



Andreas School

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Friday, 18th October '24

Dear Parents / Carers

As we approach the end of our first half term there are a few items to update you all with.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival takes place at 2.00pm on Tuesday (22nd) October in St. Andrew's Church. Everyone is most welcome to attend. On Monday and Tuesday we will be walking up to the church regardless of the weather, so please can you ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and a change of shoes in school as the lane to the church is often very muddy. Most children can simply use their 'outdoor' shoes or wellies that they keep in school, but if they don't have any already here, please can you ensure that they bring a pair in on Monday and Tuesday.

Building Work

During half term work is due to commence on our toilet refurbishment and extension. This work will involve the construction of a small extension to the rear of the school to enable room for an accessible toilet to be built, as well as a full refurbishment of our existing junior toilets. The work will take 12 - 15 weeks depending on the weather and during this time there will be some disruption that we will need to work through.

The biggest impact will be that the footpath from Ayre United's Clubhouse to the school playground will be closed off. However, Andreas Commissioners have agreed for a temporary footpath over the field which should mean that relatively mud free access will still be possible to the playground from the carpark. Thank you to the Commissioners for their support with this.

Internally, our 'Junior' toilets will be decommissioned whilst the work is taking place and therefore, all children will need to use the toilets opposite our Reception class. Although all the toilets in there are currently infant sized, we are arranging for some larger toilets to be installed.

Winter Weather

In the event of extreme weather over the next few months please remember that school is open unless you hear otherwise from an official source i.e. Manx Radio, Energy, 3FM or directly from us. In the event of bad weather overnight a decision on whether or not schools will open is normally made by The Minister by 7.30am and we will communicate this with you via our Facebook page and e-mail. In the event of conditions deteriorating during the day we will communicate directly with you

via text message as well as our Facebook page. Please try to avoid ringing the school as this can tie up our phone line and prevent us from consulting with officers at the Department. All decisions about school closures are taken by The Minister in consultation with advice from the Met Office, the Police and Bus Vannin.

Hop Tu Naa Disco

Friends of Andreas School are holding their Hop Tu Naa disco on Monday evening from 6.00pm - 7.30pm. If anyone is able to help set up the hall beforehand, or help during the evening, you would be most welcome. Please let either myself or Mrs Robinson know if you are available - thank you.

Friends of Andreas School AGM

This is taking place on Monday at 2.30pm in School. Please come along to find out how they support your child.

Secondhand Uniform Sale - Wednesday, 23rd October

We will be holding a secondhand uniform sale throughout the school day next Wednesday. Please feel free to call in at any time to browse the items we have for sale. Should you have any clean, good condition items that you would like to donate to school, please bring them in before Wednesday. If you need something but are unable to get into school, please speak to Mrs Robinson who will try to source something suitable for you. All monies raised will go to the Andreas School Fund so, by recycling, you are helping school funds as well as the environment.

School Dinner/Milk monies Autumn Term 2024/25

Dinners @ £2.55 per day

2nd half term (35 days)

£89.25

Milk@ 26p per day

2nd half term (35 days)

£ 9.10

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 31st October '24. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



Mr W Nelson

Headteacher