



Parents' Newsletter 2

Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Achievements

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



- * **Sebastian England** – for working hard in class.
- * **Alice Chen** – for super addition in Maths.
- * **Elsie Jenkinson** – for super reading.
- * **Hendrik Potgeiter** – for an amazing sculpture.

Great work everyone!

ROARY

You may have heard your child talking about Roary. Roary is our attendance bear and he is presented to the class with the best attendance every week.

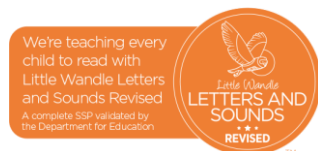


(Raising Our Attendance Record. Yeah!)

Early Reading Programme

Our early reading programme is called 'Little Wandle'. You can find out more information about the scheme by following the link:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



As well as taking part in a daily phonics lesson, your child will take part in a reading practice session with an adult, three times a week. Each session focuses on a different reading skill:

Decoding the text and understanding the new vocabulary;

Prosody reading with meaning, stress and intonation;

Comprehension to understand the text.

The same book will be used for all three sessions at school and it is then sent home. Having read the book three times at school your child should be fluent with the text.

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home. There are two types of reading book that your child will bring home:

A reading practice book. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.

A sharing book. Your child will bring home a school library book every week. This may well be a book that they are not be able to read on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

Some children may bring home another **pleasure for reading book.** This is a reading book matched to their level that they will not have seen before. This book can be used if your child would like additional reading practice.



Additional practice with a text your child can fully decode will support their enjoyment of reading so we hope that you will be able to support your child by listening to them read their book at least three times a week at home.



Thank you for looking after the books that we've already sent home. We've spent a huge amount of money buying new sets of reading books and we really need to ensure that we look after them. **PLEASE check that your child returns their book to the reading wallet as soon as they have finished reading it and make sure it comes into school every day. Thank you.**

E Safety



Each computing unit of work starts with an e-safety module at Manor. We teach the children about the importance of being safe when using the internet. Here is a list of the messages that your children will hear:

- People you don't know are strangers. They're not always who they say they are.
- Be nice to people on the computer like you would in the playground.
- Keep your personal information private.
- If you ever get that 'uh oh' feeling, you should tell a grown up you trust.

Please remind your children when they are on-line at home. As a reminder, our Computing Charter and e-safety resources are posted on the school website.

<https://www.manorinfant.co.uk/e-safety/>

The Powerpoint from Mrs Welling's e-safety workshop for parents can be found on this page.

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/year3andyear3>

Change of Personal Details

If you move house or change your phone number, please can you let us know. It is really important that our school records are up to date. Thank you.

Pick Ups

If you have arranged for your child to be collected by another family member, friend or child minder, please can you inform the school so that we know to expect them. If we have not been informed, we will need to contact you before we can allow your child to leave the site with them. If we have not met the adult before, we will request a password. Thank you.

After School Clubs

There are still a few spaces available for some of our After School Clubs. Please contact the school office if your child would like to join a club for a taster session or if they would like to book a place for the term.





WOW Walk to School Campaign



Yesterday Angela Manore from the Travel Planning Team, Juliette Cross from Living Streets and Strider visited Manor to launch our new 'WOW walk to school campaign'. By regularly walking, scooting, cycling or using the Park and Stride to get to school, your child can earn a badge every month. More details are available on the letter that was emailed out yesterday.



Sustrans Cycle to School Week



Monday 23rd – Friday 27th September is Cycle to School week. During this week we would like as many children as possible to walk, scoot or cycle to school as we will be promoting the benefits this brings to children's health and the environment.

Park and Stride



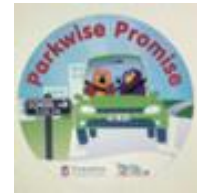
What is Park and Stride?

- This is a long-term scheme to reduce congestion around school and increase health benefits for children.
- We encourage those of you who usually drive your child to school to park outside the Blue Zone on the attached map.
- The 5-10 minute walk to school will be very beneficial to your child by

providing additional exercise and improving concentration in school.

