



Parents' Newsletter 10

Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. I hope that you all enjoyed half term.



Achievements

Today we celebrated four children who have been superstar learners.

- * **Elsie Ruffell** – for great colour mixing in art.
- * **Freddie White** – for working hard to improve the presentation of his written work.
- * **Elsie Jenkinson** – for a lovely collage in art.
- * **Liam Hardy** - for a super poem in English.

Great work everyone!

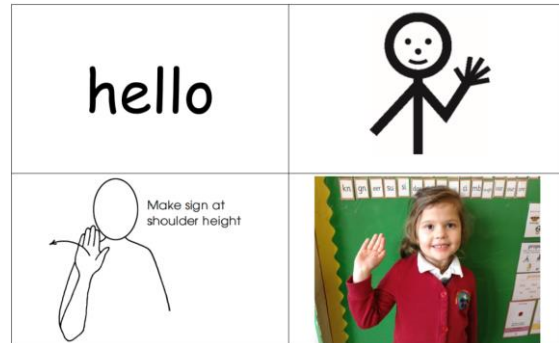
Makaton



On Monday, our INSET training day focused on supporting children with Special Educational Needs. In the afternoon, Leanne from the Makaton Charity delivered Makaton training to all staff. Makaton is a unique communication programme that uses symbols (pictures), signs (gestures) and speech to enable people to communicate.

We will be gradually introducing Makaton signs and symbols to the children to support all pupils in the school to communicate with each other.

Every week we will be introducing a new sign to the children. This week the children have been learning the sign for 'Hello'.



February Attendance

Well done to **Chestnut Class** who had the highest attendance record for February with **97.16%**.

Class	Attendance for February
Holly Class	84%
Oak Class	94.15%
Chestnut Class	97.16%

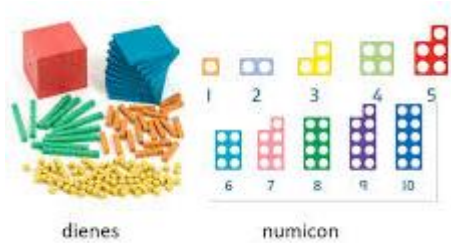
Maths



This year we have been working with the Solent Maths Hub to further enhance our Maths teaching and learning. As part of this, we have been using stem sentences across the school. Stem sentences are designed to improve children's comprehension of maths problems and concepts. For example, when children are learning number bonds for 5 the children may use the stem sentence: '5 is made of 1 and 4, 1 and 4 makes 5'. We have also been developing children's



fluency by representing problems in many different ways using many different resources for example, using Numicon, Dienes and counters to show an answer.



Year 2 Ukulele Concert



Well done to the children in Year 2 who performed exceptionally well in their ukulele concert yesterday. We were very impressed!

Watches at School

Whilst we are keen to promote opportunities for children to tell the time, there have been children wearing smart watches to school. Unfortunately, these are not permitted at school. Other children have been wearing Fitbits to school which is causing a distraction in the classroom. Hampshire PE guidance states that children cannot wear watches in PE lessons (including Fitbits) so please keep these at home. If your child is keen to wear a watch to school, we would love it if



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you could get them an analogue watch. The time objectives in the National Curriculum for Key Stage 1 state that children need to be able to tell the time on an analogue clock by the end of Year 2. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Spring 2 Clubs



There are still spaces available

for our Spring term clubs. If you would like to book a **one off session** or a **series of sessions** for your child, please do so via the Arbor app.

