



Andreas School

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Friday, 17th December

Dear Parents/Carers

We come to the end of another term which has been filled with great learning, great fun and great community events. The Produce Show, the Harvest Festival, the Christmas Performances and Fair all highlight how important school and community are to each other and reinforce the message that Andreas Village needs its school as much as the school needs it. In order to promote the school in the wider community, we now have Breastfeeding Buddies on Friday afternoons as well as the Northern Parent and Tots group on Tuesdays. Some of next years' new intake have enjoyed the pop in and play sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and we hope to welcome more next term.

Outdoor shoes/ indoor slippers

Please make sure your child has a suitable pair of shoes or wellies so they can access the field and other grassy areas. Surfaces are slippery during the winter months so a pair with good grip is a great idea. If your child prefers it, they can change into slippers inside and use their school shoes for outdoors.

Online activity

It is the responsibility of adults to ensure that children are not exposed to potentially damaging online experiences so I urge you to be vigilant with the apps and websites your child visits. There are many unsuitable websites and games which initially present as innocent so it's important that you are fully familiar with the content before you let your child access them.

Visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> for advise and support.

Punctuality

It is very important that children arrive for a 9.10 am start in the morning. Learning begins as soon as children are in and it is very unsettling for everyone if somebody arrives late so please be on time unless there is a genuine reason. Please also inform us as early as possible if your child will be late or is absent. If your child is late, they risk missing important information about the school day which is difficult for them and disruptive for others.

Sheds

You may have noticed that our two metal sheds have been re-homed. Unfortunately, they were damaged in Storm Arwen and declared a health and safety hazard. Thank you to Leslie and Jackie Faragher for removing them for us and for using them at their farm. We have a new shed ordered which will match the wooden one we recently purchased.

Dates for your diary - next term

Tuesday, January 4th: school reopens for the New Year.

Monday, 21st February until Friday, 25th February inclusive: half term.

Monday, 11th April until Friday, 22nd April inclusive: Easter holidays.

Details of school events during this term will be emailed nearer the time.

Thank you

To everyone for being such a great support for our school. The staff have worked incredibly hard this term and it's wonderful that everybody, including children and families, has maintained a positive outlook despite some difficult challenges. The FAnS breakfast club goes from strength to strength and the Parent and Tots group is a big success. The FAnS did a wonderful job with the Christmas Fair and the raffle. Hamper donations were as generous as always and there were 30 prizes to be won! Our Santas did a great job at the Fair and the Party so a thank you and a 'ho ho ho' to them. The retiring collection after the performances raised a grand total of £345.40 for school funds and the childrens' chosen charity the MSPCA. The performances were really well attended, the response from the audiences were glowing and rightly so.

As always, never hesitate to get in touch if you need to.

I hope you all have a peaceful break, a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Keep safe and enjoy, see you next term.

Yours sincerely



Trish Dudley
Headteacher