



Parents' Newsletter 1

Monday 9th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. It has been so lovely to see the children in Years 1 and 2 settle back into school so well.



Today we have been very impressed with our new Year R children. They all came into school with big smiles on their faces. 😊

A busy summer holiday!

Thank you to all of our school team who have spent a considerable amount of time during the holidays ensuring that everything is ready for the new school year. The learning environment is looking fantastic!

Newsletters

As always, newsletters will be emailed home throughout the year. They are numbered so that you will know if you have missed any. Please note that in the interests of the environment, paper copies of newsletters will only go home if they are requested. Newsletters are also available to view on the school's website. Diary dates are available at the end of every newsletter, they are also available on the school website www.manorinfant.co.uk



Class Names

At the end of the last academic year the School Council requested that each class be

given a new name. The theme chosen was trees. Here are the new names:

Year R – Holly Class

Year 1 – Oak Class

Year 2 – Chestnut Class



Travelling to School

The school run is a great opportunity to start you and your child's day in a positive and energised way. It provides quality time with your child where you can chat with them.

By leaving the car at home or parking a short distance away from the school gate and walking the last 5-10 minutes to school, you will help to reduce congestion, improve air quality locally, make the school run safer and your child will be healthier, happier and ready to learn.

If you are unable to walk, scoot or cycle with your child to school and would like to use our Park and Stride, a Parkwise Promise sticker is available from the school office. Our Park and Stride parking location is St Bernard's Church, only a short walk from the school.



WOW - The Walk to School Challenge

This year we are joining many other schools across Hampshire by taking part in the WOW challenge. WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day using the interactive WOW Travel Tracker. If they travel sustainably (walk/wheel, cycle or scoot) once a week





for a month, they get rewarded with a badge.

Juliette from the WOW team will be joining us for a launch assembly on Thursday 19th September.

Staffing Update

This term we are pleased to welcome Mrs N Hartley to our Learning Support team.



EYFS Baseline

In the first 6 weeks of this term, all children in Year R will be taking part in the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). The RBA is an age-appropriate assessment of early mathematics and literacy, communication and language. It is administered by (Early Years Foundation Stage) EYFS staff in the first 6 weeks of a pupil starting reception. The assessment has two components, each consisting of practical tasks using physical resources. The RBA will be used to create school-level progress measures for primary schools which will show the progress pupils make from reception until the end of key stage 2 (Year 6).



Early Bird Club

If you require use of our Breakfast Club this term, please continue to book your child's place in advance of the sessions. **All bookings must be made by the Thursday, 12 noon, of the week before.** I'm afraid that we will not be allowing children to attend if they arrive unexpectedly in the morning as we need to ensure that we have adequate staff cover. Bookings can be made by emailing or calling the school office adminoffice@manor.hants.sch.uk



Payments for sessions should be made in advance by cash or cheque (made payable to HCC) sent into school in money wallets. **Sessions cost £4 each.**

Collective Worship



In Collective Worship this term we will be focusing on the Christian value 'Love'. We will also be revisiting our HeartSmart 'High Five'. We want the children to know that we all have a body, a mind and a heart. The heart is the epicentre of who we are, the driving force of why we do what we do, that there are times to listen to our heart and times to lead our heart.

Jesus says in Matthew 22: 36-40 that loving God and loving others and ourselves are the two greatest commandments. If we want to live well we need to love well. This is HeartSmart.



Parents will be invited to our Friday Celebration Worships from 9.00am-9.20am this term. Certificates of Achievement and awards will be handed out to children throughout the school. If your child is receiving a school certificate you will be informed by text or by the class teacher in advance. If your child earns a certificate or award outside of school, e.g. ballet, gym or football, please send this in to your child's class teacher so that it can be shared in worship and as a whole school, we can celebrate their success on a Friday!

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service will take place on **Wednesday 25th September**. Children are invited to bring in tinned goods and consumables and following the service, parcels will be delivered to the Waterside Foodbank who have told us that they are in need of the following items:



- Tinned Fruit
- Sugar (500g)
- Coffee (100g)
- Meat (tinned)
- Sponge Puddings



- Carrots (tinned)
- Dried Milk Powder
- Milk (UHT)
- Soup (tinned)
- Rice Pudding (tinned)
- Teabags (40/80/120)
- Tomatoes(tinned)
- Fish (tinned)
- Vegetables (tinned)
- Custard (tinned)
- Fruit Juice(Long Life)
- Cereals
- Pasta/Rice

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes into school in the correct uniform.

Winter Uniform List

- mid - grey skirt, pinafore, tunic or trousers.
- red school sweatshirt or cardigan
- red or white polo shirt or white shirt
- grey or white socks or red or grey tights
- black shoes- NO TRAINERS

PE Kit

- Black shorts or black short leggings
- White T- shirt
- White socks
- P.E. kit should include socks
- plimsolls OR trainers
- tracksuit (should be provided for cold weather)

If you haven't already done so, please **name all items of clothing.**

Your child should keep their PE kit at school. PE lessons will take place on the following days in each class.

