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Andoversford Primary School Governors' Spring Term Newsletter 2019

This term has been a very busy and exciting time for Andoversford Primary School. Our head teacher Rachel Bradley McKay and her staff team continue to lead school developments to the benefit of each child in school: We are pleased that the school has continued to develop our outdoor learning provision for the children this term. The children have developed excellent skills in risk assessment in the management of our trees in the outdoor learning area including one that fell this term. We are delighted with the groundwork which has taken place in the school grounds, resulting in much better tended trees and a much improved ambience. School developments have continued at pace. Parents were given the opportunity to enjoy a Power of Reading session with their children. Feedback that we have received from this event was that it was a very positive experience for all those who could make it. 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 whole school came together at the end of term for a school music concert which included soloists, class ensembles and a range of class performances; great fun and showing the range of musical opportunities available to the children at our school. At the end of term, after Easter Activities both traditional and innovative, the whole school came together for a magnificent Easter Service.

Governing (Body) Board Aileen Jones continues as our Clerk to Governors this term. Thank you for your dedication to Andoversford Primary School. Welcome to Penny Banyard who has joined our Governor team this term as a Parent Governor. Once again, my thanks also go to the Governor Team of Sharon Hewlett (Vice Chair), Ruth Fulford, Shane Gue, John Everitt, Ben Rawlinson. Charlotte Masek (teacher governor) and Penny Banyard who continue to work with enthusiasm to make Andoversford Primary School the best it can be. We are keen to recruit a Local Authority Governor from the local community. Please let us have any nominations anyone you know who would enjoy supporting the local community school.

This term the Governors have held the following meetings, the minutes of which are on the school's website. We held a **Curriculum Performance and Standards Committee Meeting**. The school is continuing with its work on developing an exciting and creative curriculum for our children. We heard about the arrangements for our Y6 children who will take their KS2 SATs in May. We reviewed the school's Calculation Policy and reviewed the Impact of the Transfor Maths Project. 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. At this meeting we reviewed the school's performance against the Schools Financial Value Standard. We monitored the school's budget forecast. We also reviewed Health



and Safety across the school. We held two **Full Governing (Body) Board meeting FGB**. The first **Full Governing Board** meeting of the year included training on Developing an Effective Governing Board. This training was delivered by Governor Services from the Local Authority. Our second **Full Governing Body Meeting** this term was an Open Day in school and we enjoyed classroom and outdoor activities and a school lunch with the children. We feel it is important for the Governors to understand the working of the school on an ordinary school day. We were able to carry out necessary monitoring and review but also able to gain a feel for the school's ethos. During the day, we reviewed our school's website (which is a governor responsibility) to ensure that it was not only compliant but also was as easy to access as we can make it using our providers platform. Two Governors attended the Local Authority Accountability Event to develop skills when operating as a 'critical friend' to the school. The Governors also carried out a traffic survey into parking arrangements outside the school and The Ark Nursery. In addition to the available space along the Old Gloucester Road and at the rear of the school by the village hall, we now have permission to use the Royal Oak Car Park at school drop off and pick up times. We look forward to continue working with the whole school community in Andoversford and hope you had a happy fun filled family holiday this Easter

Best Wishes

Merilyn Davies

Chair Of Governors

