

Andoversford Primary School

Autumn Term 2019

3rd September

Newsletter

Welcome Back

It was great to see so many smiling faces this morning! We hope that you had a wonderful summer and are now fully rested and ready for an exciting year! This week we are welcoming 14 new faces to the Andoversford family—we are thrilled to have you!

Coming back to school and going into a new year group is always met with a mixture of nerves and excitement, even in our small setting. However every member of staff is committed to supporting your child to achieve their best—academically, socially and personally. Some of the most difficult lessons we learn in school don't relate to spelling, or history or even long division, but to developing independence and resilience. We know that our children will make mistakes, they will fail and they will get things wrong. But more importantly, they will be supported to learn from these experiences, to try again, to put things right, to persevere and to succeed. We can't wait to see what they can achieve!

#ASPIRE #lookingtothefuture #excitedtoback

ASPIRE Point Totals

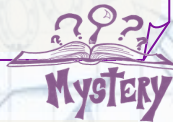
Bluebell: 0
Buttercup: 0
Thistle: 0
Rose: 0
Whole School: 0
Target: 5,000

Celebrations at Andoversford

Each week we look out for children who demonstrate our ASPIRE values in school. Each week a certificate is awarded to a pupil who has been spotted being incredibly respectful, persevering in their learning or showing enjoyment! Keep your eyes peeled for your child's name here!

Mystery Reader

In Friday's assembly we have a raffle for the mystery reader. This year children will be given raffle tickets for reading at home, completing a super piece of work in a reading lesson or showing that they are reading for pleasure. Keep encouraging your child to read at home as often as possible!



A Cash-Free Future

We have been partially cashless at Andoversford for a while, but we will no longer be accepting cash in the school office apart from charity donations and fundraising. Water bottles can still be purchased from the office for £1.50 as part of our school fundraising drive. Trips, clubs and school dinners can now only be paid for using ParentPay. Your school dinner account needs to be kept in credit.

Visit the Classroom

On Friday we will be sending home the welcome pack for parents. It is a great source of info for the year ahead! This term we are also starting the new year with an open invitation to meet your child's class teacher and get a peek inside the classroom. Next week we have scheduled a welcome session so that you can get to know the expectations and routines in the new year group. It is a fantastic opportunity to find out more and to support your child in their learning this year. We look forward to seeing lots of parents!

At Andoversford we are a team! We believe in home and school working together to support our pupils. Teachers are available for a quick chat before and after school, or if you need to liaise with your child's class teacher to help and support them in their learning you can also arrange a time to get together. Speak to the teachers directly or pop into the office to make an appointment.

Community Links

Gardening Club

Have you enjoyed any produce from gardening club? They have been continuing their fantastic work over the holidays and have harvested onions, French beans, 5.5kg of potatoes, 1.5kg runner beans, 11 cucumbers, 10 courgettes, 1kg of tomatoes. Incredible! We really appreciate the extra effort that our parents go to help us run superb activities for the children. There is still a lot left to harvest, so look out for offers to collect the fresh fruit and veg!

Running Club

We would love to offer a running club and have a willing club leader for a Monday after school, however we need a second volunteer. Are you free? Can you help out? Please speak to Sam Smith-Hibbert or pop into the office if you are available.



A Fresh Start to the Day

Following feedback received last year, we have altered our morning routines. Children now go straight into the classroom to complete a thinking skills task when they arrive at school. We encourage pupils to look after their own things and hang up their bags and coats so that they can develop independence. Our gates are open from 8:40 and children can be dropped off from this time. Teachers are usually available at the back door of each classroom if you have a quick message. We close the gates at 8:50 when the bell rings and we take the register.

If the blue car park gate is open when leaving school please can you close it behind you.

Medical Information

If your child has a medical condition, food allergy or asthma, please make sure that we have current information. Please pop into the school office ASAP to check that your child's information is up to date. Remember inhalers and a new asthma plan are needed in school! Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

September

9th Welcome to Willow Class at 2:30
10th Welcome to Beech Class at 2:30
11th Welcome to Oak Class at 2:30
19th SATs Meeting for Y6 parents at 3:30
23rd Reception pupils full time
27th Wear Spots for Leukaemia

October

2nd Ash Class Phonics Meeting at 3:30
3rd Parent Forum at 2:30
9th INSET Day

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