	Lunch club	After school club
Monday		Forest Schools with Mrs Lucas
Tuesday		Football Club with Coach Robbie
Wednesday		Multi-skills with Coach Beth
Thursday	Quest (Year 2)	Dance with Chantelle
Friday	Football Club with Coach Meg	Football with Coach Meg

Curriculum Update

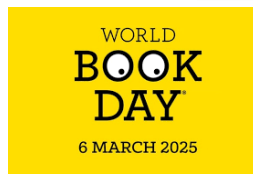
All of the teachers have been very busy planning exciting topics for this half term. Year R's topic is 'Magic Beans', Year 1's topic is 'It's Our Area and We're Proud of It!' and 2's topic is 'Fire, Fire!' More details of all of the learning for this term can be found on the school website www.manorinfant.co.uk





World Book Day

Next Thursday (6th) is World Book Day. On this day, your child is welcome to come to school dressed as a favourite book character (with the book). In the afternoon we will be running a bedtime story session. The children are invited to bring a plastic mug / beaker into school if they would like some hot chocolate. Your child will have been given a special World Book Day voucher yesterday that they can exchange for a book in a selection of shops including Lidl and Tesco in Dibden.



Hythe Library

Costume

Swap

The library 'Costume Swap' is now open!



If you have any costumes that you no longer need, why not explore the swap and see if there's something new? No need to donate to take, no need to take when donating. The 'Swap' is located opposite the children's area.

Parking

Please can I remind you to park courteously outside of the school at drop off and pick up times. A local resident has raised concerns with us about parking on the junction opposite Larkspur Gardens due to restrictions for lorries turning. The highway code stipulates that you should not park a car within 10 metres of a junction. There have also been reports of parents parking on double yellow lines.

Red Nose Day

Friday 21st March

is Red Nose Day! Your child is welcome to come into school in fancy dress or non-uniform in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief.



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Week

Monday 24th March – Friday 4th April



The Planet Protectors have organised a special 'Bike, Scoot or Travel to School Day' on Monday 24th March. Every child who takes part will have their name put into a raffle. During the fortnight, there will be a special Golden Lock activity. Every day the Golden Lock will be attached to either a bike or a scooter and the owner will win a prize. To claim the prize, the winner will need to bring their bike or scooter to the office at the end of the day.



Solent Mind Sessions

Emily Sleaf from Solent Mind will be visiting Manor after Easter to deliver a series of mental health and well-being workshops to the children in Year 1 and 2. The first session will focus on the '5 Steps to Being Happy and Healthy' -



- Connecting with others;
- Being active;
- Taking notice;
- Learning new things;
- Giving or helping others.



Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be taking place at All Saints Church on Thursday 3rd April. More details to follow.



And finally...

Breakfast Club Early Adopter

We are very pleased to let you know that we have been chosen as an early adopter school for **free 30 minute breakfast club every day**. This means that from 22nd April, if your child would like to attend our breakfast club between 8.20am and 8.50am they can do so for free.

The club will continue to run from 8am, so if your child needs to attend from 8am you will only be charged for the first 20 minutes. This will be at a new rate of **£1.50 per child, per day**.

Places will still need to be booked via Arbor in advance in order to ensure that we have enough staffing available.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Michelle Hale
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2024-25

Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 19 th March	Praizin' Hands Easter Performance
Monday 24th March	PTFA Mothering Sunday event
24 th March – 4 th April	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel
Thursday 27 th March	Work Sharing 3.20pm – 4pm – parents and carers welcome
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 1 Listen 2 Me Concert at 9am – parents welcome
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Service
Monday 7 th April – Friday 18 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday – school closed
Tuesday 22 nd April	Children return to school
Tuesday 22 nd April	Solent Mind session 2 with Years 1 and 2
Tuesday 29 th April	Children return to school Values Day
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6 th May	Solent Mind session 3 with Years 1 and 2
Tuesday 13 th May	Solent Mind session 4 with Years 1 and 2
Wednesday 14 th May	Praizin' Hands - Fire Safety Performance
Tuesday 20 th May	Solent Mind session 5 with Years 1 and 2
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May	Half term
Monday 2 nd June	INSET day
Monday 9 th June	Year 1 phonics screening week
Wednesday 11 th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 16 th July	Praizin' Hands – All Change performance for Year 2
Wednesday 25 th June	Sports Morning followed by a picnic lunch
Tuesday 22 nd July	1.30pm Year 2 Leavers' Service
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of the summer term
Wednesday 23 rd July	Start of the Summer holidays

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.