

Andoversford Primary School

Summer Term 2019

24th May

Newsletter

Celebrations at Andoversford

This week our ASPIRE award winners were:

Ash: Oscar T*
Oak: Dexter
Beech: Oscar D
Willow: Levi

This week we have been really impressed by the number of parents joining in with The Daily Mile, so are presenting a special **TEAMie of the Week** to Mr Francis!

Summer's Here!

We have been enjoying the sunshine this week! What glorious weather! Please remember that sun-hats and sun cream can be brought into school at this time of year so that children can stay safe in the sun. We advise you to clearly show your child's name on everything they bring into school so that it is easily identifiable! We are actively encouraging children to drink plenty of water throughout the day, so please make sure they have a water bottle in school. Let's hope that the sun continues for the half-term! Enjoy your week! **#ASPIRE #waterrules #staysafeinthesun**



ASPIRE Point Totals*

Bluebell: 248
Buttercup: 275
Thistle: 164
Rose: 265
Whole School: 4,490
* unchanged this week



Packed Lunches

Andoversford is a Healthy School. We are very keen to maintain our status as a Healthy School so recently sent a reminder about packed lunches as some items have started to creep into lunchboxes. A reminder that chocolate bars, sweets and crisps should not be included in children's school snacks or lunch boxes. Fruit, cereal bars and biscuits are absolutely fine and we must remember that small quantities of sugar and fat are essential in a balanced diet. No items are removed from children or put in the bin. If you would like ideas about what to include take a look at our webpage [by clicking here](#).

ASPIRE Day: Environment

Eco Committee helped us to organise a fantastic ASPIRE Day today! The children have worked in mixed groups to take part in various activities, which were suggested by the Committee to help develop sustainability within the school grounds. They have been collecting litter—and have found a surprising amount of plastic waste around the school site! They have also planted some trees and wild flowers to develop the end of the field and made eco-friendly bird-feeders to keep the feathered residents happy! It was wonderful to see the children so excited about the environment and working so hard to develop the school grounds together.

Thank you to everyone who wore green and gave a donation. Eco Committee now have £70 to put towards new recycling bins for the playground. A great start to their fundraising!



K'Nex Challenge 2019

On Tuesday, two pupils from Willow Class visited Renishaw to take part in the final round of the K'Nex Challenge 2019, organised by STEMWorks. They had to design and make a robotic arm. Their final product was incredible and they came away with First Place! Congratulations Team!



Community News

At Andoversford, we value the opinions of pupils, family, friends and the wider school community. Throughout the year we have introduced some new positive behaviour strategies, such as ASPIRE tokens, Silver and Gold charts in every classroom and strategies such as the Wheel of Choice to support children when managing conflicts. We have also made changes to the Red and Yellow card system, so that negative sanctions are less visible and dealt with on an individual level. At the moment we are reviewing how well these ideas are working and would love some feedback so that we can work together to improve the school. If you have any comments linked to the behaviour policy please let us know—you can drop us an email, or leave a comment in the box in the office. Thank you for working with us to make our school a better place!

Residential

Willow Class have been on an exciting adventure in Devon this week. On Wednesday morning, we waved them off before their long journey to Beam House. Over the three days they have taken part in some very exciting outdoor activities including Trapeze, Zip Wire, Beach Games and a coastal walk. In the evenings they have been kept entertained around the Campfire and at a very loud Disco! It is an amazing opportunity for children to learn outside the classroom—particularly to develop independence and perseverance skills. We are enormously proud of how well all children have faced activities that they might be worried about, but even more proud of how well they have supported each other. What an experience!

You can take a look at the PGL page of our website for more information and pictures from the visit. Snippets have been uploaded in the gaps between activities while they have been away. When they arrive back the page will be updated again with a full range of photos—it can be tricky to share everything with limited WIFI! [Click here for access](#)



Dates for your Diary

May
27th – 31st Half Term

June

3rd Group 2 start Running Club
4th **No Yoga Club**
5th Oak Class Artist Workshop: Elmer's Friends
7th Sports Day: parents invited from 1:30
7th PTFA Summer Fair
11th Severn Shield Athletics: Field Events
13th Reception Parents Welcome Meeting
14th Head Teacher coffee morning at 9:00
17th Beech Class Trip to Living Rainforest
18th **No Yoga Club**
19th Whole School ASPIRE Reward
20th Class Transition afternoon 1
27th Class Transition afternoon 2

July

2nd Multi Skills for Ash and Oak
4th Class Transition afternoon 3
4th Severn Shield Athletics: Track Events
5th PTFA Disco
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
19th Term Ends at 2:00

