

# Andoversford Primary School

Spring Term 2019  
11th January

## Newsletter

### Celebrations at Andoversford

This week our ASPIRE award winners were:

**Ash:** Millie

**Oak:** Lewis

**Beech:** Jessica

**Willow:** Aelspeth

**The Mystery Reader** was chosen by Diego this week. He chose to donate Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone to Oak Class!



### Happy New Year! Welcome to 2019!

A very warm welcome back to school for the start of the Spring Term. I hope that you all had a restful time over the Christmas break, but that the children are now excited to be back at school and back to their routines!

The classrooms look amazing! In Ash Class, the home corner has been turned into a birthday party for the Celebrations topic. In Oak Class, the room has been invaded by a pirate ship—hopefully nobody will have to walk the plank! In Beech, there is definitely a chill in the air with rather a lot of snow! In Willow Class, we can see first-hand the impact of plastics in our oceans with their hanging display. A very apt choice of topic—I'm sure they will find plenty of extra information in the news. I'm sure that all the children will enjoy their new theme and develop a love of learning! #APSIRE #welovetolearn

### ASPIRE Point Totals

Bluebell: 121

Buttercup: 128

Thistle: 122

Rose: 119

Whole School: 2329

### Welcome Packs

This week you will be receiving a welcome pack from the class teacher with information about what is coming up! There will be a new timetable so you can keep track of which days your child will need a PE or outdoor learning kit. You will also have a new set of homework projects for your child to tackle this term! We look forward to seeing the results!

### Vacancies

We are currently advertising 2 vacancies in school. Could you, or someone you know be a suitable candidate? We are looking for a Midday Supervisor to replace Bev, who has been offered a role in home care—which is her preferred career. We wish her the very best of luck and know that she will be fantastic.

We are also looking for an Admin Assistant to work part-time hours in the school office. For more information contact the office or check out the information on the [Vacancies](#) page of our website.

### Office News

Since Mrs Wainwright's departure, we have had reduced hours in the office, but until Christmas we did manage to cover every day. From the start of this term however the office will be unmanned on a Friday. We will be answering the phone when possible and checking voicemail messages on a Friday but please be aware that it will not be a full service. As always, unless the message is urgent, the best way to contact the office is via email so that the information can be passed on or dealt with in a timely manner. Please bear with us during this transition time—we are doing the best that we can!



### Winter Weather

There are lots of bugs and viruses around at this time of year. Remember that children should be kept at home for **48 hours** following a vomiting or diarrhoea outbreak so that we reduce the chances of illness spreading across the school. Sometimes children seem well sooner, but it is much better to take the extra time so that the illness cannot be passed on.

Despite now being in the Spring term, we are now in the coldest months of the winter! If we do have severe weather affecting the school, and/or making travel to the school unsafe, we may need to take action. In some cases it may be possible to open the school later from 10 o'clock so that travelling is outside the rush hour and in daylight, however there may be some occasions where it is not possible to remain open. We will keep you informed by text and will aim to give information as early as possible so that you can prepare. You can also check up to date information on the GCC emergency closures website:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/>



### Community Notices

#### WREAL Uniform

Now that we are in the new year, our uniform supplier has moved over to WREAL Sports based in Bourton-on-the-Water. If you need any new uniform or bags you can now visit our client page

<http://www.wrealSports.co.uk/school-wear/andoversford>

We hope that the experience will be much easier than before as you can now shop online or pop into the store to pick things up. Remember sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts and PE T-shirts with the school logo can only be purchased from this supplier now. However a number of supermarkets and other stores offer very good value shorts, skirts, pinafores or trousers to keep costs down. The new embroidered RED polo shirts will become our only uniform shirt option from September 2019 to give you plenty of time to make the switch. There is no need to buy the red top until your current options need replacing.



### Dates for your Diary

- ⇒ 7th January Back to School
- ⇒ 8th January New Clubs start
- ⇒ 14th January Beech stay & read session 9:00 – 9:30
- ⇒ 15th January Oak stay & read session 9:00 – 9:30
- ⇒ **15th January NO Dance or Code Club**
- ⇒ 16th January Ash stay & read session 9:00 – 9:30
- ⇒ 18th January Head Teacher coffee morning at 9:00
- ⇒ 21st January Young Voices
- ⇒ 24th January Willow Class Trip
- ⇒ 25th January Willow Class Assembly at 2:30
- ⇒ 29th January Willow stay & read 9:00 – 9:30
- ⇒ 5th ASPIRE Day: Chinese New Year
- ⇒ 11th to 15th Book Fair
- ⇒ 12th Parents' Evening from 3:30 to 6:30
- ⇒ 13th Parents' Evening from 3:30 to 6:00
- ⇒ 15th Beech Class Assembly
- ⇒ 18th – 22nd Half Term

