



Equalities Healthy School



Arbury Primary School

Newsletter

Spring 2 2020

Headteacher: Mr Ben Tull
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Message from Mr Tull

I would like to thank the school community for the way in which you responded to the situation we have all found ourselves in over the last weeks. Thank you also to the many of you who have taken time to send in messages of thanks and encouragement to the staff.

We will continue to do everything we can to support you over the coming weeks and are very much looking forward to being a school family again when the time is right to do so.

Best wishes to everyone

Ben Tull
Headteacher



Free School Meal Vouchers

We have registered to use the free school meal voucher scheme 'wonde'. If your family is registered to receive free school meals, you should have already received a text or email so that you can choose a supermarket through which to receive your vouchers.

At the time of writing this newsletter, you may spend vouchers in store at Tesco, Morrisons, ASDA and Sainsburys.

If you think you should have received a text or email and have not, please contact the school office by email.



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 new 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

Thank you for all you are doing to support learning at home. There have been huge amounts of lovely ideas and activities appearing all over the internet since it was announced that schools would be closed - but it can all seem very overwhelming! We know that it will take time for everyone to settle into daily routines; we also know that you are keen to support your children in the weeks ahead, and that we want to work alongside you to do that.

Remember that this period of closure is likely to be a marathon and not a sprint; don't try to do everything at once and do be flexible - some days will be easier than others! Initially, this time is about consolidating learning and practising rather than introducing new concepts. Reading is still important on a daily basis, 10 minutes on TT Rockstars for children in Years 2-6 is great, and engaging with learning activities through eSchools will give access to a range of things to do at home. Children brought home a pack with some work to look at during the first couple of weeks of closure.

Home Learning Hub

We are developing a Home Learning Hub on our website, which will give quick and easy access to information and ideas for learning at home. As we move forward, a weekly overview will inform you about suggested learning for each year group, and resources for the children to use will be on eSchools as 'homework'. Please bear with us as we begin to add materials to this Hub.

Using eSchools:

eSchools is our digital learning platform. Children can email their class teacher by sending a message from their eSchools page. It is a secure system, which does not allow messaging or emailing beyond just the children/staff in our school. We have set up login details and passwords for EYFS/KS1 and will get these sent out to you shortly.

Teachers are updating their class eSchools pages, putting on activities and starting discussions with the children - they are very keen for children to message them, as they are all very much missing teaching their class. Teachers will be available each weekday to respond to children's messages and questions. Mrs Whiting and Mrs Rawlins are also very keen to hear from children via eSchools! Children can upload any work they have done, and their teacher can respond. If you are having problems with logging into eSchools, email office@arbury.cambs.sch.uk and we can reset passwords etc. These links may also help.

<https://academy.eschools.co.uk/users/parents/>

<https://academy.eschools.co.uk/users/students/primary-student/>