

ANDOVERSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2020

27th November

NEWSLETTER

Celebrations at Andoversford

This week our **ASPIRE** Award Winners are:

Blake
Martha
Ophelia
Leo
Emma
Albert
Maegan



Our mystery reader this week was Holly. She chose to donate **Dogs in Space** to Ash Class!

Ways to Wellbeing

As the days become darker and the weather turns colder, it can be even harder to focus on our wellbeing.

The 5 Ways to Wellbeing are **Connect—Be Active—Take Notice—Give—Keep Learning**

Step out of your comfort zone and try something new. Why not try a Christmas craft activity? Learning new skills can improve your mental wellbeing by boosting your confidence and raising your self esteem. Go on, give something new a try!

#ASPIRE #5waystowellbeing #takecare



ASPIRE Point Totals

Bluebell: 353
Buttercup: 369
Rose: 350
Thistle: 366
Whole School: 1438
Target: 5,000

NHS

Do not leave home if you or someone you live with has any of the following:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Christmas Cards

Many people have chosen not to send Christmas Cards this year - not only because of the Covid-19 pandemic, but because the environmental impact of sending cards has been recognised. There are some great alternatives available, for example a charitable donation or sending a message using technology. If children do choose to send Christmas Cards to their friends or teachers in school, we will have a post-box in operation so that they can post their cards from the 1st to the 11th of December. There will then be a quarantine period before the cards are distributed and sent home at the end of term.



Recommended Reading

Annie Stewart, an author and close friend of the school has sent us her top picks of children's books for the festive season. We will share one of her recommended reads here each week.

Where Snow Angels Go – Maggie O'Farrell

An enchanting first childrens' book with stunning artwork.

When you make an angel in the snow, it is yours forever
"Magic?" said the angel "Absolutely not. Do I look magic to you?"



Reading Rules...

At Andoversford, we absolutely LOVE reading! This term it has been fantastic to see the library being used by each class again. Each class visits on a different day and books are quarantined for at least 72 hours before being returned to the shelf. Your child might bring home books which are more challenging than their current reading level—this is fantastic! Sharing reading with an adult can help boost a child's reading level, but more importantly it will foster a life-long love of reading. We hope you enjoy sharing the books together. For parents who want to know more about how to help your child with their reading, check out the EEF's 7 top tips for parents [here](#).

Policy Updates

Over the last few weeks, the Governing Board have updated some of the school's key policies, including the Homework policy and Feedback and marking policy. Take a look at [the school website](#) for more details. Remember the key to homework, is 'little and often' to help support your child with their reading, spelling and maths facts!

Community Links: Hamper Scamper

Monday is the final day to drop off any donations for the Hamper Scamper Appeal. CCP do a fantastic job to support families throughout the year, but the annual Hamper Scamper seeks to spread the spirit of Christmas and give hope by providing seasonal food parcels and children's gifts to those in need. Many of those who will be receiving a hamper will be families living on the brink of homelessness and struggling to afford food and heating alongside the expectations of the festive season. More information is available on their website: www.ccp.org.uk/



Dates for your Diary

Remember key dates 2020-21 are available on the website and online calendar!
(all events subject to change)

ALL CLUBS have now stopped

November

Parent meetings this month
Collection for Hamper Scamper Appeal

December

Friday 11th: Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16th: Virtual Christmas Performance at 5:30pm
Friday 18th: Term ends at 2pm

