

# Andoversford Primary School

Spring Term 2019

29th March

## Newsletter

### Celebrations at Andoversford

This week our ASPIRE award winners were:

**Ash:** Fergus

**Oak:** Oliver

**Beech:** Emily

**Willow:** Ben

**TEAMie of the week:** Rosie

**The Mystery Reader** was chosen by Will this week. He chose to donate Grandpa's Great Escape by David Walliams to Willow Class!



### Easter Activities

On Friday 5th April, we will be holding some special events to celebrate Easter with the whole school community. Miss Daffurn has been busy planning the day with the PTFA and we are really looking forward to some of the new ideas and some old favourites too! All children are encouraged to enter a cake into the Easter Cake competition. Please bring delicious entries into school in the morning. After judging has been completed, all cakes will be available for sale at the end of the day. We would love for family and friends to join us from 11:00. First will be the traditional egg-rolling, followed by an egg hunt where house teams will be working together to find and solve the pieces of their puzzle. We are hoping that the good weather continues so that we can enjoy a picnic on the field, but we will have the hall on standby just in case! In the afternoon, we will be joined by Rev. Colin for the Easter assembly and prize-giving ceremony. Hopefully you can all join us for all of the events!

Term ends at 2:00pm on Friday. Take a break and enjoy some family time during the holidays! Happy Easter!



### School Trips and Visits

#### Willow Class excursion to Greystones

On Tuesday, Willow Class went to Greystones Farm as part of an experience with Gloucester Wildlife Trust. We took part in a fascinating river study workshop where we measured the depth, width and speed of the river and we did some kick-sampling. We got to investigate all types of creatures that reside in the river including cased caddis, mayfly and bull head fish to name but a few! It was such an informative and exciting workshop with so many hands on activities - We love Greystones! All children who visited were also given a leaflet with 3 months free membership: don't forget to visit [www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk)

#### Ash and Oak Class visit to Whittington Church

Ash and Oak classes enjoyed a lovely, sunny trip to Whittington Church on Thursday afternoon. The Reverend Colin told us about the history of the church and demonstrated a wedding ceremony for Ash class! Oak class children went on a hunt for Christian symbols and they were amazed at the many unique cross designs they could spot. The children enjoyed sketching and talking about the meaning of the symbols. Thank you to the Reverend, church volunteers and parent helpers for their support. Mrs Masek, Miss Daffurn, Mrs Beaton and Miss Tibbett.

### Community Notices

#### Consultation: Change to Admissions Arrangements at Pates

We recently received information about a consultation to change the admissions arrangements at Pates Grammar School. The consultation period is now open for members of the community to share their views. More information and the full consultation details are available on the school website: [www.patesgs.org](http://www.patesgs.org)

#### Year 5 Parents: Transfer to Secondary Schools

Crypt School have 2 taster days coming up for pupils currently in Year 5. Children will get a chance to take part in lessons and get to know the surroundings. For more information and on-line registration forms visit [www.cryptschool.org](http://www.cryptschool.org)

### ASPIRE Point Totals

Bluebell: 360

Buttercup: 465

Thistle: 402

Rose: 420

Whole School: 3527

### The Lost Words

This week, we received an incredible donation. A copy of 'The Lost Words' was dropped off for our pupils to enjoy. This beautifully crafted book aims to help children rediscover the wonder of the natural world, wherever they happen to live. The illustrations of British wildlife are absolutely stunning— I'm sure that the children will adore spending time with this treasure. Thank you to The Yellow-Lighted Bookshop for your kind gift.



### Do you love to dance?

Move More, who organise the Feet First Festival as well as many other sporting events in our county, will be running a 'Dance Moves' camp for 4 days over Easter. Sessions will take place at Balcarras between 15th and 18th April. For more information about the camp pop into the office to collect a leaflet or email [camps@move-more.org](mailto:camps@move-more.org)

### Dates for your Diary

- ⇒ Running Club as normal on Monday
- ⇒ No Clubs 2nd—5th April
- ⇒ 3rd April Music Concert at 2:00
- ⇒ 4th April SATs Session for Y6 Parents at 3:30
- ⇒ 5th April Easter Events and Service from 11:00
- ⇒ **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 PGL Briefing for Parents at 3:30
- ⇒ 10th May Oak Class Assembly at 2:30
- ⇒ 13th – 16th May Key Stage 2 SATs
- ⇒ 24th May Aspire Day: Environment
- ⇒ 27th—31st May half term
- ⇒ 7th June Sports Day parents invited from 1:30
- ⇒ 14th Head Teacher coffee morning at 9:00

