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Andoversford Primary School Governor's Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

This term has been a very busy and exciting time for Andoversford Primary School.

We have modified the school structure, developing our four class structure; Ash class with our EYFS children, Oak class with our year one and two children, Beech Class with our year 3 and 4 children and Willow class with our year 5 and 6 children.

We welcomed two amazing new class teachers to the teaching team in Charlotte Masek and Rowan Davis Butler. We were also excited to welcome back Sarah Clarke after her maternity leave.

Our head teacher Rachel Bradley McKay continues to lead school developments to the benefit of each child in school.

We are delighted to have developed our outdoor learning experiences for the children this term. We now have two of our teaching team who have had Forest School training and all children have dedicated time in our outside learning area each week. Many thanks to those parents and friends who were able to make our working party where a mammoth leaf collection was made and the willow structures developed.

School developments have continued at pace. The children have been encouraged to develop as enthusiastic readers, through a myriad of reading activities, the use of 'The Power of Reading', the choosing of a mystery reader, Bug Club to name but a few.

The school is part of a Transfor Maths project, which is enabling the school to develop best practice in the teaching and learning of mathematics.

The children have been given the opportunity to choose activities to enjoy in Genius Hour with their friends across the school. The school is developing emotional health and resilience through the use of strategies of Mindfulness and a Growth Mindset. The school has had opportunities to explore a range of Issues on ASPIRE Days exploring Mindfulness and Remembrance

Music opportunities have developed with children learning the guitar, saxophone, flute and violins. The school has a choir club preparing to attend Young Voices in January 2019. A group of our children journeyed to Kingsholm to sing carols when Gloucester Rugby Players turned on the Christmas lights In Gloucester.

The children have had the opportunity to join a plethora of after school clubs. They enjoy Coding Club, Young Voices, Tag Rugby, Dance, Drama, Netball, Arts and Crafts and Board Games.

The children have also been on a range of adventures with children journeying to the Wilson Museum, The Roald Dahl Museum and 'We the Curious'.



The children hosted incredibly interesting and interactive 'Homework Showcases' to celebrate and enjoy their theme work over the term.

The whole school came together at the end of term for a school Christmas Lunch to which parents were invited, followed by performances of the 'Sleepy Stargazers', our nativity play this year, filled with brilliant, starring moments from a range of characters, conveying the true meaning of Christmas with humour and joy. This year the weather forced us to cancel our annual procession through the village to the Community Church, however mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and carol singing were thoroughly enjoyed in the school hall instead.

Governing body

Aileen Jones continues as our Clerk to Governors this term. Thank you for your dedication to Andoversford Primary School.

My thanks also go to the Governor Team of Sharon Harvey (Vice Chair], Ruth Fulford. Shane Gue, John Everitt, Charlotte Masek (teacher governor) who continue to work with enthusiasm to make Andoversford Primary School the best it can be.

This term the Governors have held, the following meetings, the minutes of which will be posted on the school's website.

We held a **Curriculum Performance and Standards Committee Meeting**. We discussed with our head teacher the impact of her plans to improve our provision for the children in our school to provide the most exciting and fulfilling curriculum to enable the children to maximise their learning potential.

We held a **Resources Committee Meeting** where we reviewed the state of our finances to ensure that we are able to sustain our marvellous school at the centre of our community.

We held a **Full Governing Body meeting FGB** where we reviewed our progress on the School Development Plan, received our head teacher's report and took any necessary decisions.

The Governors also attended training courses focusing this term on analysis and use of the school's data, governors have attended 'new to governors training' and our clerk has received training. All governors have taken part in 'Keeping Children Safe' to ensure the safety of all of our children.

As Governors we are charged with ensuring that Andoversford Primary School is sustained into the future. As such, we have been exploring ensuring an effective collaborative structure to sustain Andoversford Primary School into the future. We have decided not to pursue the possibility forming a Multi Academy Trust in the North Cotswolds.

We look forward to continue working with the whole school community in Andoversford and wish you all a happy fun filled and Christmas holiday

Best Wishes

Merilyn Davies

Chair Of Governors

