

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

A final reminder that if you have a younger child who will be 5 between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 then they will be ready to start school in September and need to be registered with us so we can plan classes. 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. We need to submit our numbers to the Department of Sport, Education and Culture by the end of January. Mrs Robinson has Request to Register forms in the school office if you need one.

### **Headlice**

Please be vigilant in checking the whole family's hair for these unwelcome visitors.

### **Class Assemblies**

Please note we have had to move the date of Mrs Brook's class assembly from 6th February to 20th March. All other dates remain as advertised on the dates flyer sent out in September.

### **48 Hour Rule**

Please remember to observe the 48 hour rule if your child has been vomiting or had diarrhoea (upset stomach). Children should not be brought to school until 48 hours after their last bout.

### **Stamps**

We continue to collect stamps for the Leprosy Mission. Please cut neatly around any used stamps, leaving a 5mm margin, then bring them in to school and put them in the collecting box.

### **Plastic Clever**

Mrs Nelson is leading our drive to become a Plastic Clever School. We are talking to the children about ways we can look after our environment generally and, in particular, how we can reduce our use of single use plastics. Ask them about what we've been doing. We will be asking for your support in some future initiatives!

### **Road Safety Officer**

We are still waiting for our lollipop person to be replaced but I have been assured that we shouldn't have to wait too much longer. I will keep you informed of any developments.

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

Whenever it is reasonably dry the children are outside. This is usually three times a day. Please ensure that they have coats and hats, scarves and gloves.

### **Staffing**

Many of you will be aware that Ms Griffin was absent during most of December. Unfortunately, she remains signed off from work due to ill health. We are hoping that she will be well enough to return after half term. Her position in Curraghs class is being covered by staff who are well known to the children.

### **Uniform**

A reminder that trainers are not part of our school uniform. If there is a genuine reason why pupils cannot wear their school shoes, then parents are asked to send in a note to explain why. We understand that, occasionally, children damage or misplace their shoes so need to wear an alternative pair. However, these should be short term occurrences and not last for more than a couple of days.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight**

Next Thursday, 24th January, we will be sending four representatives from Year 5 and 6 to a Fairtrade Conference in Douglas. Fairtrade Fortnight begins on 25th February and our representatives will be leading assemblies and lessons that will further develop our understanding of Fairtrade.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Just some advance notice that we will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair during the week beginning 25th February. Look out for more information nearer the time.



**Dates:**

**Wednesday, 13th February** - Mrs Hawkins' Class Assembly  
3.15pm in the school hall

**Friday, 15th February** - Break up for Half Term

**Monday, 25th February** - Children back to school

**W/b 25th February** - Scholastic Book Fair

**Wednesday, 6th March** - Mrs Cottier's Class Assembly  
3.15pm in the school hall

**Wednesday, 13th March** - Mrs Keig's Class Assembly  
3.15pm in the school hall

**Wednesday 20th March** - Mrs Brook's Class Assembly -  
3.15pm in the school hall

**Tuesday, 19th March** - Parents' Evening 4-7pm

**Thursday, 21st March** - Parents' Evening 4-5.30pm

**Rachel Ashley (January, 2019)**

## Andreas School Newsletter January 2019



### **Welcome back!**

We all hope you had a happy and healthy Christmas! We had a busy first week of term and are looking forward to lots of fun learning in the coming weeks.

Thank you for the support you gave to all our Christmas events. Donations at the pantomime raised the magnificent total of £469.30 to be divided between School Fund and our school charity - Children's Ward, Diabetic Pumps for Kids.