



Andreas School

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As we head towards the end of the Summer Term and the start of the holidays please find below a few final updates and reminders.

Staffing

As you are aware Mrs Hawkins is stepping down from her role as Head of School next year and will be teaching in our Reception class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We are currently recruiting a new Head of School and as soon as I have any further news on this appointment, I will let you all know, although this may not be before school breaks up.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will start again on the **Monday 8th September** at 8.00am.

Breakfast Club is run entirely by volunteers and they are always on the look out for more help, as without our amazing team of volunteers we wouldn't be able to run this service. If you are able and willing to help, 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.

The prices for meals next term will be:

Per Day - £2.55

1st half term (38 days) £96.90

2nd half term (35 days) £89.25

Full Autumn term £186.15

N.B. The price of school meals is still to be confirmed by DESC. If there are any changes. we will let you know.

Lost Property

Over the last few days staff 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 which can lead to some confusion.

Reading

We will be collecting in the majority of our school reading books and library books this week in order to audit them over the summer holiday and make sure that they are all in good condition for another year. If over the summer holidays 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.

The key to learning to read is to keep on doing it, and we would encourage all children to read as much as they can, as often as they can. It does not matter what it is, a school reading book, a magazine, a library book or even the side of the cereal packet. The important thing is to not stop. Please remember though that reading is not a competition, and don't compare how your child is doing with their friends.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for their support with our three fundraising events for Manx Birdlife. In total we raised £2,265 which is an amazing amount of money for a school of our size.

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 Parish Sports Day, as well as covering the costs of all our school trips and outings including this week's whole school trip to Peel Beach, the new bike shed and Y1 shed, and all of the cookery that has taken place.

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

Non Uniform Day

Friday is a non uniform day, though please ensure that the children are wearing clothes and shoes that they can run around in safely. Tuck shop will also be taking place on Friday as normal.

Happy Holidays

The staff would like to wish everybody a happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 3rd 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.