



December 22nd 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe Christmas is here! Thank you to everyone who came to our production of Lights, Camel, Action! I hope you all enjoyed watching as much as the children enjoyed performing. It takes a huge amount of work so I'd like to say well done and thank you to the children and staff for their hard work and commitment. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to, and created, the FAnS hampers and to Rachel Gawne for her fabulous Christmas cake as well as to everyone who sold tickets. What a terrific community effort on behalf of our wonderful school.

Breakfast club

Volunteers are always needed for our increasingly busy club. This is an incredibly valuable asset to our school so if you can spare the time and are willing to help please pop in to school and ask for details. Please note a DBS check will be required. For people who send children to the Breakfast Club, please try to pay in advance. Thank you.

Footwear

Don't forget children must have a change of footwear to be able to access the field. Please also ensure that the shoes your child wears for school are practical. Remember your child will be running around at play time so shoes with heels, wheels or platforms are simply not safe. Flat, comfortable shoes which fit properly are essential. Please also check your child's PE pumps fit them as they grow out of them surprisingly quickly. Thank you.

Library books

Please search for missing books! Children cannot take a book out until the old one has been returned, please ensure your child takes responsibility for a borrowed book and brings it back on the correct day. If you have genuinely lost a book, please do let us know so we can update the library system.

FAnS

Anyone interested in joining the Friends of Andreas School should speak to one of the committee members, Sam Lund is Chair so she will point you in the right direction. Sam will be able to tell you what the role of the FAnS is and how you can help them. FAnS are very keen to support the school but need help in order to do this effectively so please do get in touch if you can be of assistance.

Swimming

Swimming is a statutory part of the curriculum and as such all children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 are required to attend. I understand that a child may be well enough to attend school but may, occasionally, need to miss a swimming lesson but this should not be accepted as the norm. As a general rule, if your child is poorly, they should stay at home. If they are well enough to be in school, they are well enough to swim. Swimming is a life saving skill so please ensure your child attends the lessons with the correct kit ready. Thank you.

Allergies - IMPORTANT!

Please continue to let us know what's in your child's lunch/snack box, thank you.

Date for your diary

Some provisional dates for the year are below, if there are any changes or additions I'll let you know as soon as I can.

As always if you have any questions, comments or concerns please talk to us directly.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Trísh Dudley





PROVISIONAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Monday, 9th January	Back to school
Monday, 20th February - Friday, 24th February	Half term
Monday, 27th February	Back to school
Tuesday, 14th March and Wednesday, 15th March	Parents' evenings
Tuesday, 14th March	Lempen Puppet Theatre
Wednesday, 15th March	Year 6 'Speed Questioning' at RGS
Wednesday, 5th April	Inter-schools cross country competition
Thursday, 6th April	Break for Easter holidays
Monday, 24th April	Back to school
Monday, 24th April - Friday 28th April	Year 6 Venture Centre trip
Wednesday, 26th April	Reserve inter-schools cross country competition
Monday, 1st May	Bank holiday
Thursday, 18th May	Crucial Crew trip for Year 6
Tuesday, 23rd May	Sports Day
Thursday, 25th May	Reserve Sports Day
Monday, 29th May	Bank holiday
Friday, 2nd June	INSET day for staff
Monday, 5th June - Friday, 9th June	TT week
Monday, 12th June	Back to school
Tuesday, June 27th	Y5/6 Life path Trip
Friday, 30th June	RGS intake day for Year 6
Wednesday, 5th July	Tynwald day
Friday, 14th July	Provisional date for whole school trip out
Tuesday, 18th July	Year 6 leavers' assembly
Friday, 21st July	Last day of the school year.

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