**Registration for school entry in September 2018**
Just another reminder that if you have a younger child who will be 5 between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 then they will be ready to start school in September and need to be registered with us so we can plan classes. Please pass this information on to the parents of any children you are aware of who are within the Andreas School catchment area and ready for school during this time. Mrs Robinson has request to register forms in the school office if you need one.

**Headlice**
Please be vigilant in checking the whole family's hair for these unwelcome visitors.

**Staffing**
Following Mrs Honeyman's appointment to a position at Scoill yn Jubilee, we welcome Mrs Kate Gerrity to school every Friday afternoon to teach Ballaglass class. Unfortunately, Mrs Nelson remains off work following an operation but we are expecting her to return next week.

**Health and Safety**
Please remember that if your child has pierced ears, earrings **must** be taken out for PE and swimming. Staff are not allowed to take earrings out or put them in for pupils, so children either need to be able to remove and replace earrings themselves or you need to remove them at home. The only exception to this is for the first six weeks after they are pierced when they need to be covered with micropore tape or plasters, which **parents need to supply**. Also, necklaces and bracelets should not be worn at school as they are both easily lost and easily broken. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**Christmas cards and stamps**
Once again we are recycling Christmas cards and collecting stamps for the Leprosy Mission. Please send them in to school by the of January. There is a collection box outside the office.

**Winter weather is usually cold**
Whenever it is reasonably dry the children are outside. This is usually three times a day. Please ensure that they have coats and hats, scarves and gloves. Also, it is winter uniform time - a grey skirt, pinafore or long trousers for girls and long grey trousers for boys. Please remember trainers are not part of our school uniform.

**Dog-mess**
I have received reports from several parents and staff expressing concern about dog-mess on the school field. Please can I remind dog owners that dogs are not permitted on school grounds and that this includes the field. Please remind friends and neighbours.

**Fairtrade Fortnight**
Next Thursday, 25th January, we will be sending four representatives from Year 6 to a Fairtrade Conference in Douglas. Fairtrade Fortnight begins on 26th February and our representatives will be leading assemblies and lessons that will develop our understanding of Fairtrade.

**Scholastic Book Fair**
We will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair during the week beginning 26th February. Look out for more information nearer the time.

**Dates:**

**Mrs Brook's Class Assembly - Wednesday, 24th January at 3.15pm**

**Mrs Nelson's/Mrs Pearce's Class Assembly - Wednesday, 31st January POSTPONED**

**Mrs Keig's Class Assembly - Wednesday, 7th February at 3.15pm**

**Break up for Half Term - Friday, 9th February**

**Children back to school - Monday, 19th February**

**Scholastic Book Fair - Week beginning 26th February**

**Mrs Cottier's Class Assembly - Wednesday, 28th February at 3.15pm**

**Year 5 and 6 - Cycling Proficiency Week beginning 12th March**

**Parents' Evening - Tuesday, 13th March 4-7pm**
**Parents' Evening - Thursday, 15th March 4-5.30pm**

**Rachel Ashley (January, 2018)**

# Andreas School Newsletter January 2018

**Welcome back!**

We all hope you had a happy and healthy Christmas! Thank you for the support you gave to all our Christmas events. Donations at the pantomime raised the magnificent total of £174.06 for our school charity Rebecca House and £174.06 for School Fund.