

### **Christmas Fair**

Not long now until the Christmas Fair on Friday, 30th November. We are having a non-uniform day this Friday, 16th November, to help prepare for it. We are asking for donations of gifts to be used in raffle hampers (chocolates, bottles, sweets, bubble bath etc). The wheelbarrow is currently full of bottles so please pop in to the school office, or see one of the FAnS committee, to have a go at winning the barrow and its contents for £2! Tickets for Santa's Grotto will be available from the office very soon.

### **Can you help?**

The children are going to be making craft items to sell at the fair. In order to create some of the items, we need some small jam jars. If you have any, please can you send them into school as soon as possible. We will also be asking for donations of cakes for the cake stall – these will need to come in on the day. Your support is very much appreciated and we look forward to seeing you at the fair.

### **Clubs**

Please can I remind parents that during the dark nights it is necessary for all children who attend after school clubs to be collected from the school entrance. We will not be sending them outside by themselves. Please ensure you know the finish time. If, on occasions, you are unable to come into school to collect them, please contact Mrs Ashley to discuss alternative arrangements.

### **Registration for school entry in September 2019**

If you have a younger child who will have their 5th birthday between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, then they will be ready to start school next September. Please ring school or pop in to register your child and enable us to have as complete a list as possible by January 2019.

Please pass this information on to the parents of any children you are aware of who are within the Andreas School catchment area and ready for school during this time.

### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy at school last week. Your donations will be sent to the Royal British Legion to be used to support their work. We don't yet know how much we raised but will let you know once the total is shared with us.

### **Our community**

Mikey Bradley, our lollipop man, is relocating to England. This means he will sadly be leaving his post here at Andreas. His last day will be Friday, 30th November. He has a couple of days off that week but will be here on that last day. He is an important part of our school community and we will miss him.

Miss Quine, one of our lunchtime ancillaries is also leaving at the end of November as she has a new job. We will be having a collection for them both to purchase thank you gifts. If any parents would like to contribute to either collection, please drop a donation into the office by Friday 23rd November and give Mrs Robinson your name so that she can add it to the gift card. We wish them both lots of luck and happiness as they move on to pastures new.

### **Winter weather is usually cold**

Whenever it is reasonably dry the children are outside. This is usually three times a day. Now that it is getting colder, this is a reminder to ensure that they have coats and hats, scarves and gloves. Please make sure these items are named. Also, it is winter uniform time – a grey skirt, pinafore or long trousers for girls and long grey trousers for boys.

### **Swimming**

Please remember swimming is part of the curriculum for Year 3 to Year 6. If your child is well enough to be in school they are generally well enough to swim. Verrucas are not a reason for not swimming as guidance from the Department of Education Sport and Culture states they can be covered with a water proof plaster. If there is a reason why your child can't swim, e.g. a broken bone, open sores, it is school policy to take children to the pool with their class so they are able to observe the lesson and not miss out on too much learning.

### **Christmas Concert**

We have moved the start time for the evening Christmas concert to 6.30pm rather than 7pm, as originally stated on the dates flyer at the start of term. This is because we felt the 7pm start would lead to a rather late finish time for our younger children. We hope this change doesn't cause you too much inconvenience.

Dates:

**Friday, 30th November – FAnS Christmas Fair 6pm**

**Friday, 14th December – School Christmas Lunch**

**Tuesday, 18th December – Whole School Christmas Production  
at 2pm and 6.30pm in the School Hall**

**Wednesday, 19th December – Infant Christmas Party**

**Thursday, 20th December – Junior Christmas Party**

**Friday, 21st December – Non-uniform Day in aid of School Charity**

**Friday, 21st December – Break Up for Christmas**

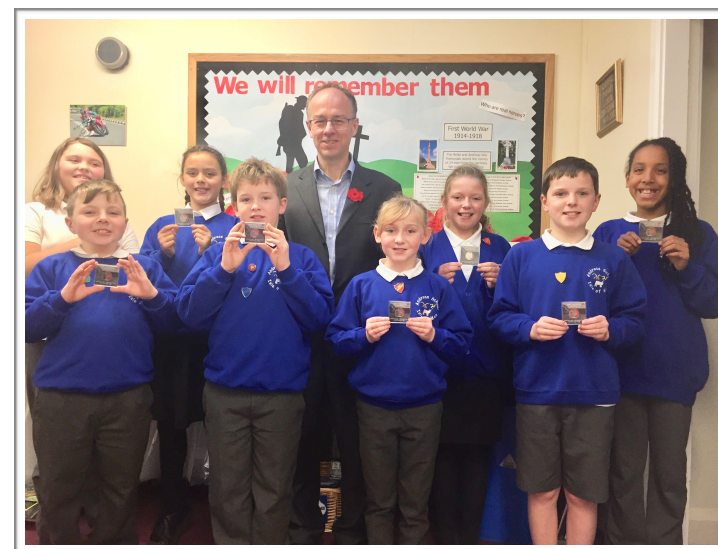
**Monday, 7th January – Children back to school**

**R. Ashley (November, 2018)**



## **Andreas School Newsletter November 2018**

### **First World War Centenary**



We carried out a number of activities last week to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. On Monday, Tim Baker, our local MHK, visited school to give all the children a special gift of a coin. All those in full time education on the Island have received the specially minted coin to mark the centenary. The 50 pence coin features red poppies and was presented in its own individual display case.