

Fairtrade Fortnight

Towards the end of January Mrs Nelson and four representatives from Year 5 and Year 6 attended the annual Fairtrade Conference in Douglas. Fairtrade Fortnight begins on 25th February and our representatives will be leading an assembly and setting up activities that will develop our understanding of Fairtrade.

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.

Reading for Pleasure

The National Literacy Trust report that children who enjoy reading are more likely to do better at reading than their peers who don't enjoy it. Therefore, we believe fostering a love of reading is an important part of our job. Teachers love reading too - check out the quiz your child has brought home with them today. All correct entries will be put in a draw on the Friday after half term for a mystery prize.

World Book Day - Thursday, 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day. This is part of fostering a love of reading. Therefore, on 7th March the children may come to school dressed as a book character. There will be no charge for this - it is just for fun! Children are encouraged to bring in a favourite book from home to talk about with their friends.

Headlice

Please be vigilant in checking the whole family's hair for these unwelcome visitors. The school office can help source combs, if required.

Year 3/4 Northern Hockey Festival

For the first time in a number of years we had 2 teams take part in the inter-school hockey tournament. Both teams, the Andreas Aces and the Andreas All Stars, were fantastic ambassadors for our school and had a great time. Thanks to Mrs Pearce for accompanying them, Luke (our MSR coach) for training them so well and to all the parents who went along to support.

Climbing equipment

As you know we have a rota (displayed on or near the door of each classroom) for use of the equipment during the school day when a teacher is out on duty. Please remember that before 9am and after 3.45pm it is the responsibility of parents and guardians to supervise their children when using it.

Whole school focus

This half term we are focussing on remembering skills and developing our maths skills. We are teaching maths using a mastery approach where the children are encouraged to use their knowledge to solve problems and apply their skills in a range of situations. Ask them about what they have been doing!

Website

Keep checking our blog on the website for photos of school and class events. <https://andreas.sch.im> Also, don't forget to follow us on Twitter @AndreasBrideSch

Healthy eating policy

We are in the process of updating our healthy eating policy. We have consulted the children for their ideas, looked at the sugar and salt in various food and drink and discussed it with the school governors. The attached is our draft policy and we hope it clarifies a number of points. The children were keen to have a pictorial representation of what is acceptable and what isn't. We have tried to take a balanced approach and allow treats from time to time. This policy is still at the consultation phase so we would welcome any comments or ideas.

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

Thursday, 7th March - World Book Day

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

Tuesday, 2nd April - Play in a Day (Yrs 5&6)

Wk beg 1st April - Public Speaking Competition (Juniors)

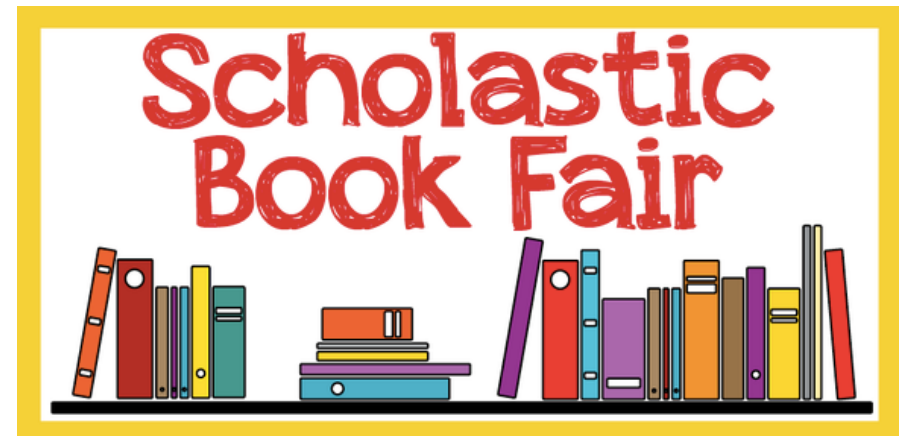
Friday, 5th April - Non-uniform Day (School Charity)

Friday, 5th April - Break Up for Easter

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We are holding our annual book fair during the week beginning the 25th February.

Please come in after school to browse and purchase books. We will be open until 4.15pm each day, apart from Wednesday. Some books will be in stock and will be given to the children on Monday, 4th March. Some will need to be ordered and will follow in a couple of weeks. Please browse the Scholastic leaflet to get an idea of what will be available. We look forward to seeing you when you come to place your order.