

Andrews' Endowed Church of England Primary School

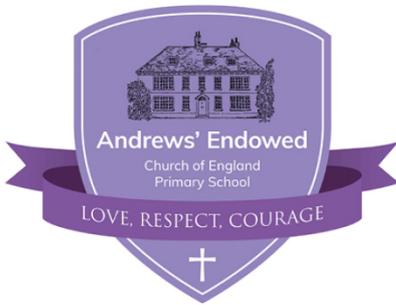
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Monday 6th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

"Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life. Remember that fear always lurks behind perfectionism." **David M. Burns**

Welcome to Year 6 at Andrews' Endowed! It is a privilege to work with yourselves and your children this year. Firstly, many thanks for your 'All about my child' sheet that many of you took the time to fill out for this year. They will give me an even better understanding of what it has been like for you during last year or two, the lockdown periods and how best to help your child going forward. Although our usual yearly welcome meetings will not be taking place in person this year, I hope this letter and accompanying PowerPoint and video is a good summary of what will be discussed.

PE for Year 6 will be on Tuesday and Thursday to start with. As mentioned in Mrs Gundry's letter before the start of term, please do send your child into school wearing their PE kits on those PE days. I will do my best to give as much notice as possible if our PE slots change part way through a half term. On days that there isn't PE, your child is to return to wearing full school uniform including school shoes. Just as we did pre-pandemic, please name all your child's clothing, particularly their coat and school jumper.

Homework can occasionally be a contentious issue between parents and their child, but if it is proving to be a challenge for your child, please don't force it – it is just not worth a tricky weekend! Please let me know of any issues you have. Thinking towards their transition to secondary school, homework in Y6 will include spellings to be learnt every week, reading and a piece of maths and topic, creative or English work which altogether should take around 2 hours to complete. All homework including maths and topic homework will be given out to the children on a Thursday and will be due in on the following Tuesday. Homework spelling words will also be given out on the Thursday and will include a range of words taken from the statutory lower and upper KS2 word lists, and other age appropriate spelling words. Spelling tests will take place on a Thursday. It is recommended that you read with your child 2-3 times per week at home and each child should bring their reading diary and book when it needs changing. Although I will be posting homework on google classroom as we did last year, your child is also welcome to bring homework back in their homework books this year.

Your child is now welcome to bring bags and coats back into school as we begin to use the cloakrooms again. Although all stationery and other equipment will be provided to the children in the class, your child may want to bring a small pencil case into school, particularly with their own preferred blue writing pen. I am however still promoting the use of the Hampshire SLS (schools library service) e-library called Wheelers e-platform which I feel is a fantastic resource. All books are age appropriate with thousands of book and audio books to choose from in a kindle style. It can be accessed with android and IOS apps, as well as online. The link to it can be found on our school website here:





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<https://www.andrewsendowed.co.uk/pupils/useful-links/> or directly here <https://andrewsendowed-hantssls.wheelers.co/> For the time being Miss Laura Hunt will be covering my planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA) on Wednesday mornings. She will be teaching Music and RE.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say that although parent meetings and gatherings of large amounts of people will still likely take place online as they have done last year, I am very happy to have google meets or telephone meetings after school as well as more informal after school meetings with yourselves. Please do let me know of anything that may be bothering you or your child because it is always better to tell me about an issue that we can fix, rather than let it niggle away and turn into something bigger. Together, we make the supportive team to foster and nurture your child ready for their next adventure in secondary school!

Yours sincerely,

Sam Paine

