

ANDOVERSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2020

7th February

NEWSLETTER

Celebrations at Andoversford

We did not hold our usual celebrations this week as we enjoyed the superb music concert.

ASPIRE Awards, Teamie and Mystery Reader will resume next week!



Packed with Extras

This week has been jam-packed with curriculum enrichment opportunities! On Thursday, Willow Class had a particularly busy day with a trip to SkillZone in the morning and a Chinese Feast in the afternoon! We had some incredible feedback from the staff at SkillZone who described their behaviour as impeccable! Well done! We also ended the week with a musical extravaganza. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the performance, especially the peripatetic teachers who have been working with our instrumentalists. If you are interested in woodwind, guitar or piano lessons for your child, please ask the office for more details.

#ASPIRE #enjoy #welovelearning #musicaltalent

ASPIRE Point Totals

Bluebell: 229
Buttercup: 299
Thistle: 236
Rose: 237
Whole School: 3,298
Target: 5,000
No change this week



Period Poverty

More than 137,700 pupils have missed school because they could not afford sanitary products. It is estimated that one in ten girls between the ages of 14 and 21 cannot afford menstrual protection. This affects people within Gloucestershire and our own local community. We have created a Red Box as part of our commitment to supporting the local community. Our box contains sanitary towels and tampons, which are available to anyone who needs them free of charge. Just ask for the Red Box at the office. Drop off any donations if you are in a position to help.



A big thank you for helping with Cobalt's Big Sort again this year. Over 200,000 cards were sorted from public donations, and together with yours, Cobalt have upcycled (re-used) 100 boxes worth of used Christmas cards.

Cobalt raise around £30,000 with this initiative. This money helps fund the amazing charity work carried out by Cobalt; including investment into cancer and dementia diagnostic equipment as well as hiring two breast cancer research nurses.

To learn more about Cobalt's work please visit their website:

<https://www.cobalthhealth.co.uk>



PTFA

The PTFA are signed up to receive donations from easyfundraising. Signing up is a great way to support the school and raise a little money!

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for the PTFA. How? Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal.

Remember the PTFA will be selling hot drinks and snacks at Parents' Evening—so why not stop by for a chat and see how easyfundraising works!

Maths: Do, Dig, Deepen

In our Maths lessons we focus on deepening children's understanding of an idea. Each lesson has a Do activity, which helps children to practice an idea, for example completing some addition questions. This understanding is stretched through a Dig task, which may involve finding a mistake, spotting the odd one out or using limited digits to complete a task. Finally we ensure that the learning is secure with a Deepen activity where children prove how they know or explain their understanding. Look out for the different tasks in the maths books at Parents' Evening!



Community Links:

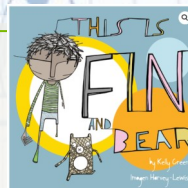
Facts 4 Life

If you want to get your hands on your copy of Fin and Bear please let us know by Friday 14th February. We will be placing our order with the Facts 4 Life Team before school finishes for Half Term.

Caterlink

Caterlink are seeking to recruit staff to support the service at our school.

"We are seeking to recruit talented and ambitious individuals to work as a team at Castle Hill/Andoversford School, working term time only. Current Vacancies: Transporter 16 hours a week. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact the Gloucester office on 01452 346796"



Dates for your Diary

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

February

No Clubs next week due to Parents' Evenings

Don't forget parents' evening.

10th to 14th Book Fair
10th Ash Class Birthday Party
11th Parents' Evening 3:30 to 6:30
13th Parents' Evening 3:30 to 6:00

14th ASPIRE Day: Tea and Tangerines
17th - 21st Half Term
27th Parent Workshop: Spelling at 9:00
27th Willow Class SchoolBeat workshop

March

5th World Book Day
9th Parent Workshop: Division at 3:00
13th ASPIRE Day: Sport Relief
19th Oak Class Aquarium Trip
23rd Parent Forum at 2:30

