



# ANN EDWARDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Berkeley Close, South Cerney, Gloucestershire GL7 5UW

Tel: 01285 860335 Fax: 01285 860892

Interim Headteacher: Ian Moore

Email: [admin@annedwardsprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@annedwardsprimary.co.uk)

Website: [www.annedwards.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.annedwards.gloucs.sch.uk)

"Learning and achieving together in a caring community."

*Do to others what you would want them to do to you- Matthew 7:12*

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Newsletter No 1

- Head Boy and Head Girl
- School Website
- Parent-Teacher Consultations
- Pick-up and Drop-off
- Covid-19 Update
- Home Learning
- Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)
- Key Dates

Dear parents and carers

Here we are in the middle of September, just completing our second full week of school. Personally, it has been wonderful to work with the committed, enthusiastic and skilled staff team to support your children in settling back into school after such an unusual few months. The children have settled in amazingly well, and walking around the school there is both a real buzz and a sense of calmness. You should all have received phase newsletters last week as well as a letter about eligibility for free school meals and information about vacancies we currently have for additional Midday Supervisors (MDSAs).

I would like to thank you all for your continued patience and understanding around the arrangements we have put in place around Covid-19.

### Head Boy and Head Girl

I am very pleased to inform you that Sophie H-O has been appointed to the role of Head Girl this year, and Max M to the position of Head Boy. Huge congratulations to them both. Charlotte P is Deputy Head Girl and Harrison C Deputy Head Boy. Altogether I received seventeen letters of application of a very high standard, from which I was able to shortlist and interview eight children. It is really impressive that so many children put themselves forward and their clear commitment to the school and supporting the staff and younger children. Among the important tasks that the Head Girl and Head Boy will perform this year will be to help lead our Gold Book collective worship on a Friday, work as part of the school council and also help with the production of our school tour video that we are producing due to not being able to hold an open morning for prospective parents this year.

### School Website

We are currently undertaking a review of the school website. Class pages have been updated and our next step will be to reduce duplication across the site and look again at the number of sections and what is contained in each. We are very pleased to have received such positive feedback about Class DoJo and with the ongoing engagement from parents and carers so will continue to use this as our primary method of two-way communication with home.

### Parent-Teacher Consultations

This term's parent's evening consultations will take place via telephone. We will be offering ten minute consultations for each child as follows:



- 3.30 – 6.30, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October
- 4.30 – 7.00, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

There will also be opportunity for parents and carers of children supported by special educational needs provision to speak to our SENCo, Miss Sheldon, during the Tuesday slot. You will receive a letter from us soon for you to specify your preferences of days and times.

#### Pick-up and Drop-off

If you do absolutely need to drive to school, please ensure that you drive at a slow, safe speed and are aware of the number of children and families around the school site at these busy times. Also, I would ask that nobody smokes or vapes around the school site at drop-off and pick up.

#### Covid-19 Update

The Government has offered some further clarification around what constitutes a new, continuous cough. Please remember that children should not be attending school if they have any of the following symptoms of Covid-19:

- a high temperature – this means feeling hot to touch on the chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means the child has noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. People with these symptoms should seek a test as soon as possible. If the test result comes back as negative then the child can return to school; if the test is positive they should remain off school for ten days following the start of the symptoms.

Siblings of an unwell child awaiting a test result should remain off school until either a negative result has been given (as long as they themselves are symptom-free) or, upon receipt of a positive test, 14 days have passed. This is the same for other members of the household / bubble.

Children may come to school with a runny nose or other symptoms of cold, but we would ask you not to send children in who have taken medicine such as paracetamol / Calpol or ibuprofen / Calprofen as this can mask a raised temperature.

I fully appreciate that we are now in traditional cold and flu season as well as being in the midst of a pandemic and that following these guidelines is challenging for both home and for school. I am also acutely aware of the significant challenges with accessing a test and receiving the results in a timely manner. Please keep in contact with Ele and Sarah in the office should your child experience any of the symptoms or you require further clarification.

#### Home Learning

I would like to outline our provision for home learning, should the need arise.

- If a child is self-isolating: The class teacher will share the class' work via Class DoJo for that child to complete when they are well
- If a phase bubble is closed: Teachers will provide home learning activities, predominantly using Purple Mash and ClassDojo. It would be good to check your ability to access Purple Mash now and to liaise with the relevant teacher to pre-empt any difficulties that may arise should a bubble need to close.



- If the whole-school is closed: We will provide home-learning opportunities as described above. As well as using ClassDojo and, where preferable to you, ParentMail, staff would keep in contact with the children via regular telephone call, for example fortnightly. In this instance I would communicate with you about any provision for key workers' children or vulnerable children that may take place on the school site.

### Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

All parents and carers are automatically a part of the PTA so please feel free to get involved in any way which works for you. I know from my work in different schools that people can be put off contributing as they believe they have to attend lots of meetings or organise things, however at Ann Edwards we need people to be involved as little or as much as suits them. For example, you may have a really good idea for fundraising or a community event; you may have an areas of expertise, skill or contacts that could benefit the children in our school; you may to help with an event, including marketing it or preparation behind the scenes; you may wish to attend committee meetings or hold a particular position. The choice is yours! The main thing is that we build on the excellent work already being done by our PTA, particularly during this challenging time when we are unable to run many of the usual events. Don't' worry, however, as there is plenty in the pipeline! Watch out for a PTA newsletter later in the term but, in the meantime, please contact the school office if you wish to contribute in any way. Finally, if you are a new parent or carer to our school community, touching base with some of the elected PTA members via the office could be a good way of helping you feel part of the parent body.

### Key Dates

Black History Month	October
INSET Day – school closed	2 <sup>nd</sup> October
Parent-Teacher Consultations	13 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Parent-Teacher Consultations	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Vision Screening	22 <sup>nd</sup> October
End of Term 1	23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Term 2 starts	2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Class Photographs	4 <sup>th</sup> November
Children In Need	13 <sup>th</sup> November
Anti-Bullying Week	W/C 16 <sup>th</sup> November
Flu Immunisation	November – Date to be Confirmed
End of Term 2	18 <sup>th</sup> December
Term 3 starts	5 <sup>th</sup> January to 12 <sup>th</sup> February
INSET Day – school closed	4 <sup>th</sup> January
Term 4	22 <sup>nd</sup> February to 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Term 5	19 <sup>th</sup> April to 28 <sup>th</sup> May
INSET Day – school closed	19 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 6	7 <sup>th</sup> June to 21 <sup>st</sup> July

Yours Sincerely

  
Ian Moore  
Interim Headteacher