

# **Andreas School**

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Today is the last day of the school year, and what an amazing year it has been. All of our children should be proud of their achievements and we look forward to welcoming them back in September, along with our new cohort of Reception children. We wish all the best to our Year 6 as they start their journey into secondary school.

## **Staffing**

Joining us in September will be Mrs Stewart who will be teaching part time in Reception and Miss Holland who will be teaching full time in Year 1. Yesterday Mrs Hawkins and I interviewed for a part time Education Support Officer (ESO) and I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Pedley to the role. She will be working every morning with us mainly supporting children in Year 1 and Year 2.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club will start again on the **2nd day back in September**, **Thursday 5th September** at 8.00am. Breakfast club next term will be based in part of our Library and so all children will need to come in through the main doors. Please make sure that you 'hand' your child over to the Breakfast Club team in person so that they know who is in the building. Thank you. Books, coats and bags should go with your child to Breakfast Club.

Breakfast Club is run entirely by volunteers and they are always on the look out for more help. If you would be willing to join the team please speak to one of the team or let school know.

#### **School Meals**

Please remember to apply for free school meals if you think you may be entitled to this support. You need to re-apply each year, and it is not back dated, so make sure you get your application submitted in plenty of time. The form can be found online by simply searching for 'IOM free school meals'. The number of children who are on free school meals is taken into account when our school funding is calculated and so I would encourage everyone who is eligible to apply even if your child never intends to have a school meal. It also means that on the odd occasion when they do want a school meal e.g. Christmas Dinner that you won't need to pay.

School Dinner/Milk monies Autumn Term 2024/25 Dinners @ £2.40 per day

1st half term (38 days) 2nd half term (35 days) Full Term

£91.20 £84.00 £175.20

Milk@ 26p per day

1st half term (35 days) 2nd half term (35 days) Full Term

£9.10 £ 9.10 £ 18.20

Please ensure you pay in advance of each half/full term if your child requires milk. Next half term's milk should be paid before the 6th, September '24. Thank you.

#### **Lost Property.**

Over the last few days we have spent a long time trying to reunite lost items of clothing with their owners. Please, please, please make sure your child's clothing is named as this would make the job a lot easier. Often these items have been named in the past, but over time it has washed away. From time to time we also find that items have been given to other children as they have become too small but they still have the original owners name in, or label removed, which does lead to confusion when attempts are made to reunite with the current wearer.

#### Reading

The key to learning to read is to keep on doing it. It does not matter what it is, a school reading book, a magazine, the side of the cereal packet. The important thing is to not stop. Please remember that reading is not a competition, and don't compare your child with others.

Finally, we only have a finite number of books, so if over the Summer you find any books at home that belong to school, please send them back to us in September. No questions will be asked, we would just like them back.

## Friends of Andreas School (FANS)

Thank you to FANS for all their help and support this year. They have organised fun events for all the children including discos and our recent Village Sports Day, as well as covering the costs of all of our school trips and outings including this week's whole school trip to Peel Beach. In addition, they covered the costs of the Year Books for our Year 6 pupils who are leaving us today and the cookery that has taken place across the school.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us, and if you weren't able to help out this year maybe you could join us next year? If you think you can, please let us know.

# Happy holiday!

The staff would like to wish everybody a happy holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, 4th September at 9.10am.

We would also like to wish good luck to everybody who is leaving us today, please come back and see us and let us know how you are getting on.

