

Andoversford Primary School

Spring Term 2019

1st February

Newsletter

Celebrations at Andoversford

We missed out on our celebration assembly because of the snow this week. However we will present the certificates to our deserving winners on Monday. This week our ASPIRE award winners were:

Ash: Martha

Oak: Summer and Darcy

Beech: Katie

Willow: Chris

TEAMie of the week: Emily S

Come and see us!

During February, you will have another chance to meet with your child's class teacher and look at the work that s/he has been doing. It is always so wonderful to see the books out on display, particularly to look back and see the fantastic progress since September! All classes also now have a large class floor book, which shows the learning journey they have been on. These will be out for you to have a look through on both evenings. We have made appointments live, so you can now book an appointment for Parents' Evening using the online booking system. #APSIRE #welovetolearn

Don't forget parents evening!

ASPIRE Point Totals

Bluebell: 121

Buttercup: 128

Thistle: 122

Rose: 119

Whole School: 2329

Unchanged this week!

Head Lice

We have had reports of head lice in two classes this week. Please take this opportunity to check and treat your child's hair. Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Treating head lice early can help to stop the spread but there is no need to keep children off school.

[For more information click here.](#)

Travelling Book Fair

Our last Book Fair was an enormous success! In total parents, friends and family spent £615 on books and stationery, which gave the school £330 in commission. You may have seen the incredible selection of books that we were able to buy with the commission on our social media sites. We were so pleased to be able to improve the selection in key book bands of our home reading books!

We will be hosting our Spring Book Fair between the 8th and 13th February, which means that it will be open during parents evening again. A great chance to stock up on some new books! As before we will also open the sale after school everyday. We have also received World Book Day Vouchers, which we will give out to all children early as the vouchers can be used for £1 off the price of books. If you are available to help with the sale, please let the office know.

Dates for your Diary

- ⇒ 5th February ASPIRE Day: Chinese New Year
- ⇒ **Note: change of date!** 8th to 13th February Book Fair
- ⇒ 11th to 15th February **No Clubs this week**
- ⇒ 12th February Parents' Evening from 3:30 to 6:30
- ⇒ 13th February Parents' Evening from 3:30 to 6:00
- ⇒ 15th February Beech Class Assembly
- ⇒ **18th – 22nd Half Term**
- ⇒ 24th February Community Songs of Praise
- ⇒ 26th February **No Code Club**
- ⇒ 28th February Beech Class trip
- ⇒ 4th March Head Teacher Coffee morning at 9:00
- ⇒ 4th March Beech Class Music for Youth Performance
- ⇒ 7th March World Book Day
- ⇒ 15th March Red Nose Day
- ⇒ 19th March Feet First Dance festival
- ⇒ 20th March Oak Class Trip
- ⇒ 22nd March ASPIRE Day: Holi
- ⇒ 26th March Willow Class trip

Staffing

We are very pleased to announce that we have successfully recruited a new member of staff. Mrs Cicera Brydon will be joining the team very soon to take up the vacant positions of Admin Assistant and Midday Supervisor. Mrs Brydon joins us with a wealth of experience in schools, as a volunteer, a midday supervisor and as an exam invigilator. She also has a lot of experience working in administration, so will be a great asset to our staff team. We very much look forward to welcoming her to Andoversford Primary. Look out for a new face in the office!

At the moment, Oak Class have been joined by Miss Sophie Tibbett, who is completing her teacher training with the Cotswold Teaching Alliance. As a good school, we very much enjoy the chance to develop teachers who will be working in the local area in the future. However we also get a great insight into new ideas and a renewed sense of enthusiasm by working with people just coming into the profession. This half term, it seems that all of our training courses seem to be happening at once. It is very important to continually develop our practice and the teachers have gained a lot from the training they have attended. Where possible we try to reduce disruption for the class by using regular supply teachers. You may have spotted a new regular supply teacher, Mrs Anna Goddard on the playground recently. Please feel free to say hello to all the new faces and show them an Andoversford welcome!

Community Notices

BBC Children in Need

Back in November, the School Council organised activities to support Children in Need. This week we received a certificate and letter from Simon Antrobus, the Chief Executive of BBC Children in Need, thanking the school for our 'Spotacular Donation' of £200.95. Thank you all for the support!

Parking

As you know we have been working to improve the safety for pupils at school, particularly in regards to parking. The position of our school on a main road means that safe parking is limited and often people are forced to pull in at the side of the road, causing an obstruction or reducing visibility. Parents are encouraged to park at the village hall and walk to the rear entrance wherever possible, but we do know that the winter months can make this more difficult. I have recently spoken to the Royal Oak, who have agreed to allow parents to use their car park when dropping off or collecting pupils, which will be a much safer option than the main road. We are very grateful for their support in finding a solution to this dilemma.

