



Parents' Newsletter 25

Monday 21st July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that tomorrow will be the last day of this academic year. What a fantastic year at Manor it has been!

Trip to HMS Victory

Last Tuesday the whole school visited Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. We boarded HMS Victory, toured the ship and explored the museums. Thank you to the PTFA for funding our exciting day!



Work Sharing

It was lovely to see so many family members at our work sharing afternoon last week. We hope that you enjoyed looking through your child's books, sharing their learning journey with them.

Praizin' Hands

Bev and the team visited us last Wednesday for the final Praizin' Hands performance at Manor this



year. This time it was to share their 'All Change' performance with Year 2.

Fundraising Afternoon

On Thursday 17th the children had lots of fun raising money for their chosen charities.



Manor's Got Talent

Today we were entertained by some fantastic performances ranging from magicians, singers, dancers and acrobats to puppeteers and comedians. Well done everyone for taking part. It was really difficult to choose only three finalists from each class, however our finalists were:

- Sean Trim for telling some very funny jokes.
- Molly McEvoy for a super gym display.
- Grace Fields for a super gym display.
- Alex Reynolds for beautiful singing.
- Elsie Ruffell for a sensational hula hooping display.
- Elsie Jenkinson and Harry Hunter with a basketball display.



- Florence Nicholas who wrote and performed a poem.
- Thomas Hallett who recognised a variety of different fish.

School Council

We have had a fantastic School Council



again this year. Our School Council have been the pupil voice of the school. The Councillors have been involved in lots of fundraising events, they have organised discos and have taken our donations to the Waterside Foodbank throughout the year.

Playground Pals

Our Playground Pals have been



amazing this year. They have been great friends to the other children, they have shown super leadership skills and have been very organised when tidying our toys in the play shed.

Planet Protectors



Well done to our wonderful Planet Protectors for increasing our awareness of how we can look after our world. We've all been thinking more about recycling, litter picking and saving electric. The team have

worked with Angela Manore from the School Travel Planning team this year on a pollution project and our new team will be getting involved in an anti-idling campaign in the autumn term.

Librarians

The school librarians, under the careful supervision of Mrs



Lawrence, have been fantastic this year. They always make sure that the library is an inviting place to visit.

Stakeholder Evaluations

Thank you to the parents who completed this year's questionnaires. We received 19 replies. Please find below a summary of the results:

| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree |
|---|------------------|----------|----------|
| My child is happy at this school. | 17 (89%) | 2 (11%) | |
| My child feels safe at this school. | 18 (95%) | 1 (5%) | |
| My child makes good progress at school. | 15 (79%) | 4 (21%) | |
| My child is taught well at this school. | 17 (89%) | 2 (11%) | |
| My child is well looked after at this school. | 17 (89%) | 2 (11%) | |
| My child receives appropriate homework for their age. | 9 (47%) | 10 (53%) | |
| The school makes sure that pupils are well behaved. | 15 (79%) | 4 (21%) | |
| The school deals effectively with bullying. | 13 (68%) | 6 (32%) | |
| The school is well led and managed. | 15 (79%) | 4 (21%) | |
| The school responds well to any concerns I raise. | 13 (68%) | 5 (26%) | 1 (5%) |
| I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress. | 15 (79%) | 4 (21%) | |
| Would you recommend this school to another parent? (yes or no) | Yes 19 (100%) | | |



We have received some great feedback too. Please find below a few of the many responses.

What do your children tell you about their learning?

- ❖ My son has loved the Florence Nightingale topic this year. He loves learning about different calculations.
- ❖ My daughter constantly talks about what she learns and how much she enjoys each day. She is always excited to go to school and has even expressed an interest in becoming a teacher, she adores her teacher.
- ❖ My daughter has been telling me lots of facts about pirates. She loves to write down sums and enjoys telling me which additions make a total number. She also loves arts and crafts and showing me how she has been taught a new skill.
- ❖ Always talks about the history topics.
- ❖ My child has currently enjoyed making puppets in DT.

What's good about our school?

- ❖ The teachers have been incredible as well as the learning support staff. I really like how the school is so personal to each child - I never feel worried about chatting to the teacher in the mornings/afternoons about any concerns, they are all so lovely and welcoming.
- ❖ The topics the children learn about are great and seem to be really engaging- my son has loved learning about the different topics. I also love how the school celebrates the children and their achievements in school as well as outside school. My son loves taking his certificates into school on a Friday to show off - I think this such a lovely idea.
- ❖ The teaching range, my daughter has learnt such a huge variety of topics and to such depth. Her reading and writing is astounding seeing as she's only been able to do it a few years. I'm so confident that she is being taught to the highest standard she is able. She is positively encouraged and has never had a bad word to say about her day.
- ❖ Our son enjoys coming to school and is happy. Lovely and encouraging staff who all know all of the children. The outside of school activities and experiences are varied and lots on offer.

- ❖ Small school feel is excellent. All staff know all children and parents.
- ❖ My daughter has had a fantastic first year at the school. She has really thrived in the current settings. She loves all of her teachers we are constantly seeing her develop. The school is very well ran with a great head teacher.

What could we do to improve our school to make it even better?

- ❖ Extend wrap around care.
- ❖ Be opened up to a full primary so we can stay.
- ❖ Provide more updates.
- ❖ Tapestry throughout each year would be lovely to continue to watch your child's adventures and learning grow.
- ❖ Work closely with other schools to share INSET dates to save parents having to take multiple days off work.

