

ANDOVERSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2020

24th January

NEWSLETTER

Helping Ourselves

This week we were joined by the Facts 4 Life team for some pupil workshops. Pete was very impressed with the work that the school is already doing to support pupils and was blown away by the knowledge that they shared. Children shared strategies to help ourselves feel better and talked about what to do in different situations. Don't forget to join us on Wednesday at 2:00pm for the parent follow-up session!

#ASPIRE #enjoy #buildresilience #healthmatters

ASPIRE Point Totals

Bluebell: 164
Buttercup: 221
Thistle: 171
Rose: 191
Whole School: 3,043
Target: 5,000

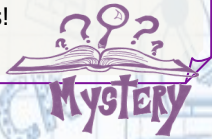
Celebrations at Andoversford

This week our ASPIRE award winners were:

Ash: Charley
Oak: Bella
Beech: Raven
Willow: Charlotte

TEAMie of the Week: Jessica D

The Mystery Reader was chosen by Jack L this week. He chose to donate Wonder to Willow Class!



Uniform

We are meeting with Wreal Sports next week—remember to email the office with any feedback that you would like to raise about the uniform quality or service.

What's in your Maths Toolkit?

Many of us don't know how to help with maths at home—perhaps we were taught different methods when we were at school—or maybe we didn't have a positive experience of maths growing up! Don't worry, help is at hand. Take a look at [Family Maths Toolkit](#) for some helpful advice and ideas to do with children right up to the age of 13.



Think U Know

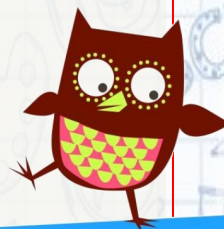
We are often bombarded with worrying stories about children's use of technology, but where do we go for help? You can find lots of advice and tips on the parents pages of our website. [Click here for access.](#)

You can also keep up to date with current advice on the Think U Know website. [Click here](#) for an excellent article about how to start an e-safety conversation with your child.

Supporting reading at home

Our parent reading workshop this week focussed on barriers to reading development. The Oxford Language Report (2018) tells us that one of the main barriers to reading and academic development is a limited vocabulary. However, if a child reads for just 20 minutes a day, they could be exposed to a whopping 1,800,000 words in a school year! This includes being read to. Reading books to your child that are beyond their level will also help to increase their vocabulary and understanding. If you want more support to help your child at home, we highly recommend logging in to 'Oxford Owl.' And of course, your child's teacher will always be able to offer advice.

There is a wealth of knowledge and free resources for parents on: www.oxfordowl.co.uk



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Dates for your Diary
Remember key dates 2019-20 are available on the website and online calendar!

January 2020
28th Parent Forum at 2:30
Remember you can send ideas for discussion to the school office if you cannot attend in person!
28th Young Voices Concert: Genting Arena
29th Parent Workshop: Helping Little People with Big Emotions at 2:00

February
6th Parent Workshop: + and - at 3:00
7th Music Concert at 2:30
10th to 14th Book fair
10th Ash Class Birthday celebration
11th Parents' Evening from 3:30 to 6:30
13th Parents' Evening from 3:30 to 6:00
14th ASPIRE Day: Tea and Tangerines
17th - 21st Half Term

Community Links:

We have been having a few challenges with our lunch provider at the moment. Caterlink have had some turbulence with staffing and we have had two new area managers in the last few months. They have also struggled to recruit new staff for the kitchens and for serving food. We are working closely with the team to try and improve the service that we are getting and we give them feedback on a daily basis. We are also exploring whether there are any alternative providers who could offer a better service. Please let us know any feedback from parents which we can pass on. Thank you for your patience.

