



Andreas School
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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome during my first week at Andreas. I've learnt all the children's names so I now need to get to know parents and carers as well. Please feel free to come and introduce yourself if you see me in the play ground.

My office door will always be open unless I'm in a meeting, so pop in if you need a chat. I'm delighted to say that our new reception children are settling very well thanks to the TLC they receive from Mrs Keig and Mrs Griffin. It's also wonderful to see the other children come back to school happy and ready to learn after the summer holidays.

Class Names

As we did last year, we have, in discussion with the children, named this year's classes after areas of natural beauty on our Island. The plan is that each class will learn a little about their chosen area, locate it on a map and visit it at some point during the year.

Mrs Keig - Curraghs
Mrs Cottier - Silverdale
Mrs Hawkins - Tholty
Mrs Brook - Smeale

Climbing Frame

The rules for the climbing frame remain unchanged. Children can go on the equipment in the mornings but only on their class day and only once a member of staff is outside.

The rota is displayed on the classroom doors. After school the children can play on the equipment but it will be your responsibility to supervise them.

Thank you.

Crossing Patrol

We welcome a new crossing patrol officer, John Kennedy, who has lived in Andreas for over 40 years and has already started in his new post.

Tuck shop

As in previous years, Year 6 are running a tuck shop on Friday afternoons where we offer a range of snacks at a cost of 30p.

DATES FOR THE FIRST HALF TERM:

Monday 16th September - Clubs begin this week (please see attached).

Tuesday 17th September - Little Starters photograph of reception children.

Friday 20th September - Tuck Shop begins - afternoon only.

Monday 23rd September - School Photographs.

Week beginning Monday 23rd September - reception class parent lunches start on the Tuesday.

Week beginning Monday 30th September - Vice Captain elections.

Friday 27th September - Manx Lit Fest author to visit.

Thursday 3rd October - Andreas Root Show.

Monday 7th October - Harvest gifts to be brought into school.

Tuesday 8th October - Harvest Festival at 2 p.m.

Week beginning Monday 14th October - Cycling proficiency for Y5.

Monday 14th October - Parents' Evening 4-7.00 p.m.

Tuesday 15th October - Parents' Evening 4-5.30 p.m.

Friday 25th October - Non-uniform Day (Please bring festive items for hamper or bottle stall).

Friday 25th October - Break up for Half Term.

Monday 4th November - Children back to school. More details to follow.



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Social Media

We are always willing to discuss matters with parents and carers to help ensure that your child's time here is happy and they enjoy learning. If, at any time, you have any concerns about your child or any aspect of school life, then please do not hesitate to contact the school and arrange a meeting with the relevant member. Please do not raise concerns on social media, including our FB page. This undermines the school and demoralises staff as we are unable to respond effectively.

Thank you.

Before School

School starts at 9.10am. Staff are on the playground from 9am to supervise children. On wet days we do let the children into school early but the doors don't open until 9am. Please be aware that there is no supervision before this time and therefore children should not be in the building.

▼ *Look out for changes in the outdoor garden as we will be working on it this year.*

Snacks

Just a reminder that children can bring in a snack to have at playtime each day. As a school we encourage healthy eating so this snack should be fresh fruit/vegetables (an apple, banana, satsuma, small bag/tub of grapes/berries/raw vegetables), raisins or similar dried fruit or a cereal bar. Sweets, chocolate and crisps are not allowed.



Half term begins on **Monday 28th October** and we return to school on **Monday 4th November**. As always, if you have any concerns, comments or questions, please talk to us directly.!

TRISH DUDLEY – Headteacher