



Equalities Healthy School



Arbury Primary School

Newsletter

Summer 1 2020

Headteacher: Mr Ben Tull
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Message from Mr Tull

Welcome back everyone. It seems strange to think that we officially started the summer term this week. I very much hope that everyone is coping as best they can with the current restrictions in place.

As promised, we have started to increase our online learning through class pages and the 'Home Learning Hub' tab. I am aware that, at times, the learning platform has struggled to meet the increase in demand. I am, however, very pleased to see that so many children and families are accessing our content.

Behind the scenes, we are working to ensure we are ready for when school returns. I am setting budgets, organising staffing and spending a lot of time video conferencing with staff and governors.

When the time is right and it is safe to do so, schools will reopen and Arbury will be ready to welcome you all back.

Missing you all. Keep safe.

Ben Tull
Headteacher



Free School Meal Vouchers

Vouchers for children entitled to a free school meal will continue to be provided by **Edenred UK** who are working with the Department of Education (DFE). The site is still struggling to cope with the national demand, but we have been able to process orders by getting up very early in the morning and can see that vouchers are being redeemed. Vouchers will now be processed fortnightly to make it easier for parents.

You can redeem vouchers through Sainsbury's, Tesco, Waitrose, M&S, Asda and Morrisons and you will be able to order vouchers for Aldi from the 27 April. <https://www.edenred.co.uk/reward-recipient/Free-School-Meal-Vouchers/>

Safeguarding

Even though your children are at home with you, we are still working hard to make sure that you and your children feel safe. There is a tab on the home page of the school website called 'safeguarding'. In here you will find the school safeguarding phone number and email address.

Email - safeguarding@arbury.cambs.sch.uk

Phone - 07761850551

You can use either of these to contact us, they will be checked regularly through the day. There are also website suggestions for you if you have concerns about your children and want to explore more for yourself.

Message from Mrs Rawlins

It is lovely to hear about what you have all been doing at home whilst school is closed. We have received lots of wonderful photos through eSchools, and we will be sharing some of these with you in the 'News and Events' tab on the school website to celebrate all that our families are enjoying doing together.

We will continue to add information to the Home Learning hub area of the website weekly, to keep you informed about ideas for learning for each year group. Please send a message through your child's eSchools page if you have any questions about learning at home. Teachers are checking messages daily, and will respond as quickly as they can.

One of the things which makes our school such a vibrant place to be are the whole-school events and experiences which we enjoy sharing together. We also really love our school trips, making things in DT, singing together in assembly and being active outdoors. To keep this going, a number of our teachers have set up group pages on eSchools, which have lots of creative and fun ideas to try. Children will receive a message from the teacher responsible for each group page to let them know when something new has been added to the page; they can access the group pages from 'My groups' on their eSchools page. They can reply to the message, so we can have whole-school discussions with older and younger children working together. Groups set up so far are:

- **Musical Mondays** (Miss Sheldon) - a weekly piece of music to listen and respond to
- **Reading ideas** (Ms Merriman and Mrs Dowdall) - all about enjoying and celebrating reading
- **Fitness Challenges** (Miss Taylor) - fun physical challenges for indoors or outdoors
- **Mrs Mac's Marvellous Makes** (Mrs MacDonald) - something to make each week from things you will find at home or outdoors - information will be posted on the page at the start of the week to let you know what to gather, and instructions for the make will be posted on Thursdays
- **Wonderful Wednesdays!** - Virtual school trips (Mrs Armitage) - Every Wednesday, we will go on a virtual trip somewhere in the world! This week, we are heading off to somewhere in Europe...

We will be adding a '**Captain Tom Moore challenge**' group (Miss Wattis), an '**Eco-Schools**' group (Miss Sheldon), a '**Thunks**' page (Mrs Rawlins) plus pages for **KS2 Choir** and **Drama Club** (Mrs Ford).

Remember that messages, photos and documents can be uploaded when sending a message via eSchools.

We are very much missing seeing our children and families, so it is good to be able to keep in touch through eSchools!