



Equalities Healthy School



Arbury Primary School

Newsletter

Spring 2 2020

Headteacher: Mr Ben Tull
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Message from Mr Tull

Hello everyone. I would like to say thank you for the many kind messages that have continued to come into school this week.

We decided to extend the term this week so that staff were able to keep supporting children at home for as much as possible before Easter. I have now asked them to take a well-earned break over the next 2 weeks so that they are fresh for the summer term.

Between us, myself, Mrs Rawlins, Mrs Whiting and Mrs Evans will be managing the onsite team over Easter to provide childcare for the very small number of children who meet the government's very strict criteria for attending school.

I want to wish everyone the very best over the next 2 weeks. I miss you all very much.

Ben Tull
Headteacher



Free School Meal Vouchers

From this week, vouchers for children entitled to a free school meal will be provided by **Edenred UK** who are working with the Department of Education (DFE). If you qualify for vouchers, you will receive these in the form of an eCode via email. If you do not have an email address or access to the internet, we will print off the voucher and send it to you.

The supermarkets currently available are: Morrisons, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda, Waitrose and M&S food. The vouchers on this scheme will be for the value of £15 per child per week during term time. For further information visit:

<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

Thank you for all that you are doing to support your children with their learning at home whilst school is closed. It has been lovely to have children messaging their teachers through eSchools and uploading pictures and examples of their work! We know that lots of games are being played on Education City, and times tables practice is happening for Y2-Y6 on TT Rockstars. We hope you have been able to have some fun together, and enjoy being outside when you can.

The teaching team have been working hard to get our website and our learning platform, eSchools, ready to provide lots of ideas for learning at home. eSchools is a safe way for children to learn how to send messages and contribute to class discussions; everything is contained within the platform. We know that lots of our children (and their parents or carers) are not used to using eSchools, but the best way to learn is to log in and try it!

Remember that the child's login details are needed to access their home page rather than the parent or carer login details. When children log in they will be able to see tasks which teachers have put on for children to try. They can also send messages and upload documents or images to share with their teacher.

Please also look at the school website, where you will see that we are beginning to develop a Home Learning Hub. This is where you will be able to quickly access information about suggested learning at home tasks for each year group. We have lots of plans to add to this part of the website to try and support you at home over the coming weeks ahead. Check the year group pages to find some ideas about activities children may like to try out over the holiday! These activities are also available via the child's page on eSchools.

After the Easter break, teachers will be checking eSchools messages daily again, and are very keen to hear what the children in their classes have been doing!

Over the Easter break, I will be keeping an eye on eSchools, and I am very happy for children to message me if they wish to.

From Mrs Rawlins