



Parents' Newsletter 4

Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Achievements

In the last two weeks we have celebrated achievements with lots of children.



- * **Sean Trim** – for trying really hard with phonics.
- * **Lily Shelley** – for being a kind friend to the other children.
- * **Deepansh Bookya** – for super work in Maths.
- * **Athena McTighe** – for great reading.
- * **Robyn Venables** – for a great winding mechanism in DT.
- * **Alfie Burroughs** – for a great winding mechanism in DT.
- * **Khiara Patel** – for trying hard with phonics.
- * **Leo Ireland** – for making a lovely leaf person on the welly walk.
- * **Darcie Hartley** – for good work in Maths.
- * **Sonny Phillips** – for a great version of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.
- * **Daisy Chance** – for an amazing sculpture of a tree.
- * **Dima Safronov** – for writing great instructions.

Great work everyone!

Love in a Box

This year Manor are again taking part in the 'Love in a

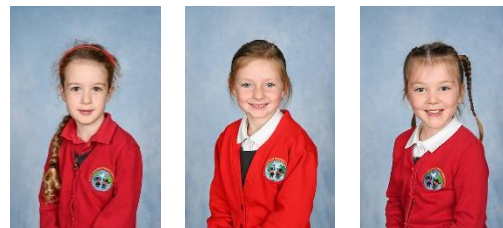


Box' appeal. This is an appeal organised by Mustard Seed Relief Missions. Schools, churches and other organisations collect and pack shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts for underprivileged children throughout Eastern Europe. On the 7th, Carol Ibbotson who organises the campaign for the parish, joined us for Collective Worship to talk to the children about the appeal which involves sending a shoebox full of 'Love' to a child for whom Christmas would be very bleak. This year the shoe boxes will be sent to children in Moldova.



We are inviting families to put together their own shoe boxes. All complete shoeboxes will be collected from school on Friday 8th November. The cost of sending the boxes is £5 this year. Further details are available on the letter that was sent home last week. Thank you.

Librarians



Here are some of our new librarians. The children have already started work with Mrs Lawrence, organising our library and requesting new books.

Year 2 Trip to Dibden Inclosure

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Dibden Inclosure on 9th October as part of their



geography topic on the New Forest. The children explored the landscape, animals and plants and also created sticky strip art work.



for this term's parent consultation meetings. If you have not already done so, please follow the link to book a ten minute meeting with your child's class teacher.

Planet Protectors Update



This term our Planet Protectors have been working with Angela Manore from the Travel Planning Team to monitor the air quality around our school. You may have noticed some paper plates around the school site, these are being used to check the air quality at different points around the site.



AquaSplash

On Tuesday, Mrs Munns took a group of children from Year 2 to an AquaSplash event at Ringwood Leisure Centre. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, taking part in a variety of swimming activities.



Feedback from Homework Survey

Thank you so much to those parents who completed our homework survey. We will be using the results to inform our new policy.

Open Mornings



This is the term when we advertise our open mornings to prospective parents who are looking for a school place for their child for September 2025. Please call or email the school office to book a tour.

If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2025 or move to Year 3, the opening date for applications is 1st November 2024.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearandyear3>

MAST

Mayflower Trip

On Wednesday 4th December we will be taking all of the children to the theatre to see a performance of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar Christmas Show'. Details of the trip were sent out today. Thanks to the success of the PTFA sponsored bounce earlier this term, the PTFA has offered to heavily subsidise the trip, reducing the cost from £20.92 to £8 per child.



Parent Consultation Meetings

Last week you will have received a text and email regarding booking an appointment



Great Coastal Birdwatch 2024

Bird Aware Solent is asking communities to get involved in the Great Coastal Birdwatch 2024, taking place for two weeks, the week before and during half-term, 19 October to 3 November.



A specially commissioned animation (featuring the voice of Basingstoke-based primary pupil Natalie), explains how to take part and is available on YouTube.

This project aims to raise awareness of the wealth of birdlife on the Hampshire coastline and helps children understand the challenges faced by seabirds that migrate thousands of miles to spend the winter on our shores.

Visit the Bird Aware Solent website for:

- Downloadable bird ID guides and counting sheets.
- Resources about why the Solent is internationally important for protected birds
- Resources on migration: why birds migrate and the astonishing journeys they travel to spend the winter on the Solent coastline

The birdwatch celebrates the arrival of migratory birds which return every winter to the area.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Michelle Hale
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2024-25

October	WALKTOBER – everyone is encouraged to walk to school this month!
Monday 21 st October	Angela Manore in from the School Travel Team to work with the Planet Protectors
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parent Consultation Meetings after school
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Thursday 24 th October	Be Bright Be Seen Day – non uniform day – children to dress in bright clothes
Thursday 24 th October	9am Year 2 Listen 2 Me Concert – parents and carers welcome
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half Term
Monday 4 th November	INSET Day
Thursday 7 th November	Open Morning
Friday 8 th November	Open Morning
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day – children can dress as an evacuee in exchange for a donation to the British Red Cross
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Theme – Choose Respect
Wednesday 13 th November	Odd Sock Day
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need 2024 – non uniform day in exchange for a £1 donation to the charity
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd November	Inter-Faith Week
Monday 18 th November	Open Morning
Friday 22 nd November	PTFA Bring a Bottle Day in exchange for wearing non-uniform
Friday 29 th November	Christmas Craft Day
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



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 Dec – 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.