



# Andreas School

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Dear Parents/Carers

The first half term has flown by and it's wonderful to see the children, including our four new pupils, happily settled into school. Our new reception intake have really embraced life at school and are thoroughly enjoying themselves. They've had lots of in class opportunities to mix with children from other year groups and are really becoming smart Andreas learners.

### **Next year's intake**

If you know anyone who has a child starting school in September 2022, please ask them to contact us as soon as possible as we have early transition opportunities beginning after half term. We also need to start registering our children so they will be included in next year's numbers as this affects our staffing.

### **Outdoor shoes or slippers**

Please remember that all children need a pair of outdoor shoes or wellies if they want to access the field throughout the winter. Alternatively, they can use their ordinary shoes outside and bring slippers to wear indoors.

### **Mobile classrooms**

These are being removed over the half term holiday as they are being relocated to Ballakermeen High School. This will give us even more outdoor space for the children to enjoy.

### **Garden changes**

Some minor health and safety issues, such as trip hazards, have been raised with respect to our garden and so some work will be carried out over half term. I know the garden has had a lot of wonderful work done on it historically, so if anyone is interested in coming into school to help with maintenance and veggie growing etc, we'd really appreciate your help. Thank you.

### **Tuck and Toast**

Don't forget this is every Friday at a cost of 30p.

### **House Charity**

In addition to the occasional extra day, such as next Friday's pink day for Manx Breast Cancer Support Group, the houses have chosen the MSPCA as their charity this year. Look out for fun fund raising activities as the year progresses.

## **FAnS**

Once again the FAnS have been amazing in their support of our school. Breakfast Club is thriving and I really cannot thank the volunteer mums enough for their time. I hope everyone enjoys the party next Friday and would like to thank all the people who has been involved in its organisation. We also have a Christmas Fair on the 12th December to look forward to, more details will be sent out next half term.

## **Mrs Phillips**

Due to personal circumstances, Mrs Phillips will be reducing her hours after Christmas. She will return in the New Year as a part time teacher but will still be with her class. Although I am very sorry to lose some of Mrs Phillip's time, I am delighted that Mrs Tina MacLaren, another Key Stage 1 specialist, will be joining us and will job share with Mrs Phillips. Mrs Phillips and Mrs MacLaren have job shared historically and have known each other for a long time so a strong, effective working relationship is already established. Mrs Phillips will be in school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Mrs MacLaren will be in school all day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Both teachers will have time out of the class for their PPA on Wednesday morning (as Mrs Phillips does now) which will give them time to plan together and share information about the children. This will ensure a smooth transition for everyone. I am very confident that the children's happiness and learning will not be compromised in any way and I am thrilled to have Mrs MacLaren at Andreas as her experience and approach to learning will enhance our already positive, successful team.

## **Dates for your diary**

**Pink Day for Manx Breast Cancer Support Group** - Friday, 22nd October (a flyer has been sent home today)

**Break for Half Term** - Friday, 22nd October

**FAnS Hop Tu Naa Party** - Friday, 22nd October in the Parish Hall @ 6 pm. Tickets now on sale for £3

**Civic Service** - Sunday, 24th October at Kirk Andreas Church at 10.15 am - any children who would like to come and sing are welcome

**School Christmas dinner** - Friday, 10th December

**FAnS Christmas Fair** (to be held at school) - Sunday, December 12th between 11 am and 1 pm

**Christmas production** - Monday, 13th December @ 2 pm and Tuesday, 14th December @ 6.30 pm

**Songs around the tree** - Friday, 17th December at 3 pm

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or just need to chat, please contact me directly on [trish.dudley@sch.im](mailto:trish.dudley@sch.im) so we can arrange a meeting. My office door is always open so feel free to pop in if you need to.

Yours sincerely



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