

23rd February 2023

Dear Parent

We are fast approaching our next school event to celebrate Andrews Memorial's 50th birthday 'A Trip Down Memory Lane'. This will take place in the Andrews Hall on <u>Thursday 23rd</u> <u>March 2023</u>, more of the finer details will be provided nearer the time.

A huge thank you to all of those who have sent in items of interest from the school in the past 50 years but also to those who have taken the time to write a memory of their time at our school. They are all really enjoyable to read and will be sure to put a smile on your face when you have the opportunity to view them at our event. If there is anyone who has any other items from their time at AMPS lying about home or in a roof space, we would be extremely grateful to see them and use them in our display. Please send any items into school, labelled, to your child's class teacher.

Furthermore, if there are any more memory cards to be filled in we would be very grateful in receiving them as soon as possible.

Our next big request is for artefacts and items of interest from your time as a child. We hope to display items from many decades, which will evoke childhood memories and perhaps, teach your own children about what it was like to be a child in 'the olden days!' The list of these items is endless, but we are thinking along the lines of yo-yos, a Walkman, vinyl records, tapes, a Gameboy, Beanie Babies, Polly Pockets, a Tamagotchi, Care Bears, model cars, Cabbage Patch kids, Mr Potato Head, a spirograph, an Etch a Sketch, Chatty Cathy etc. We would also love to see any other items that bring back happy memories from food to old magazines, clothing, music and more. This is not directly linked to our school, more so from your childhood and the items to be sent into school, labelled so we can return them safely, by **10th March 2023**?

Our final plea, for now, is that of the photograph kind. We have a lovely selection of photographs in school, but we would love to see other photographs and use them in our display. We would be delighted to receive photographs from sports teams, matches, newspaper articles with photos and any photos recording an event at the school in the past 50 years.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and support in making this event possible and a success.

Yours sincerely, The Focus on 50 Team

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