



Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone!

A special welcome to our new Year R children and their families, to the new friends that have joined us in classes across the school and to our new staff. Miss Grove has joined us as our Year 5 class teacher and Mrs Morrell as our Year 1 class teacher. Welcome to all!

The children have quickly settled back in to school routines and there is a lovely learning buzz all around school.

We have a busy term ahead and new topics will pop up throughout the year as we continue to develop the curriculum.

It is such a pleasure to chat to parents and carers on the gate in the morning, we truly value your comments, feedback and ideas; it supports the home school partnership and adds your voice to the improvements being made across the school.

Happy New School Year!

Kind regards,

Sara Allen

Headteacher (Interim)

SEND Contact

Any queries about your ISP or EHCP please email send@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk Mrs Tickle our Deputy Headteacher & SENDCo is happy to answer your questions.

Family Support

Our Family Support Worker is Paula Lindfield and she is happy to answer any questions around family support you may need. Her email is p.lindfield@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk Paula can also be contacted directly on her school mobile phone - 07513105230

Wraparound Care

After School Childcare now available in partnership with Youth Options at The Scott Centre!

Youth Options collect children from school and take them, with an escort, to The Scott Centre at Mead Hedges, SP10 2LB. If you would like to book a place please contact Paige Richards at scottcentre@youthoptions.org.uk or 01264 332188.

Breakfast Club continues on site. Please book and pay via Scopay.

Volunteers

We would love to start welcoming parents or grandparents into school to volunteer for school trips, walking to the church or hearing children read in school. Please speak to the office about this and they will complete a DBS check. If you used to volunteer, and would still like to, please pop in to renew your DBS.

Dates for your Diary...

Paula's Pop In every Friday at 2.30pm

Macmillan Coffee Morning: 29th September – see attached poster

Harvest Service: 11th October 1.30pm at St Mary's Church

INSET DAYS

Monday 6th November 2023

Friday 9th February 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

Friday 5th July 2024

Is your child starting school September 2024?

New Year R Open Days:

Tuesday 10th October 9.30am

Thursday 9th November 1.30pm

Tuesday 9th January 9.30am

Uniform

The children have come back to school looking really smart, ready to learn. Please ensure everything is labelled. A reminder uniform consists of white polo shirts and grey school trousers or skirts with the Red Logo'd jumper available from Stitch-a-Logo. Black school shoes must be worn.

PE: Red logo'd performance T shirts are available to order through SCOPAY. Only to be worn during PE lessons. Black shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings with a black hoodie. Trainers are best for PE lessons.

Smart Watches

Smart watches are not allowed to be worn to school due to safeguarding of children and staff. They will be kept safe until the end of the day and returned to parents.

Bikes & Scooters

Please remember to send your child to school with a bike helmet when riding their bikes or scooters.

Could we please ask children to dismount scooters and bikes as they come through the gates onto the school site to ensure the safety of pedestrians.



A reminder that our gates open daily at 08:40am and aim to close promptly at 08:55am.

Any child arriving after this time will need to enter school via the Office and will be marked as late. Please note that parents of any latecomers will be required to sign their child in via our signing in system. Please ensure you come to the Office with your child to do this.

If for any reason your child is unable to attend school, please ensure that you either call, email or text us before 09:10hrs to report the absence stating the reason/nature of the illness.



The Nurturing Programme

Paula Lindfield has completed her training to run the nurturing programme!

This is a FREE 10 week programme, which provides adults and children with the understanding, skills and ability to lead emotionally healthy lives, build resilience, empathy, self-esteem and support positive relationships.

Andover C of E School are working in partnership with the family support workers at Portway and Vigo school to run this course in September.

The family support workers will be at school drop off on Thursday 21st September to answer questions and find out further information.

There will be an expression of interest form if you wish to come along.

Dear Lord,
Bless our school,
That by working together and
playing together.
We may learn to serve you
And to serve one another
Amen.

