



Andreas School

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We are now at the end of the first month of this term. All of our children have settled into the school routines and already have produced some fantastic work. Last weekend was of course the Andreas 'Root Show', where we showcased the children's art work and for the older children handwriting. We received some very positive feedback from visitors to the show who were full of praise for the effort that the children had put into their work. The children's entries are now on display around school, please make sure you have a look on Parents Evening, or simply pop in any day after school and ask your child to show you their work.



Food Allergies

As I am sure you are all well aware, we have a number of children in our school who have life threatening food allergies. It is for this reason that we ask that you label your child's packed lunch if it contains dairy or nuts. This helps us to ensure that children with these allergies are not sat next to another child eating their allergen. If your child does have any form of food allergy or intolerance, it is vital that we are aware of it, even if it is to something that you believe won't be present in a school environment or they don't have a school lunch. Our school kitchen does prepare food from time to time for all children e.g. the Christmas Party and so it is vital that we know about every child's allergen.

Attached to this letter is a dietary requirements form, which we would like any parent who has a child with a food allergy or intolerance to fill in and return to the school office, unless you have already completed one when your child joined our school. Hard copies are also available from the school office if that is more convenient.



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place this year on **Wednesday, 21st October** at 2.00pm in Kirk Andreas Church. All members of our community are welcome to join us.

Any donations of Harvest produce are most welcome and these will be made up into Harvest boxes and distributed around our village. We do not keep a list from year to year as to who would appreciate a Harvest Box, so if you know of somebody who would appreciate one, please let us know, as only these people will receive one.

Donations of produce should be brought in to school on Monday, 19th or Tuesday, 20th October.

We would be most grateful for assistance with making up the boxes on Tuesday, 20th October at 9.15am. If anyone is able to help with this please can you let Mrs Robinson know.

We also need shoe box sized boxes to form the base of the boxes. If anyone has any that they can donate, we would be most grateful. These can be sent in at any time before Tuesday, 20th October.

Finally, we will all be walking up to the church on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday, 21st October regardless of the weather. Please can you make sure that your child has a coat and footwear in school suitable for walking up the muddy lane to the church on both these days. (If your child has wellies already in school for playing on the field they can use these to walk to the church)

2nd hand uniform sale

We have a large stock of 2nd hand uniform which is available to be purchased at very low cost. We will put this out on display on Monday, 12th October for the week. This is the same week as Parent Evening's, so will be an ideal opportunity to pick up any items that you need. If you find yourself in need of uniform at any other time, please just speak to Mrs Robinson who will do her best to help you.



General Reminders

Water bottles - please make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day. Ideally they should take them home every night for a wash. Water bottles that are left in school are not washed by us.

PE kits – please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school at all times. This includes pumps or trainers, shorts and a t-shirt. If your child has long hair they also need a bobble to tie it back. Children with earrings need to either remove them, or bring in some tape to cover them up. Children's feet do grow during the year, so please check with your child that their shoes still fit them from time to time. All kits should be taken home and washed at half term.

Forest School - a change of clothes for Forest School is important. These should be older clothes that can get dirty and muddy and should cover arms and legs. Children with long hair should also ensure that they have a bobble that they can use to tie their hair back.

Un-named items - Please, please, please make sure that everything your child brings to school has their name on it. Over time names tend to become faint and hard to read, so please double check now and again that the name is still visible. This helps us to make sure that lost property can be returned to its owner.



Advanced Notice

Christmas Jumpers - From Monday 30th November all children may wear a Christmas jumper if they wish instead of their normal school sweatshirt. In advance of this we will be organising a second hand Christmas jumper sale from Monday, 23rd November. Donations of Christmas jumpers for this sale can be sent in at any time after half term

Parents Evenings

These are taking place on Tuesday, 13th and Wednesday, 14th October and details about this were e-mailed to parents on Monday. If you have not yet booked a time for this, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Future Dates

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October – Parents Evening
Wednesday 21st October – Harvest Festival at 2.00pm
Friday 23rd October – Non uniform Day and Last Day of the Half Term. (£1 donation)
Monday 28th – Friday 30th October – Half Term
Friday 11th December - Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal at 2.00pm
Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Concert at 2.00pm

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Concert at 5.30pm
Friday 18th December – Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 22nd December - Christmas Party and Last Day of Term
Wednesday 6th January - First Day of Term