

### **Class Names**

As we did last year, we have, in discussion with the children, named this year's classes after areas of natural beauty on our Island. The plan is that each class will learn a little about their chosen area, locate it on a map and visit it at some point during the year.

Mrs Keig – Curraghs

Mrs Cottier – Silverdale

Mrs Hawkins – Cloughbane

Mrs Brook – Glen Wyllin

### **Forest School**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Nelson has passed her "Forest School Leader" qualification. Many congratulations on a wonderful achievement. We are very proud to be one of only a small number of schools across the UK that have their own forest school teacher. Mrs Nelson will be working with all our classes on an outdoor curriculum that will use our workshop area and school field to develop risk taking, team work and outdoor skills. The children are all looking forward to their sessions.

### **Root Show**

The Andreas Root Show is on **Thursday, 4th October**. We will be entering the children in the handwriting and art classes through school. There are other children's classes, such as needlework, peg dolls and cakes, that your child may be interested in and we would encourage you to enter your children in these yourselves.

Hopefully your geraniums are also growing nicely ready for the show. Please remember they must be in the original pot that they were sent home in. There will be two prizes, one for the best plant and one for the best decorated pot. I look forward to seeing this year's entries.

### **Crossing Patrol**

We continue to have Mikey Bradley as our lollipop man. He is an important part of our school community and we encourage the children to remember to thank him every day. However, can I remind parents that having a patrol officer in place does not alter the fact that it is a parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure their children get to and from school safely. Crossing patrols are there merely to assist you crossing the road. Traffic should be observing the rules regarding the zebra crossing whether it is staffed or not.

### **Climbing Frame**

The rules for the climbing frame remain unchanged. Children can go on the equipment in the mornings **but only on their class day and only once a member of staff is outside**.

The rota is displayed on the classroom doors. After school the children can play on the equipment if you as parents are prepared to supervise. Outside of school hours the children are your responsibility, so please make sure that you are watching your children at the end of the day. They are your responsibility at those times just as they would be in a park or play area.

### **Social Media**

We hope that your child's time at our school is happy and productive. We are always willing to discuss matters with parents and carers to ensure every child achieves his or her full potential. If, at any time, you have any concerns about your child or any aspect of school life, then please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange to meet with the relevant staff member. We would ask that parents and guardians please support the school in its constant drive to raise standards by discussing any concerns or issues with us, rather than on social media sites, which could be potentially damaging for the school and its pupils.

### **Before School**

School starts at 9.10am. Staff are on the playground from 9am to supervise children. On wet days we do let the children into school early but the doors don't open until 9am. Please be aware that there is no supervision before this time and therefore children should not be in the building.

### **Tuck shop**

As in previous years, Year 6 are running a tuck shop on Friday afternoons where we offer a range of snacks. The cost is 25p. Tuck shop will start this Friday, 14th September.

### **Snacks**

Just a reminder that children can bring in a snack to have at playtime each day. As a school we encourage healthy eating so this snack should be fresh fruit/vegetables (an apple, banana, satsuma, small bag/tub of grapes/berries/ raw vegetables), raisins or similar dried fruit or a cereal bar. **Sweets, chocolate and crisps are not allowed.**

**Dates:**

**Friday 14th September - Tuck Shop begins - afternoon only**

**Monday 17th September - Clubs begin this week**

**Monday 17th September - School Photographs**

**Friday 21st September - Fruit for schools initiative (free for all children)**

**Friday 28th September - Manx Lit Fest Author to visit**

**Monday 1st October - Vice house captain elections**

**Thursday 4th October - Andreas Root Show**

**Tuesday 16th October - Parents' Evening 4-7.00pm**

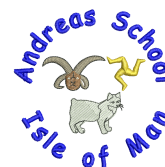
**Thursday 18th October - Parents' Evening 4-5.30pm**

**Friday 26th October - Non-uniform Day (Please bring festive items for hamper or bottle stall in aid of the Christmas Fair)**

**Friday 26th October - Break up for Half Term**

**Monday 5th November - Children back to school**

**Rachel Ashley (September, 2018)**



## Andreas School Newsletter September 2018



### **Welcome back to a new school year.**

Here at Andreas School we value being part of a rural community and always enjoy taking part in community events. The above photo shows the artwork produced by some of our KS2 children for the Royal Agricultural Show.