



Parents' Newsletter 6

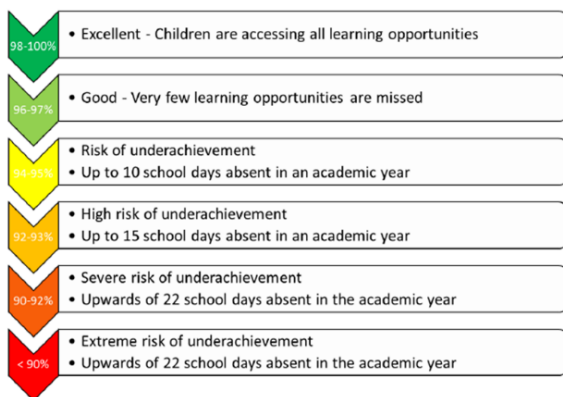
Wednesday 27th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who don't. Thank you to all of the parents who continue to ensure that their child is at school every day.

Now that you can access your child's attendance on Arbor you will be able to see how their attendance is likely to impact on their performance at school.

Please remember, if your child has 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 100 day period you are likely to be issued with a penalty notice. Please see the attached document 'Information on Penalty Notices for Non Attendance at School' for more information.



Thank you from the Waterside Foodbank

Thanks to all of your generous donations at this year's Harvest Service we have provided an amazing 226 meals for families in the local area.

Remembrance Day

Thank you for your support with costumes and your generous donations for this year's appeal.



Global Neighbours

We are really pleased to let you know that we have been awarded the Bronze Award for Global Neighbours.



We are one of only ten infant schools in the country to be awarded this. The accreditation programme celebrates schools which are helping pupils learn about global poverty and the Christian responsibility to tackle it, as well as giving them the tools to play a confident part in creating a fairer world.

The full report can be found on our website. <https://www.manorinfant.co.uk/global-neighbours/>

Odd Socks Day

We took part in odd sock day again this year as part of the Anti-Bullying Week. This is a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique during Anti Bullying Week.



Children in Need

Thank you for supporting 'Children in Need' this year.



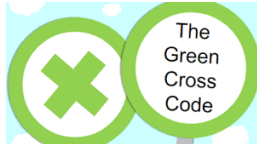


We raised an amazing £83.26 for the charity.

Thanks also to Kelly, our school cook, for making Pudsey biscuits for everyone.



Year 2 Green Cross Code Session



On Wednesday 20th, the children in Year 2 took part in a live session with the school travel team, learning all about the Green Cross Code. This session forms part of our road safety curriculum.

People Who Help Us

Year R had lots of visits from people who help us last week. Visitors have included volunteers at the Fire Station, our local PCSO Nathan, a doctors surgery receptionist and a nurse. The children were keen to ask lots of questions.



Arbor Booking System – Early Bird Club

Thank you to all of the parents who have already signed up for the Arbor App. So far 81% of parents are using the App. If you haven't already done so, please can you complete the consent sections of your child's profile to ensure that our school records are up to date. As mentioned previously, we are moving towards a paperless, cashless school system. From **Monday 2nd December** we would like parents and carers to register for our Breakfast Club using the App. If you have already paid for sessions later this term, your child's name will be automatically added to our registers. If you have not



booked places, please try using the App. If you have any issues, please speak to one of the school admin team.

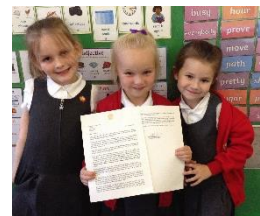
Nativity – The Donkey Seller



REMINDER: Tickets are now available for our nativity. Two tickets will be allocated per child. Please complete the reply slip and return it to school by **Wednesday 4th December**.

Year 2 Letters to the Brazilian Embassy

Last term, the children in Year 2 wrote letters to the Brazilian Embassy as part of their geography topic on Our Forest Home. The children learnt about the New Forest and compared it to the Brazilian rainforest. We were very excited to receive a letter back from the Embassy!



Webinar with Jacqueline Wilson

Last week Chestnut Class joined many schools across the country to enjoy a webinar with the famous author Jacqueline Wilson. Jacqueline talked about how she became a writer, her new book and answered some questions. The questions Chestnut Class had complied were answered during the webinar such as:



How many books have you written? - around 120 books.

Jacqueline Wilson spoke to the children about not giving up when things are tricky and to be determined.



The children also learnt some fun facts, such as, Jacqueline writes for up to 3 hours a day, it takes her 4-6 months to write a book and she has thousands of books at home.

Healthy Breakfasts

Year 1 have been exploring the look and taste of a variety of fruits this term as part of their DT unit on healthy breakfasts. The children enjoyed cutting and peeling the fruit as well as eating it!



MAST

Mayflower Trip

Thank you to everyone who has returned the permission slip and payment for our theatre trip in December. If you haven't already done so, please can you complete the forms as soon as possible.



Christmas Craft Day

It's Christmas Craft Day on Friday. The children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper into school on top of their school uniform.



Santa Dash

This year's School Games



National Santa Dash will take place on Friday 6th December. Last year 94,011 young people took part. It's all about having a bit of fun while being active.

And finally...

Thank you for all of the bottle donations on Friday. Don't forget to join us for our **Christmas Fayre** after school on Friday 6th December.

Best wishes,

Michelle Hale
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2024-25

Wednesday 27 th November	Year 2 trip to Calshot Castle
Friday 29 th November	Christmas Craft Day – children can wear a Christmas jumper
Wednesday 4 th December	Whole school trip to the MAST Mayflower
Friday 6 th December	PTFA Christmas Fayre 3.30pm – 5.30pm No After School Club
Friday 6 th December	Santa Dash
Monday 9 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 10 th December	Nativity – 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th December	Nativity – 2.30pm
Thursday 12 th December	Nativity – 9.30am – adults only, no younger siblings
Friday 13 th December	PTFA Christmas Wrap Room
Monday 16 th December	Work Sharing 3.20pm – 4pm – parents and carers welcome
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 17 th December	Christingle Service at All Saints Church – more details to follow
Thursday 19 th December	9am Year 1 Listen 2 Me Concert – parents and carers welcome
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas parties and disco after school
Friday 20 th December	Last day of the Autumn term
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th January	Start of the Spring term
Monday 3 rd – Friday 7 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 11 th February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 th February	Parents Evening
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half term



Monday 24 th February	INSET Day
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 27 th March	Work Sharing 3.20pm – 4pm – parents and carers welcome
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Service
Monday 7 th April – Friday 18 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 21 st April	Children return to school
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
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 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.

All dates are available on the school website.