Year R	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 1	Tuesdays and Fridays
Year 2	Tuesdays and Fridays

Jewellery and Nail Varnish

Children are not permitted to wear drop earrings or other jewellery to school. Studs are discouraged, but are permitted for those children who have pierced ears, they will need to be removed or covered with surgical tape during P.E. lessons (please provide surgical tape). In general terms, you are advised not to allow your child to wear jewellery to school in case of loss, damage or injury. Nail varnish is not appropriate in school and should also not be worn.



Long Hair

If your child has long hair, please can you remember to tie it back for school – thank you.

Hampshire Education Catering Services


Lots of children are taking advantage of Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). We continue to provide our school lunches and are responsible for organising healthy and nutritious meals. If your child does not want to take up the UIFSM, please provide them with a healthy packed lunch from home. The school Food Policy states that:

- **Packed lunches are not to contain sweets.**
- **The school discourages the provision of foods such as crisps and other highly processed foods.**
- **Any food left in lunchboxes will be sent home so that parents/carers are aware of what has or has not been eaten.**

Please also note that children should only bring in fresh juices or water to drink – **no fizzy drinks or squash** please.



Occasionally the School Council organise a themed lunch. The first one for this academic year will take place on **Thursday 3rd October** – more details to follow.

Nut Free Zone! 

The school is a nut free zone and we ask all parents to avoid these products when preparing their children's lunch boxes. Thank you for your consideration in this important health matter.

After School Clubs

Mrs Munns, our Assistant Headteacher, has been very busy organising our After School Clubs for this half term.

Our clubs include:

Mondays	Forest Schools with Mrs Lucas
Tuesdays	Football with R&R Sports
Wednesdays	Multi-Skills with R&R Sports
Thursdays	Dance with Chantelle
Fridays	Football with R&R Sports

If your child would like to join a club, please email the school office and we will email you a letter. Clubs start **today**.

Maths Booklets

Maths Booklets highlight the Maths topics that will be taught at school over the coming weeks. The booklet also contains ideas for ways that you can support your child with Maths at home.



Topic Overviews

Topic overviews summarise the topic for the term and give you suggestions on ways

in which you can support your child's learning at home. They are emailed to you at the beginning of every term and are also available on the school website.

Sustrans Cycle to School Week



From **Monday 23rd – Friday 27th September** it's 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.

School Absences and Penalty Notices

We would like to thank all parents and carers who work hard in partnership with us to ensure that their children attend school regularly and punctually. We would like to thank our parents/carers in particular, for responding so effectively to the changes in law related to leave of absence from school being for exceptional circumstances only.

Similarly to the world of work, pupils should only be absent or late to school when they are ill or for medical or dental appointments (where these cannot be scheduled outside school hours). Any other absence needs to be requested and in all cases the decision is the headteacher's. In law, parents/carers are committing an offence if they fail to ensure the regular and punctual attendance of their child at the school. If your child is absent and the school have not authorised this then this is subject to legal action through a fine or prosecution.

If a child has 10 or more unauthorised sessions (5 days) in a 100 day period the school will initiate a penalty notice. As mentioned in Newsletter 20 (2023-24), the new 'National Framework for Penalty Notices for Schools', published by the Department of Education came into effect from 19th August 2024. A penalty notice



issued after this date will be issued under the new rules.

The cost of a penalty notice has increased from £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days and from £120 to £160 if paid within 28 days.

From now on, if you chose to take your child on a second holiday within a three-year rolling period, a Penalty Notice of £160 will automatically be issued.

If a third holiday is taken in a three year period, the school will refer the case to the Legal Intervention Team for consideration of a prosecution.

Please see the attached leaflet 'Information on Penalty Notices for non-attendance at school' for more details.

INSET days for 2024-25

Monday 2nd September 2024
 Monday 4th November 2024
 Monday 6th January 2025
 Monday 24th February 2025
 Monday 2nd June 2025

And finally...

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2025, please phone the school or pop into the office to book an appointment for a tour of the school.

Best wishes,

Michelle Hale
 Headteacher

Diary Dates 2024-25

Wednesday 4 th and Thursday 5 th September	Year R Home visits
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th September	Year R children in for mornings and lunch on Thursday and Friday
Friday 13 th September	E Safety workshop for Year R parents at 9am in the school hall
Monday 9 th September – Friday 18 th October	Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) period
Monday 16 th September	Year R Children in full time from today

Thursday 19 th September	WOW launch assembly
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th September	Cycle to School Week
Monday 23 rd September	School Photographer – individual photos
Monday 23 rd September	Angela Manor 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
October	WALKTOBER – everyone is encouraged to walk to school this month!
Thursday 3 rd October	Themed Lunch
Thursday 3 rd October	Praizin' Hands – Friendships
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 29 th November	Christmas Craft Day
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
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.