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Andoversford Primary School Governors' Newsletter Summer Term 2018

We welcomed our lovely new head teacher Rachel Bradley-McKay to the school at the beginning of term.

School Events:

This has been a very special term in the history of Andoversford Primary School. We celebrated the school's 90th Birthday with a tea party. As Governors we discovered why we had been challenged when engaged in building work to the front of the school a few years ago. We met the headmaster who had been in charge of the school on its 50th Birthday. At that time the school did not have a staff-room, which was added to the front of the school.

In Arts Week all the children made a brilliant new Andoversford Mosaic, all their own work and now proudly on display in our entrance hall. The children also worked on display hoarding to promote site safety with Dowdeswell estates.

The whole school went to the RIAT at Fairford: a memorable day in their primary education.

The whole school came together, the cast from drama club and a whole school choir for a fantastic performance of the Wizard of Oz.

The children had a plethora of sporting opportunities including an archery session as well as swimming, cricket, rounders and athletics.

School Structure:

At the end of term we bid farewell to two class teachers; who are embarking on new adventures. Mr Lee Hitchman who has served the school well over the last few years moves on to develop sport and his class teaching in a new school. Mrs Lucy Barr who similarly has relished every opportunity Andoversford has given her and has been a delight as a class teacher, returns with her family to Dubai. Alastair Kirby has worked tirelessly across the school and promoted a whole range of sports, moves on to pastures new. Mrs Mareille Meakin has secured a job as a teaching assistant. We wish all our staff leavers good luck in the future and thank them for all the efforts they have made during their time at Andoversford.

We welcome two new class teachers: Miss Rowan Davis Butler who will be teaching our Year 5/6 children in Willow Class and Mrs Charlotte Masek who will teach our Year 1/2 children in Oak Class.



The Governing Body:

This term there have been some changes to our Governing body, Emma Arthur who has served on the governing body over the last five years has decided that as Evan moves to secondary school and to address her current work life balance for her family to resign from the governing body. The Governor's would like thank her for everything she has done , the visits you have made, the reports you have written , the sage advice and support you have offered to the school are much appreciated. We have been joined by Ben Rawlinson, dad to Rosie, as a Parent Governor. His skill set has already been put to good use in our discussions. Aileen Jones has been our Clerk to Governors this term. Thank you for your dedication to Andoversford Primary School.

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 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 . The plans that the school is producing are truly inspirational and really will ensure that every child can be the best they can be.

We held a **Resources Committee Meeting** where we reviewed that 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** we reviewed our progress on the School Development Plan; received our head teacher's report and took any necessary decisions.

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 been exploring the possibilities forming a Multi Academy Trust in the North Cotswolds. We attended an open meeting in May and had an extraordinary Governor's meeting. At the extraordinary meeting we decided to not to continue with a proposed MAT for the North Cotswolds; but to consider our future collaboration with schools, as the government seeks to fund groups of school's directly rather than through a local authority.

We now look to the future.

We look forward to continuing our work with the whole school community in Andoversford and wish you all a happy fun filled and restful summer holiday!

Best Wishes

Merilyn Davies

Chair Of Governors

