

Andoversford Primary School

Spring Term 2019

15th March

Newsletter

High Winds Strike!

I'd be very surprised if you haven't already heard the strange news about our tree. The high winds and storms have been causing havoc in the nature area—first with a branch being blown down—then the whole tree. Luckily we have some very eagle eyed pupils who have been inspecting the trees on a daily basis... from behind the safety gate I should add! Next week, we will be inviting the tree surgeons back to help us cut up and move the debris.

Outdoor learning is a vital aspect of our curriculum and occasions like this allow us to make links between our learning and the environment. Forest School has become increasingly popular across the UK and there is a developing body of research proving the positive benefits for young people, with lots of evidence specifically relating to young people's emotional wellbeing and behaviour.

#ASPIRE #learninggoesbeyondtheclassroom

Donations

We are so lucky! Our school is fantastically well-supported by the local community. Today we had a very exciting delivery to the hall—a piano! This is such a generous donation, which will really enhance our music curriculum, not to mention take our performances up a level. We'd like to express enormous thanks to Jan Gwynn who donated the piano and to Mr Joynes, Mr Banyard and Mr Halilaj who provided the muscle to move it! The Heys family have also sourced a table tennis set, which we will shortly be using at break and lunchtimes! We can't wait for a new activity to keep us all entertained. Finally, we'd like to thank everyone for your donations today. We have raised £102.20 for Comic Relief. Great work everyone!

ASPIRE Day: Holi

We have something exciting planned for our next ASPIRE Day. All children will need to bring a plain white or pale-coloured T-shirt into school. We will be using dye to decorate them!

Community Notices

There are some great opportunities for children in our local area. Take a look at the various activities on offer:

Charlton Kings Tennis

The 2019 season starts on 30th March and runs until 27th October. Tennis is available for all abilities, both for adults and children. For more information and full details on what course suits you, costs, dates and times visit <http://www.charltonkingstennisplace.co.uk/>

Free golf lessons from the Cotswold School

The Junior Organiser at Naunton Downs Golf Club would like to encourage as many juniors as possible to try out golf. You do not need to be a member of the club to take part in the junior coaching sessions and all sessions will be free. The sessions will be relaxed and friendly, running from April to September, with the Professional at Naunton providing the coaching and lessons. If you are interested you can find out more information via e-mail mtye@thecotswoldschool.co.uk

Gloucestershire Music on 23rd March

Gloucestershire Music is holding a free Learn To Play Session at a music centre near your school. It is part of a national initiative to get people interested in learning a musical instrument. For more information visit www.musicforall.org.uk

ASPIRE Point Totals

Bluebell: 339

Buttercup: 444

Thistle: 405

Rose: 373

Whole School: 3461

Celebrations at Andoversford

This week our ASPIRE award winners were:

Ash: Madison

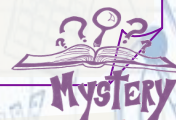
Oak: Jasmine

Beech: Ellenoyre

Willow: : Noah

TEAMie of the week: Owen

The Mystery Reader was chosen by Molly this week. She chose to donate Creepers by Tom Fletcher to Oak Class!



Year 5 Parents: Transfer to Secondary Schools

It might seem like a long way until the end of primary school, but the end of Year 5 is a good time to start thinking about the next step for your child. Many local secondary schools start offering open mornings to visit and ask questions. Some schools do send information directly to us which we can pass on to parents. Marling School have recently sent some flyers for September 2020 Admission. If you would like one, please pop into the office. You can also find more information about the process on the GCC website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school/>

Creepy Crawlies in School

We have had reports of head lice in school 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 about treatment options click here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/#>

Dates for your Diary

Term Dates for 2019-20 are now on the website

- ⇒ 19th March Feet First Dance festival
- ⇒ 20th March Oak Class Trip
- ⇒ **22nd March ASPIRE Day: Holi**
- ⇒ 26th March Willow Class trip
- ⇒ 3rd April Music Concert at 2:00
- ⇒ 4th April Parents SAT Session
- ⇒ 5th April Easter Service at 1:00
- ⇒ **5th April Term Ends at 2:00**
- ⇒ 23rd – 26th April Arts Week
- ⇒ 26th April Head Teacher coffee morning at 9:00
- ⇒ 3rd May Tempest Photos (Class)
- ⇒ 6th May Bank Holiday
- ⇒ 9th May Parents PGL Briefing
- ⇒ 10th May Oak Class Assembly
- ⇒ 13th – 16th May Key Stage 2 SATs
- ⇒ 22nd–24th May PGL Residential
- ⇒ **24th May Aspire Day: Environment**
- ⇒ 27th–31st May half term

PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!