

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

Autumn Term

[Weekly Timetable on P2] w/e 25th September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

PTFA AGM – Monday 28th September via Zoom

The PTFA will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Monday 28th September** at 7.30 pm, via Zoom. Traditionally, of course, this meeting has taken place in school, and has been a chance for the PTFA to share their activities and accounts with the parent community, and for us to celebrate all the wonderful events that have happened, and the money that has been raised for the school. We also elect new officers to roles such as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary or Treasurer, when existing members are stepping down.

The AGM has also been a chance for new parents to find out about the work of the PTFA and for us to invite new members to join for the year ahead.

The joining code for the Zoom meeting will be sent to current members of the PTFA. We would love to have some new members join us on Monday evening. If you would like to attend, please email schoolsupport@aepr.co.uk **by 5 pm today** with the email address you would like the joining code sent to. Messages received after this time cannot be actioned. Please mark the title PTFA Zoom Meeting to help the school sift these emails from others in the inbox.

We look forward to seeing you virtually on Monday evening.

Virtual Sleep Out – Can you support two of our pupils to raise money for homeless young people?

Hugo and Elliot will be taking part in a virtual sleep out support 'Step By Step', a local charity supporting young people facing homelessness. They will be pitching their tent in the back garden on **Friday 9th October** to raise some money for this amazing charity. Each year, 'Step by Step' supports over 1,500 young people to end and prevent youth homelessness. Last year, the Sleep Out helped accommodate 381 young people who had nowhere else to turn. For more information about the charity visit <https://www.stepbystep.org.uk> and if you would like to make a donation please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-jane-pullman>

Drop Off

Please keep your child with you until the class teacher or teaching assistant starts admitting the class. The staff are almost always out a few minutes before their allotted time, and will invite the children to the line as promptly as they can, however, the children must not enter the site until a member of staff is ready. I am really enjoying my conversations with different children as they wait in their lines – our chats vary from what the children are reading (which gives me a chance to recommend a new author) to what we've had for breakfast, with all sorts of topics in between. It was lovely to see all our Acorns come in this morning smiling and chatting, and for us to have a little play with bubbles as we waited!

Census Day – Thursday 1st October 2020

All children in Acorns and KS1 should have received a letter inviting them to have a school lunch on **Thursday 1st October**. Please return the reply slip to confirm your child's choice to the office by **Monday 28th September**. Schools themselves have to pay for each infant meal that is taken over the course of the school year. We are reimbursed for this, but only based on the number of meals eaten on particular 'census' days. This means that if a low number of children eat on a census day, we can end up out of pocket for the whole school year. The best possible scenario for us would be if every child in Acorns, Y1 and Y2 took a school lunch on census day. We would obviously be delighted if each child ate and enjoyed their meal, but if you are in any doubt that your child will manage we do not mind if you send your child in with a back-up packed lunch as well - thank you.

Tapestry

Thank you to all the parents and carers in Acorns for returning your permission forms so promptly. We will send you a message when Tapestry is live for you. We are hoping to be ready to launch towards the end of next week.

Google Classroom

Thank you to all those families who have started (or re-started) using Google Classroom with their children over the past couple of weeks. At the moment, Google Classroom is being used by teachers for posting Homework tasks and by children and families for uploading completed tasks. Whilst the teachers are fully involved in planning and teaching their classes, please be aware that they are unable to respond to general enquiries from parents about their child's learning or wellbeing posted on Google Classroom. If you need to contact your child's class teacher about something, please send a message via schoolsupport@aepr.co.uk or call the office during school hours, and they will get back to you when they can.

Learning Conversations for Parents and Teachers this half term

As we won't be able to host our usual Parents Evenings this half term, we are planning to offer ten minute telephone appointments, booked in advance, which will take place during the school day. A specific date will be set aside for each class, and we will invite you to book an appointment. We will also ask you to supply three questions you would like your child's teacher to answer, so that the teachers can tailor the conversation to each family's needs. We will send more information about this next week.

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 the amount you have paid and the date it was paid via schoolsupport@aepri.co.uk

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 as well as telephoning the school office.

Should I Book a Coronavirus Test for My Child?

The Government have issued new guidance in the form of a Letter from the Chief Nurse and Interim Chief Medical Officer of NHS Test and Trace on when parents and guardians should book a coronavirus (COVID-19) test for their child. This letter is attached to the newsletter this week, and also accessible by clicking [here](#).

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. We do need written permission before we can let Y6 children walk on their own – please notify us using schoolsupport@aepri.co.uk

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

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.

Empty Crisp Packets

We will be continuing to collect empty crisp packets this term. There is a blue box with black lid just inside the pedestrian gate for them to be collected in. Please ensure that the packets are completely empty and pop them straight into the box – please don't put in plastic bags or containers. If the box is full please pop them back another time rather than leaving them by the side of the box. We won't be asking the children to collect packets at lunchtime this time – they will need to take them home in their lunch box for a parent to pop in the box at drop off or pick up. Please remember to sanitize your hands before and after opening the box. Thank you to Kerry Banks who initiated the scheme – we collected 11kg of packets last term which raised £11 for the school.

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.

Message from Eggar's School for Current Year 6

"We are delighted to be offering a guided tour of the Eggar's School site on **Thursday 1st October** for any current Year 6 student and their parents/guardian. We will be offering bookings slots every 5 minutes from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. Each slot will have a maximum of 2 groups allocated to it. Each group will be limited to 3 people only and will be guided around our amazing school by a member of staff. To take a tour you must book a slot via email openevent@eggars.hants.sch.uk. Your tour booking will then be confirmed by email which you will need to take with you. The deadline for booking a tour is **Tuesday 29th September 2020**."

Mrs Maria Lloyd

SCHOOL WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Theme for Collective Worship: Blessings

	Monday 28 th	Tuesday 29 th	Wednesday 30 th	Thursday 1 st	Friday 2 nd
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				Current Year 6 Eggar's Open Day 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm (By Appointment Only)	
Evening Activities	PTFA AGM 7.30 pm Via Zoom				

TERM DATES 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020

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

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