

# Andrews' Endowed Church of England Primary School

Summer Term

w/e 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

## Virtual Video Conferencing

For our four non-returning year groups, we have been working away in the background to try to find a way to connect everyone together again. On Wednesday, we trialled the first of our Video Conferences via GoogleMeet for the children in Year 4. Mrs Gundry hosted four carefully crafted mini-meets in the morning, one for each of the Y4 Houses – Austen, Cobbett, Gaskell and White. These were an opportunity for each child to test that their connections worked and to learn from Mrs Gundry the conventions of the meets and the behaviours she expected from them, so that as many children as possible could successfully take part in the whole class meet in the afternoon. I was able to join the events and act as go-between for the key worker children from Year 4 who took part in school. I was extremely impressed with the way the Year 4 children responded, and their mature reflections on themselves as learners during lock down. Our next conference will be on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**, for children in Year 5, and then on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** Mrs Hudd will host a conference for Year 2. Don't worry, Year 3, we haven't forgotten you, and we will send a letter to you soon, as Mrs Hudd is planning to host a conference for you on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**.

## Gardening Club Harvest



Our gardens are blooming at the moment. All the hard work put in by our Gardening Club children has paid off and we are enjoying a bumper harvest.

We wanted the children who are not in school at the moment to have a chance to see the outcomes of all their planting and growing.

Thankfully, Mrs Marsh is still hard at work watering and harvesting, for which we are so grateful. The produce is going into the school kitchen as usual and being enjoyed by the children in school as part of their lunches.

## School Uniform

For many years our PTFA have been successfully running our school uniform service. However, following restrictions put in place due to COVID-19 last term, it is currently not possible for our parent volunteers to come into school to sort out orders or sell uniform. At the same time, many parents have expressed an interest in purchasing school uniform on-line. We have therefore made the decision to move to an on-line shop for our school uniform with immediate effect. An email was sent out earlier this week with all the details about how to order - we will be using our existing supplier – School Trends.

We do have some existing stock in school, and may be able to sell this next term when conditions ease. However, in the meantime, we advise that parents should order uniform from School Trends on-line. Please follow the link [www.schooltrends.co.uk/pages/find-my-school](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk/pages/find-my-school) then search for the school using our school postcode GU34 4EL.

There are no minimum order quantities and your uniform will be delivered directly to your home for only £2.99. Other ordering information including sizes, delivery information and the returns procedure is also available on-line.

At busy times of the year, orders may take up to 3 weeks to deliver, so please **order uniform as soon as possible and certainly by the end of July** to ensure that you receive it in time for the start of the Autumn Term. School Trends do not currently stock PE Bags or Book Bags, and we will let you know how to purchase these in due course.

We are hoping to continue selling second-hand uniform in the usual way, but again, due to COVID-19 restrictions, this is not possible at present, and we apologise. We hope that parents will find this new service easy to use, and that it will meet your needs.

## Message from the PTFA

We sent out a flyer earlier in the Spring Term about a company called “MY NAMETAGS” which the PTFA have set up an arrangement with. To place an order please visit [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com) and 24% of every order will be donated to our school by using the school ID – 35308 – at check out. See attached flyer.

## **Spiritual Support from Reverend Gordon Randall**

Follow the link to this week's Collective Worship – and look out for Rev Gordon's special guest!  
[Andrews' Endowed Collective Worship 25.06.20](#)



## **Alton Community Share**

Run out of new things to do around the house? Don't want the cost of a new purchase? Like the idea of reducing waste by reusing things? Then why not pop along to the Alton Community Centre Wednesday to Saturday 10 am to 12 pm for free activities, materials and equipment for all ages that can be borrowed for up to 3 weeks. For further information please contact [altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com) Please see attached flyer for more information. They use social distancing.

## **Music Tuition at Andrews' Endowed – September 2020 – July 2021**

During the Summer Term children would normally have the opportunity to have taster sessions in an instrument that they would like to take up in the Autumn Term. As we are unable to do this Hampshire Music Services have been putting together some short videos (see below) to show what is on offer. If your child is interested in taking up an instrument but unsure at this stage which one we can sort this out when everyone is back but in the meantime please email Mrs White via [schoolsupport@aepri.co.uk](mailto:schoolsupport@aepri.co.uk) to indicate their interest. There is no obligation at this stage. The instruments on offer are: Brass, Guitar, Woodwind and Violin, Music tuition is offered by the school for KS2 children on the following conditions:

- Tuition fees are paid, in advance, for a minimum of 30 lessons per year.
- Lesson duration: 20 minutes.
- The charge for the **2020/2021 academic year** will be £188.50 for a group lesson which will be payable in two instalments - £100 at the start of the Autumn Term and £88.50 at the start of the Spring Term.
- Hiring an instrument is payable termly in advance directly to HMS. School office can supply information on how your child can hire an instrument.

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>

## **Can my child get free school meals over the summer holiday?**

While schools are closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak some families having been receiving vouchers to help cover the cost of buying food for their children. Under normal circumstances schools are not expected to provide free school meals to eligible children who are not attending due to illness or if the school is closed. However, during the COVID-19 outbreak schools have been providing vouchers to those eligible families and they will continue to provide them over the summer holidays. To receive these vouchers you have to be entitled to free school meals on the basis of your income. It could be that your circumstances have changed over this period and you are unsure whether or not you would now be eligible. For your child/ren to qualify for free school meals you must get one of the following benefits:

- **Universal Credit** and your household income after tax is less than £7,400 per year (not including any benefits you get)
- **Child Tax Credit**, as long as you are not **Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income of less than £16,190.
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's allowance**
- The guarantee part of **Pension Credit**
- Asylum seeker support

For more information please visit [www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary](http://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary) where you can check your eligibility by completing the online application. Or you can speak to Mrs White in the school office who will be happy to check on your behalf. To complete a check you need the following information: Your full name, date of birth, address and national insurance number, your child's name and date of birth and the school your child is attending.

*Take care, everyone.*

*Mrs Maria Lloyd and all the staff*