



Parents' Newsletter 3

Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Achievements

Today we celebrated four children who have been superstar learners this week.



- * **Joseph Gerrish** – for great addition in Maths.
- * **Lily-Anne Rae** – for great work with clay.
- * **Thomas Hallett** – for super effort in Maths.
- * **Florence Nicholas** – for an excellent report about the New Forest.

Great work everyone!

School Council Members

Mrs Munns leads our School Council. Our School Councillors are involved in many events and activities at Manor. They hold an important position in their class, representing their fellow peers and putting forward new ideas, as well as contributing to the whole school community. Here are some of our School Councillors who are representing their classes this year.



Planet Protectors

Our new Planet Protectors will work with Miss Allinson this year to think of ways to improve our school environment. The Planet Protectors aim to reduce litter around the site (and local area), save energy and recycle. Here are some of the new team.





Playground Pals

Our playground pal scheme plays an important part in creating a safe, friendly, happy and peaceful atmosphere for children during play times and lunchtimes.



What is the Playground Pal role?

- To help all children to play nicely with each other;
- To help children resolve minor conflicts;
- To teach children to play games;
- To be a good listener when another child would like to talk;
- To help lonely children make more friends;
- To report any unkind things you see to an adult;
- To be available as a friend to all of the other children.

How do you spot the Playground Pals?

There are Playground Pals in every class. They are the children wearing the bright yellow bibs.

Here are our Playground Pals for this year.



Harvest Service

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Service on Wednesday, 25th September. On 27th the Year 2 School



Councillors delivered our donations to the Waterside Foodbank. They were greatly appreciated.

Praizin' Hands

Yesterday Praizin' Hands visited Manor. Praizin Hands Puppet Group put on presentations on secular social issues on a wide range of topics helping children and young people to make the right choices in their lives. Topics include 'Bullying', 'Internet Safety', 'Drugs' and 'Healthy Lifestyles'. The theme of yesterday's performance was 'Friendship'.



Author Focus

We continue to focus on a different author in each class every half term. This term the children will hear a selection of books by the following authors:



Year R: David Melling

Year 1: Jeanne Willis

Year 2: Mini Grey

Walktober

Well done to everyone who has walked, scooted or cycled to school this week. We recognise that there is limited parking outside of the school grounds and this is one of the reasons why we encourage the children to walk, scoot or cycle to school every day. We realise that some parents need to drive their child to school





and so we also offer the Park and Stride as a way of reducing traffic around the school entrance.

PTFA AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTFA AGM on Friday 20th September. Our new committee is as follows:

Chair: Rachel Sanger

Vice-Chair: Emma McTighe

Co-Treasurers: Jen McMahon, Jodie Nicholas

Secretaries: Heather Nemeč

Social Media Co-Ordinator: Jenna Benson

The committee are already hard at work organising lots of exciting fundraising events for the year ahead. Please follow them on Facebook @FriendsofManorInfant.

Sponsored Bounce

The children had a wonderful day last Friday with the Sponsored Bounce. Thank you so much for all of your fundraising. The PTFA has raised over £1000 from this one event. The money raised will pay for additional resources for the children and tickets for a theatre trip next term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Michelle Hale

Headteacher

Diary Dates 2024-25

October	WALKTOBER – everyone is encouraged to walk to school this month!
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 2 trip to Dibden Inclosure
Monday 14 th October	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 15 th October	Open Morning
Wednesday 16 th October	Open Morning
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
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parent Consultation Meetings after school
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
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.

Dear Parents and Children,

It's Messy Church time again! Our next Blackfield Messy Church will be held on Saturday 5th October from 2-4pm at Blackfield Baptist Church Hall, Hampton Lane, Blackfield. Our theme this time is weddings and bridesmaids, so if your child has an old bridesmaid's dress or pageboy suit please bring it along, or they can wear it if you like.

Messy church will include craft activities, a Bible story, song, games and a tea for the children, all provided free of charge. Messy Church is organised by a collaboration of four local churches, for local families to enjoy. Parents must accompany their children please. All ages are welcome, but it is aimed at 4-12 year olds particularly.

Hoping to see you there,

The Messy Church Team