



Manor Farm Infant School

October 2023 Newsletter

School Motto

'Together We Grow'

October

Dear Parents

It has been a busy month since I last wrote to you. The children have been settling in well to their new classes, establishing relationships and routines.

There have been a number of opportunities for parents to come into school which has been lovely. Thank you to the EYFS parents who attended the information evening. Our knowledgeable and dedicated teachers shared information about how learning in EYFS is set up and things that can be done at home to help children's learning. The feedback was incredibly positive and it was a super opportunity for parents to explore the classrooms and to talk to have time to talk to the teachers.

It was great to welcome families to the MacMillan coffee morning which all raised a generous amount of money. Thank you to the Friends of Manor Farm Schools for running this event and to everyone who donated cakes.

A number of parents have attended guided reading training and are a huge support in our sessions that take place in Year 1 and 2. We would still really appreciate a few more volunteers and will warmly welcome grandparents and friends from the community who would like to be involved in school. If you think you or someone you know can help, please see below where we would love some extra support as our aim is that every child is heard to read with an adult.

Willow—Thursday

Beech—Wednesday and Thursday

Chestnut and Larch —Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday

Our new app 'Reach More Parents' is now up and running. Please do check your notifications for updates. Emails will also be sent out, usually on a Friday.

A highlight of my week has been seeing the positive impact that our new English scheme is already having. Year 2 retold the story 'The Magic Moment' and Year 1 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' in assembly with confidence and clarity. I have also watched EYFS retell 'The 3 Little Pigs' with super action and expression.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to welcoming you to our Autumn Assemblies during the last week of this half term.

Janice Woodhead

DATES FOR THIS TERM

14th October—FOMFS Bingo Night
16th October—Flu Immunisations
16th October 7pm—FOMFS AGM via Zoom, details to follow
19th October—1.30pm—Autumn Assembly
20th October—9.15am—Autumn Assembly
20th October —Break up for half term w/c 23rd October—27th November—Half Term
31st October—8.45am Children return to school
8th & 9th November—Parent teacher consultations—2pm-8pm
3rd November—Mufti Day for Xmas Fayre
15th November —Open Morning—Prospective New Pupils—9.30am
22nd November—Individual School Photographs
30th November—Open Morning—Prospective New Pupils—9.30am
2nd December—Christmas Fayre w/c 11th December—Activity Week w/c 11th December —Xmas Performances days & times to be confirmed
16th December—Christmas Jumper Day (more details to follow)
19th December—Christmas parties (more details to follow)
19th December—Last Day of Term—3.15pm
5th January 2024—Return to School—8.45am
16th January—Parent Class Visit—Larch class 2.15pm
17th January —Stay and Play—Reception 9am-10am
18th January—Parent Class Visit—Chestnut class 2.15pm
23rd January —Parent Class Visit—Willow class 9am
25th January—Parent Class Visit—Beech class 2.15pm
9th February—Last day of term

One Can Trust

Helen and Cathy came to visit this week and delivered an assembly to explain why and how One Can Trust works. Thank you to all our families that already donate. Please remember we have weekly collections on a Tuesday if you wish to make a donation. We are attaching a list of the current needs for your information and will be asking for donations for our Autumn Assemblies.

Please also be aware, that if you are a family that need support, we can do a referral on your behalf which will of course be treated confidentially.

999 Emergency Calls

We recently heard of a child who found their grown up in an emergency situation where the child was able to call for help which was amazing but then did not know where they lived. The emergency services were able to locate the call but this did cause a delay. Please can you teach your child their address so that in the unlikely event they are ever in this situation they are able to give this information. A good tip that we have been recommended is to keep your address on a post it note on the fridge and revisit it regularly with your child. If they know it is there they will be able to share this information with the operator.

Flu Vaccination

Information regarding the flu vaccination has already been sent out via email. Please remember to complete your consent forms whether you wish your child to have the vaccination or not. Please speak to the school office if you need help to do this.

Maths Homework—Year 1 and 2

Please look out for an email that will be sent in the next week to introduce ‘Numbots’ which is an app we will be using across the school for Maths homework.

School Lunch Update

We have been dissatisfied with the service from our current caterers, Dolce. Sadly, the variety and quality of lunches has deteriorated significantly. We have addressed this with the company on numerous occasions but to no avail. Our contract will end with Dolce at half term as a way forward could not be agreed. The company were also imposing a large financial subsidy on the school which cannot be justified.

We are in negotiations with a new provider which we feel very positive about. Further details will be sent with an invitation to meet the provider and see the food that will be on offer.

A couple of years ago a decision was made by the Governors that school lunches would be offered as a packed lunch. A reason behind this was that there was a lot less waste and the children enjoyed eating a packed lunch more than a hot option. Therefore our new provider will be serving cold options but this will be of a much better quality with more variety.

Holiday Club

Holiday Club will be open from Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th October during October half term. Please contact the school office for a booking form if you would like your child to attend. Children from other schools are also welcome to attend.



Forest School

Forest school has re-started and the children are enjoying observing seasonal change as well as enjoying adventures., where it is linked their learning to their science topics.