A couple of parents have also commented on the changes going on in September. We recognise that there are a lot of changes going on at Manor at the moment and we will continue to keep you updated.

To ensure our school continues to provide an effective education for your children, we continually evaluate what we do and how well our pupils achieve. As part of this process, we look for ways of doing things better of differently to ensure we continue to provide the best education and care we can.

Our priorities for development may change as the needs and strengths of our school change. The outcomes of stakeholder evaluations, together with pupil assessments, national targets, OFSTED and Local Authority feedback are used to plan our priorities for the next school year.

To view all responses please visit the school website.



PTFA

A huge thank you to Rachel Sanger, the PTFA team and all of the family members who have helped to run and support events this year. Without your support, none of the events would have been possible and it's so amazing to see what we've achieved together. The children have benefitted greatly from your hard work.



This academic year, Manor PTFA have raised an outstanding

£5337

We have been able to pay for so many lovely things for the children and the school, from equipment to school trips!

And we couldn't have done it without your help and support with all our events throughout the year, so

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Over the last 3 years the PTFA has raised an incredible £16,400 for our school.

At the PTFA AGM on Friday 11th, the following people were nominated for key roles for the next academic year:

Chair – Mrs Emma McTighe

Secretary – Mrs Kavita Patel

Treasurer – Miss Jen McMahan

Wraparound Care Update

From September our Breakfast Club will be running from 7.45am every morning.

We have been liaising with local after school club providers and are looking to offer an after-school club with Planet Kids after the autumn half term break. There will be two collection options, one at 5pm and another at 6pm. If you are interested in finding out more or being added to the mailing list, please email Planet Kids on planet_kids@hotmail.co.uk

More details to follow in the Autumn term.

Activate!

Children across the country are



being inspired to move more this summer, with the launch of a new animated series, Activate, co-created by fitness coach, **Joe Wicks MBE**, and Studio AKA, the team behind 'Hey Duggee', and is backed by the government as part of a new partnership to reach schools and families across the country.

Physical activity is essential for growing bodies and minds. But **over half (53%) of UK children are not meeting daily activity guidelines**. Activate aims to help address inactivity among children by getting children moving and making fitness fun.

The series promotes short bursts of movement through fun, accessible content that can be easily integrated into your day, whether at home, school, summer clubs or on the go - getting children moving over the summer and beyond.

Each 5-minute episode features an animated Joe Wicks, alongside original characters known as the Activators. Although there is a cost to the series, **the first episode of**



'Activate' is available now for free on The Body Coach YouTube channel, with further episodes released weekly over the holidays.

Staffing Update

Sadly, we say farewell to Mrs Hartley and Mrs Hampton this term. We would like to thank them for all of her hard work. To Mrs Hartley we say thank you for all of her support over the last year. To Mrs Hampton we say thank you for all of her hard work supporting many children across the school during her time at Manor, firstly as a supply teacher and more recently as one of our Early Years teachers. Both staff will be greatly missed.



We wish Mrs Hartley and Mrs Hampton good luck for the future.

Last Day of Term

Tomorrow we have a slight change to the day.

| Time | Event | Who's involved? |
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| Morning | Bouncy castle funded by the PTFA | Each class |
| 12.30pm | Year 2 Leavers' Service in the hall | Year 2 parents / carers |
| 1pm | Whole school picnic on the field | All family members across the school are welcome. Please bring a picnic and blanket. The children will be able to order a picnic lunch from the school kitchen. |
| 2pm | Ice creams from Carlo's | For all of the children. |
| 3.20pm | End of the school day | |

If you are joining us during the afternoon there will be an opportunity to take your

child home after they have been given an ice-cream. For those parents who are not able to join us in the afternoon it will be a normal collection time.

REMINDER: If you would like to buy an ice-cream yourself, please bring cash.

And finally...

As we reach the end of term, I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children and staff for working so hard at school this year. Thank you also to our very supportive Governors who give so much of their time for free to ensure that we are providing the best education that we can for your pupils.

Thank you so much for the lovely gifts that you have sent in for staff. The Governors and I feel very lucky to have such a wonderful team supporting your children and I know that you do too!



All of the staff and governors at Manor wish you a wonderful summer. We wish those children moving onto a new school the best of luck in Year 3, you have made us very proud. The Manor team look forward to seeing the rest of the children back in school on **Thursday 4th September** for the start of the Autumn term.

Best wishes,

Michelle Hale
Headteacher



Diary Dates 2024-25

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| Tuesday 22 nd July | 12.30pm Year 2 Leavers' Service (Y2 families only) followed by a picnic lunch at 1pm for all families. Carlo's Ice-Creams from 2pm |
| Tuesday 22 nd July | Last day of the summer term |
| Wednesday 23 rd July | Start of the Summer holidays |

Diary Dates 2025-26

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| Wednesday 3 rd September | INSET Day – school closed to children |
| Thursday 4 th September | Children in Years 1 and 2 return to school |
| Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October | Half Term |
| Monday 3 rd November | INSET Day – school closed to children |
| Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January | Christmas Holidays |
| Friday 13 th February | INSET Day – school closed to children |
| Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February | Half Term |
| Monday 23 rd February | INSET Day – school closed to children |
| Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April | Easter Holidays |
| Monday 4 th May | Bank Holiday |
| Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May | Half Term |
| Wednesday 22 nd July | Last day of the Summer term |

****1 more INSET day to be agreed***

Great effort has been taken to ensure that dates are correct at the time of publication; however, they may be subject to change. We will inform you when it is possible to invite parents / carers into the school building.

PTFA events in blue

All dates are available on the school website.