tables in their trays. You may wish to ensure your child's lunchbox is popped in a clear plastic bag or small fabric bag to help keep it clean and hygienic.

## **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 termly.** 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.

## **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

Lessons started up this week and it was lovely watching the enthusiasm from them all especially those starting lessons for the first time and it was such a pleasure to hear music back in the school. It isn't too late for your child to start lessons. Sadly we can't run tasters as we have done in the past but take a moment to watch one of the video clips below. If your child is interested in taking up violin, trumpet, cornet, guitar, clarinet or flute either call Mrs White in the school office on 01420 83094 or drop us an email to [schoolsupport@aepri.co.uk](mailto:schoolsupport@aepri.co.uk)

These are the links to the new starter videos:

Woodwind: <https://youtu.be/LPeVid5GCn0>

Brass: <https://youtu.be/xBFhalUXenk>

Guitar: <https://youtu.be/-xLa3dutztk>

Violin: <https://youtu.be/w0euXFcNp3A>

## 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.

## Book Returns

If you have any school books that you have borrowed there will be a white box by the pedestrian gate for you to pop them into. Anything else that needs to come in to school can be dropped off in there too, please label it clearly so we know who it has come from, and who to give it to – 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> birthday if you wish your child to continue with milk.

Mrs Maria Lloyd

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## SCHOOL WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Theme for Collective Worship: Let Your Light Shine

	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>
Morning 8.55 –12.00	Y6 / Y5/ Y3 / Y1 PE  Brass Lessons	Violin Lessons	Y6 / Y4 / Y2 PE 	Y3 / Y2 PE 	Y5 / Y4 / Y1 PE  Woodwind Lessons
Lunchtime 12.00– 1/1.15pm					
Afternoon 1 / 1.15 –3.30	Guitar Lessons				
After School Activities					
Evening Activities					

**TERM DATES 2020/21**

**Autumn Term 2020**

3<sup>rd</sup> September – 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
(NB: INSET DAYS – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> September)  
Half Term - 26<sup>th</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> October  
3<sup>rd</sup> November – 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Spring Term 2021**

4<sup>th</sup> January – 12<sup>th</sup> February  
Half Term - 15<sup>th</sup> February – 19<sup>th</sup> February  
22<sup>nd</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> April  
(NB: INSET DAYS – 22<sup>nd</sup> February)  
  
Easter Holiday: 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Summer Term 2021**

19<sup>th</sup> April – 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Half Term 31<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> May  
7<sup>th</sup> June – 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
(NB: INSET DAY - 7<sup>th</sup> June)  
NB: Bank Holidays: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May