

# Andoversford Primary School

Spring Term 2019  
8th February

## Newsletter

### Celebrations at Andoversford

This week our ASPIRE award winners were:

**Ash:** Esme\*

**Oak:** Diego

**Beech:** Rory

**Willow:** Rosie

**TEAMie of the week:** Katie

**The Mystery Reader** was chosen by Ben this week. He chose to donate Thimble Monkey Superstar by John Blake to Willow Class!



### ASPIRE Day Celebrations

On Tuesday this week, we joined millions of people around the world to celebrate Chinese New Year. Children enjoyed a range of activities with teachers from across the school—working in groups rather than classes for this ASPIRE event. The school was filled with the aroma of Chinese cooking—with children preparing a simple noodle dish to sample. I'm told that the sweet chili dip for prawn crackers was more popular than the hoisin dip, but both went down very well! Children also learnt more about the Chinese zodiac, made lanterns and puppets and even choreographed a dragon dance! A great day for all! #APSIRE #welovetolearn

### ASPIRE Point Totals

Bluebell: 237

Buttercup: 313

Thistle: 284

Rose: 302

Whole School: 2700

### After-School Running Club

Thanks to a parent volunteer, we will soon be offering a brand new club on a Monday after school. Running Club will offer children the chance to develop the skills needed for long distance runs and cross-country events. It is a fantastic opportunity for us as a school and we are delighted to give children the chance to try out another sport. We hope to inspire a new generation of athletes! Keep your eyes peeled for more information coming soon!

### Gardening Club

We are thrilled to announce that we will soon be able to offer a gardening club thanks to the support of our families. In order to get started, we will need some gardening equipment, tools, pots, seeds etc. If you have anything useful for gardening that is no longer used, please let us put it to good use! Any donations would be very much appreciated!

### Dance: Feet First

A reminder that there are some date changes for dance club on the run up to the Feet First Festival. Please check the letter that you received this week to make sure the new dates are in your diary!

### E-Safety

Next week, our local School Beat Officer—Leah Davis—will be coming into school to deliver an assembly and workshop. The School Beat Officers are police officers who work in schools to support pupils and help them to stay safe. In her first visit, Willow Class will be doing an internet safety workshop. She will also be available on Tuesday after school—at the beginning of parents' evening—to answer your questions and give e-safety advice. Remember our website also has a wealth of e-safety information to help parents.

[Click here to check it out!](#)



### World Book Day

Advanced Warning! Thursday 7th March is World Book Day! Get your costumes at the ready! On World Book Day, children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book to celebrate reading. We will be doing some special activities during the day, including buddy reading with children from other classes. The World Book Day website has extra activities, games and inspiration. [Take a look!](#) Don't forget to spend your £1 World Book Day token at our Book Fair. Come and see us after school from Friday 8th to Wednesday 13th February!



### Community Notices

#### School Nurse Survey

The work the School Nurses undertake with families really does make a difference. As well as offering advice and support to young people in specialist areas they are always happy to listen to their views and experiences regarding everyday problems. The School Nursing Team are currently developing their services, and would be very grateful if you could spare a few moments to complete a short online survey. [Click here for access.](#)

#### Community Songs of Praise

On Sunday 24th February, we are taking part in a community Songs of Praise event with Withington School. Both schools are learning the same songs so that they can form a joint choir for the event! It will take place at 6pm at Withington Church. We hope that lots of our families will come along and take part. We have been advised that parking can be difficult and that the best option is to park at The Mill Inn and walk the very short distance up the hill.



### Dates for your Diary

- ⇒ 8th to 13th February Book Fair
- ⇒ 11th to 15th February **No Clubs this week**
- ⇒ 12th February Parents' Evening from 3:30 to 6:30
- ⇒ 13th February Parents' Evening from 3:30 to 6:00
- ⇒ 15th February Beech Class Assembly
- ⇒ **18th – 22nd Half Term**
- ⇒ 24th February Community Songs of Praise
- ⇒ 26th February **No Code Club**
- ⇒ 28th February Beech Class trip
- ⇒ 4th March Head Teacher Coffee morning at 9:00
- ⇒ 4th March Beech Class Music for Youth Performance
- ⇒ 7th March World Book Day
- ⇒ 15th March Red Nose Day
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ 5th April Easter Service at 1:00
- ⇒ 5th April Term Ends at 2:00

