

Andrews' Endowed Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Spring Term

[Weekly Timetable on P4] w/e 8th January 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What a Week – Thank You Everyone!

The staff and I would like to thank you all for your fantastic support as we have negotiated this roller-coaster of a week. We are glad that we got to see all our learners on Monday and enjoy one day of relatively normal school before the Lockdown announcement on Monday night.

I am grateful to all the parents who needed a Critical Worker place and engaged with us over Monday night recognising what we were up against, so that we could be ready to go on Tuesday morning. I am equally grateful to those parents who have rapidly adapted again to the rigours of home schooling.

I have been extremely impressed with the interaction on Google Classroom this week – it is clear how hard the children are working and it has been lovely to see and hear the feedback going back and forth between children, staff and parents. We have appreciated all your enthusiastic comments about the video lessons which the teachers are recording and uploading.

Next week we will begin arranging some Googlemeets so that the children and their teachers can meet together for a catch up, some social time, and to unpick any tricky bits of the learning from the past few days. We will write to you about these at the start of the week.

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Faye and her family who has joined us in Year 1.

Reception – September 2021

Hampshire County Council is keen to avoid a last minute rush of applications. We have been asked to remind parents and carers that the deadline for online applications is **Friday 15th January 2021 by midnight**.

Music Lessons – HMS Virtual Learning Zone

Following the success of the HMS Virtual Learning Zone platform that was used in the first lockdown all our instrumental teaching will continue with this during lockdown for this half term. A letter was emailed this morning with all the details on how to log into this Learning Zone and we are urging you to take up this great opportunity to continue your child's musical learning. They have all put in so much effort into practising since September and we are sure you are as keen as we are that the impetus continues this term. If you have any queries/questions regarding this please don't hesitate to contact Mrs White or Mrs Slater in the school office and they will be more than happy to help you get started.

Church@4 via Zoom!

A message from Martha Lloyd, Children, Youth and Families Worker for the Parish of the Resurrection Alton.

"We are going to be starting a bi-weekly service for families with children via Zoom which will be continuing on from a previous event that we ran called Church @ 4. We wanted to invite your families along to join us via Zoom every other Sunday at 4pm to socialise, connect and learn about God."

Meeting ID: 819 4137 1951

Password: POTR1234



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 being in school on Monday.

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.

Message from Hampshire Libraries

“This year, the Public Libraries’ Winter Reading Challenge is all about getting cosy together to share the love of reading. It kicks-off on **Monday 11th January 2021** and runs for six weeks, until the end of the Spring half-term. To sign your child/ren simply click here [Hampshire Libraries website](#). Children can read or listen to any four books to complete the challenge. This includes books they read or listen to for school, with family members and friends over Zoom, bedtime stories, non-fiction books, eBooks and audiobooks. Those who take part online will automatically be sent a certificate when they complete the challenge, but the most important thing is that your pupils enjoy some winter reading for pleasure!”



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 first half of the Spring Term is £75 (30 lunches) or £12.50 per week - (£2.50 per lunch).

There is a slight change to WEEK 3 menu – Monday – **RED: Sausage and Mash**, Tuesday and Wednesday as per the menu, Thursday – **RED: Roast Chicken** and Friday as per the menu. Over the next few weeks the menu may have to be adapted due to food stocks – thank you.

On-line Payments

If you have any outstanding lunches from last term, Breakfast/After School Club or Xmas Party money please can you ensure that these are paid via SCOPAY as soon as possible – thank you.

Cool Milk Scheme

Our school milk delivery has been put on hold for the time being. We have a supply of milk that was delivered this week and we will continue to give this out for those children in school who have milk until it runs out. For those children not in school Cool Milk will be issuing you a credit against your account if you have already paid for your milk upfront. If you have any queries regarding this please contact them directly – thank you.

Mrs Maria Lloyd

SPRING AND SUMMER TERM DATES 2021

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