



Welcome Back!

We would like to extend a warm, Andoversford welcome to Charlotte Masek and Rowan Davis Butler, who have joined the teaching team. They have settled incredibly quickly and are already a great asset to the school. We are also delighted to be joined by Sam Lane who is a Sports Apprentice with Move More. She will be spending 2 days a week in school to support PE sessions, small groups and the activities that we have available at lunchtimes. Megan Thomas is now building up her stamina and as a result is increasing the amount of time she is able to spend in school. We have been very lucky to have a familiar face to support the class during her transition - Alastair Kirby will be supporting Beech Class for one day a week until she is back to full strength.

This week the classes have settled back into routines really well. So many children have already been talking to me about extra learning they have completed at home linked to their new topics. We are thrilled to have so many happy learners! Clubs have started this week and we have a great range of options for pupils. This week you may have noticed that we have had a juggling act in the office to get everything organised - some information has come to us at the last minute which has meant messages home have not always been consistent. Unfortunately we have been let down by some of our external providers this week, which means that Karate and STEMkids are no longer running this term. We aim to include these options again in the future so keep your eyes peeled.

Genius Hour

This term we have introduced Genius Hour - a chance for children to explore their interests with one of our staff members. Your child may have signed up for construction, performing arts or even to be a wildlife ranger! Ask what they did in their first session! The staff are also very excited to spend some time with children from across the classes and share some of their own interests too.



Y6 SATs Information

If any Year 6 parents were not able to attend the meeting on Thursday, we have sent you an email with the slides from the session. Remember there is lots of easy to understand information on Oxford Owl. A great resource for parents! <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/at-school/assessment-at-primary-school/KS2-SATs/>

Reading at Home

All children should be reading at home at least four times a week and keeping a log of this in their reading record. We now have a mystery box of books to encourage reading for pleasure, which one child can pick from each week. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home, it has so many benefits for all areas of learning - not to mention is a fantastic escape to boost children's mental health.



Parent Code of Conduct

We have been working with the primary schools in our local cluster to develop a Code of Conduct for parents. All local schools will now follow the same expectations. Please see attached leaflets

Book Bags

Can you please encourage your child to empty their book bags on a regular basis and to make sure that any forms/letters are handed to their class teacher so they can be forwarded to the office. This saves an unnecessary queue of parents in the office during the busy mornings!



ASPIRE Points

We have new gold tokens for children to earn ASPIRE points for showing our core values. The children have been busy earning points for showing perseverance in particular this week. We always encourage children to do their very best - the amount of effort they put into their work is more important than the outcome! As a school we are working towards a target of 5,000 Aspire Points - I can't wait for the reward day!

Teachers2Parents App

Some parents have reported difficulties with the Teachers2Parents App. Some messages are not able to be viewed on the app, however we have found that if the app is removed from your device, the text messages do come through as normal.

Piano Lessons

We will let you know when piano lessons are starting. We are hoping that this will be in the next couple of weeks.

Allergies

Caterlink who supply our lunch menu require advance notification in writing about all the children who have food allergies. Therefore, those who we already know about; forms have gone home this week in book bags for your urgent attention and completion.

Please make sure the school are aware of all food allergies and inform the school should your child have developed a new allergy, so that we can update our records and inform Caterlink. Thank you.

Outdoor learning:



Teachers would like to request that parents ensure that all children have outdoor learning clothing in school at **all times**. Children should have a pair of wellies or old trainers and warm clothing which covers arms and legs - which is able to get muddy!

THIS WEEK'S ASPIRE AWARD WINNERS:

**Ash
Class
Coming
Soon!**



ASPIRE POINT TOTALS:

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Bluebell | Buttercup |
| 54 | 43 |
| Rose | Thistle |
| 45 | 47 |
| Whole School Total | |
| 189 | |



ANDOVERSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates for your Diary

September

13th: SATs Meeting for Y6 parents
24th Reception Class Full Time
24th Head Teacher coffee morning at 9:00
25th Phonics Meeting for Ash Class parents

October

5th ASPIRE Day: Mindfulness
12th Harvest Service at 2:00
15th -19th Book Fair
16th Parents' Evening from 3:30 to 6:30
17th New Parents Open Morning at 10:30 (for 2019 intake)
17th STEM Workshop for Willow Class
18th Parents' Evening from 3:30 to 6:00
19th New Parents Open Evening at 4:30 (for 2019 intake)
22nd to 26th Half-Term
29th INSET Day

November

1st STEM Workshop for Willow Class
2nd Tempest Photos (individual)
9th ASPIRE Day: Remembrance
16th Children in Need
23rd Head Teacher coffee morning at 9:00
29th Flu immunisation for Ash Class

December

5th Willow Class Homework Showcase
17th Christmas Service at 3:30
18th Christmas Lunch: parents invited
18th Christmas Service at 6:00
18th Carols & Mince Pies at 7:00
21st Term Ends at 2:00

January

7th Term Starts
18th Head Teacher coffee morning at 9:00
25th Willow Class Assembly

February

5th ASPIRE Day: Chinese New Year
12th Parents' Evening from 3:30 to 6:30
13th Parents' Evening from 3:30 to 6:00
15th Beech Class Assembly
18th – 22nd Half Term

March

4th Head Teacher coffee morning at 9:00
7th World Book Day
15th Red Nose Day
22nd ASPIRE Day: Holi

April

3rd Music Concert at 2:00
5th Easter Service at 1:00
5th Term Ends at 2:00
23rd – 26th Arts Week
26th Head Teacher coffee morning at 9:00

May

3rd Tempest Photos (Class)
6th Bank Holiday
10th Oak Class Assembly
13th – 16th Key Stage 2 SATs
24th ASPIRE Day: Environment
27th – 31st Half Term

June

7th Sports Day: parents invited from 1:30
14th Head Teacher coffee morning at 9:00

July

15th End of Year Performance at 1:30
16th End of Year Performance at 5:00
18th Leavers' Picnic at 5:00
19th Leavers' Service at 1:00
Term Ends at 2:00