- We hope this will become a daily habit so that the benefits are long lasting.

Parkwise Promise



In an effort to create a safer environment outside of our school at the beginning and the end of the school day, we participate in 'The Parkwise Promise', a Hampshire County Council led initiative to target dangerous and inconsiderate parking near to schools. If you would like to use the St Bernard's car park and you do not already have a Parkwise Promise sticker for your car, please pop into the school office and pick up a Parkwise Promise letter so that we can issue you with a sticker for your car.

School Improvement Priorities

Following our analysis of stakeholder surveys, school assessment outcomes and national education priorities, I am pleased to be able to share with you this year's School Improvement Priorities.

Rationale: In order to further improve the education provided by our school we will be focusing on improving the following areas:

Quality of Education:

- ❖ To improve writing outcomes for the more able.
- ❖ To further develop task design in reading comprehension activities so that tasks are clearly linked to the school's reading expectations, with a focus on Year 2, ensuring KS1 outcomes remain high.
- ❖ To further develop the opportunities to develop reasoning and problem solving to embed and secure children's mathematical knowledge and understanding, with a focus on Year 2.
- ❖ To provide reading, writing and Maths interventions to close any gaps in learning.
- ❖ To ensure the precise knowledge the children need to learn in DT and Geography is embedded in planning from Year R to Year 2.
- ❖ To review homework expectations for each year group.





- ❖ To review systems for pupil progress reporting.

Behaviour and Attitudes:

- ❖ To continue to focus on maintaining high standards of behaviour with children behaving with consistently high levels of respect for others.
- ❖ To further engage in social action and to be courageous advocates for change locally, nationally and globally.
- ❖ To further increase attendance to 96+% for all groups.

Personal Development:

- ❖ To further develop the Christian character of the school by reviewing the school's core values.
- ❖ To provide an environment where positive mental health conversations and support are available for all members of the school community.
- ❖ To develop children's ability to hold balanced and well-informed conversations about religion and belief.

Leadership and Management:

- ❖ To create a safeguarding overview which reflects the school safeguarding provision and expectations, so that the SLT have a greater range of evidence of the school's safeguarding culture.
- ❖ For DT and Geography subject leaders to embed the planned refinements to the curriculum, ensuring a clear progression from Year R to Year 2.
- ❖ To ensure additional funding provides good outcomes for pupils: Pupil Premium, SEN, Sports, School Led Tutoring.
- ❖ For Foundation Governors to focus on their strategic role, thereby ensuring the School Improvement priorities (SIP) constantly challenge and enable Manor to further improve as a Church school.

Early Years:

- ❖ To further improve the provision for communication and language in all areas of the EYFS.

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service will be taking place next Wednesday, 25th September at 2.30pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please send food donations into school on the day. The School Council will be delivering our donations to the Waterside Foodbank next Friday.



Our PTFA AGM will take place this afternoon at **3.20pm**. Please come along to support our team of volunteers with fundraising ideas for the coming year.

And finally...

REMINDER: Our school photographer is visiting Manor on Monday for individual photos.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Michelle Hale
Headteacher

PTFA AGM



Diary Dates 2024-25

Monday 9 th September – Friday 18 th October	Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) period
Friday 20 th September	PTFA AGM at 3.20pm in the school hall – all welcome
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th September	Cycle to School Week
Monday 23 rd September	School Photographer – individual photos
Monday 23 rd September	Angela Manore in from the School Travel Team to work with the Planet Protectors
Wednesday 25 th September	2.30pm Harvest Service at school – please send donations for the Foodbank into school with your child
Friday 27 th September	School Council deliver donations to the Food Bank
Friday 27 th September	PTFA Sponsored Bounce
October	WALKTOBER – everyone is encouraged to walk to school this month!
Thursday 3 rd October	Themed Lunch
Thursday 3 rd October	Praizin' Hands – Friendships
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.