

ANDOVERSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2019

27th September

NEWSLETTER

Frolics at the Farm

On Tuesday, Oak Class braved the weather to spend the day at Cotswold Farm Park. Despite the showery morning, they had an incredible time learning about the animals—the rabbits proved particularly popular! In the afternoon, the sunshine even came out for long enough to enjoy a tour of the enclosures and some playtime outside. Our pupils were a credit to the school and enjoyed the visit immensely! What a great experience. Our thanks go to Mrs Masek for organising the trip and to all the adults who supported.

At Andoversford, we are very proud of the work that we do to support the holistic development of our children. We firmly believe that children need to learn about how to look after themselves physically and emotionally, how to be responsible and independent, how to show kindness, how to manage their own time and a whole range of other life skills alongside the academic subjects at school. We are fully committed to developing the skills that children need to learn and become self-motivated. That's why you will see **Metacognition** is a key focus area in our School Development Plan. Take a look at our website to see all the areas we are working on: www.andoversford.gloucs.sch.uk Don't know much about metacognition? Why not suggest it as a topic for our Parent Forum?

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Parent Forum

We will be holding our first Parent Forum on October 3rd. The Parent Forum is a chance to discuss key areas that the school is developing and support the school to further improve. If you have any suggested topics for discussion please email the office and we will make sure that the hot topics are included. Come along to have your say—or take advantage of the free cup of tea and maybe even biscuits!

Tackle the Tables

Why do we spend so much time on learning our tables? Multiplication and division facts underpin so many mathematical concepts. Knowing your times tables, and the related division facts, will help your child to feel more confident in their maths lessons. Want to know more? Oxford owl have produced some handy information for parents, including how you can help at home. Take a look at their website: www.oxfordowl.co.uk

You can also have a go at some online games to help recall the facts quickly. There are lots of websites with activities to complete. Try www.timestables.co.uk for mini tests, memory games and fun challenges!

Community Links

Home-Start Cotswolds Volunteering Opportunities

Home-Start are searching for volunteers to support families in the local area. See the advert from them below:

Do you have parenting experience? Can you give 2-3 hours during the week to help local families with young children?

Being a parent is hard, especially if you do not have family and friends nearby to help. We train volunteers to visit families and provide them with non-judgemental, confidential support. Our next FREE training course will run in Cirencester every Wed morning during term time for 8 weeks, from 22nd Jan to 18th Mar 2020. To find out more, come along for coffee at 11am in either Cirencester on Wed 6th Nov, or Bourton-on-the-Water on Mon 11th Nov. Full details at www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk or call us on 01285 885391. We'd love to hear from you!



ASPIRE Point Totals

Bluebell: 210
Buttercup: 288
Thistle: 238
Rose: 220
Whole School: 956
Target: 5,000

Celebrations at Andoversford

A very special thank you to the generous parent who donated a sandpit to Ash Class this week. We are very happy to have such a supportive community!

This week our ASPIRE award winners were:

Ash: Charley
Oak: Madison
Beech: Hannah
Willow: Ryan V
TEAMie of the Week: Madee

The Mystery Reader was chosen by Lily E this week. She chose to donate *There's a Werewolf in My Tent* By Pamela Butchart to Willow Class!



Harvest Donations

After working successfully with the North Cotswold Foodbank last year, we will again be supporting the charity at Harvest. The Foodbank support families in our local community who may be facing hardship by providing 3 day's worth of emergency food to those who are in crisis. Part of the Tressell Trust, the Foodbank works to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

We will be collecting long-life products, such as tinned rice pudding, fruit juice and rice. Take a look at the website to find out what they currently need and what they have plenty of: northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk

We will be accepting donations between now and the Harvest Service on 18th October. Please send any items into school with your child, or bring larger donations directly to the school office. Thank you for helping us to support our local community.



Dates for your Diary

September

30th No Wildlife Rangers or Newspaper Reporter Club

October

3rd Parent Forum at 2:30
4th PFTA Coffee Morning
4th Ash Class Phonics Meeting at 3:30: Date Change
9th INSET Day
10th and 11th Literature Festival Visits
14th -18th Book Fair
15th Parents' Evening from 3:30 to 6:30
16th Individual photos
17th Parents' Evening from 3:30 to 6:30
18th Harvest Service at 2:30
18th PTFA Jumble Sale
22nd Ash Class Superhero Tea Party
23rd 2020 Parents Open Morning at 10:00
24th 2020 Parents Open Evening at 4:30
25th ASPIRE Day: Diwali
28th to 1st November Half-Term

November

7th Willow Trip to Oxford Natural History Museum
12th Sport 4 Schools Athlete visit
15th Children in Need
29th ASPIRE Day: Ways to Well-Being

Remember key dates 2019-20 are available on the website and online calendar!



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