Dear Parents

We are nearing the end of the first half term and it has been a super start to the new school year. The EYFS children have settled well into school and the Key Stage 1 children are enjoying their new classes. There have been opportunities for you to visit classes, enjoy MacMillan coffee morning (organised by the Friends of Manor Farm Schools) and for EYFS parents to attend a well supported Parent Information Evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our new and ongoing journey that we have all embarked on. We have measured how many times around the playground is 1 km (5 times around the edge of the top and bottom playground). Children and staff together have started many cumulative kilometres. From after half term we will be keeping a record of how far we are walking and our aim is to corporately walk around the world in 3 years. We will regularly report where we have got to and when we get to different places we will learn in assembly some facts about them. If you would like to join us in our walk around the playground please feel free to do so with your child before school. This is a good way to all become fitter, have fun and learn more about places around the world.

I hope that many of you will be able to join us for one of our Harvest Assemblies next week where the children will have the first opportunity this year to perform to you at school.

I hope you enjoy this time together.

Kind regards,
Paula Coppins

COATS
Can we please remind you that children should have a coat in school every day and as it gets colder. Hats, scarves and gloves are also useful. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

CHARTY CYCLE
As a school we have agreed to support the following charities:
- Children in Need
- Comic Relief
- One Can Trust at Harvest Assembly
- Dorcas at Christmas
- MacMillan Coffee Morning organised by the Friends of Manor Farm Schools

In addition to this we will support the following charities on a three year cycle:
- British Heart Foundation
- Genes for Genes
- A children’s Cancer Charity

DATES FOR THIS TERM
16th October—Parental class visit Chestnut—2.15pm
18th October—Autumn Assembly—9.30am
19th October—Autumn Assembly—9.30am
20th October—Break up for half term 3.10pm
w/c 23rd October—27th October—Half Term
30th October—Inset Day
31st October—8.55am
Children return to school
8th November—Parent teacher consultations—2pm-8pm
9th November—Flu Immunisations
14th November—Parental class visit Reception—9.30am
15th November—Open Morning—Prospective New Pupils—9.30am
18th November Family Photo Session
25th November—Christmas Fayre
27th November—Open Morning—Prospective New Pupils—9.30am
13th December—Xmas Performance, 9.30am
14th December—Xmas Performance, 9.30am
15th December—Xmas Performance, 9.30am
19th December—Xmas Parties
19th December—Last Day of Term—3.10pm
4th January 2015—Return to School—8.55am

Family Photo Session
Saturday 18th November
We are pleased to advise you that we will once again be holding our family photo session. This will take place on Saturday 18th November. A letter is being sent home today and if you are interested in booking a slot please see Mrs Hurst in the school office or return your slip as soon as possible. Whilst it is impossible to guarantee specific time requests we will do our best to fit around other activities. We do ask that you arrive 5 minutes before your allotted time. Please do book early as this is very popular and does get oversubscribed.

Guided Reading Sessions
We are still looking for additional volunteers to help with our guided reading sessions which take place daily between 9.00 and 9.30am. If you are able to help please speak to your child’s class teacher.

Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 8th November
Lists for signing up to see your child’s teacher will go up on the morning of Wednesday 1st November. These lists will be outside each classroom.
There’s no-one and Wierd and Going for Gold
Quite like Me and Wonderful

Shortly after half term you will receive an overview of what will be covered in Theatre and Arts.

Children In Need

We will be celebrating Children in Need on 17th November. Children are welcome to wear Pudsey ears to school. We will have a limited supply of the Children in Need merchandise on sale in the school office after half term should you wish to purchase some. Children are invited to bring in coins to fill a Pudsey and Blush jar. All the proceeds from this will be sent to Children in Need. Any British coins can be donated.

During this week we are delighted to say that Pudsey Bear himself will be visiting school and he will visit the children in class. Please watch the school website for pictures of his visit.

Autumn Assembly

The Autumn Assemblies will take place on 18th and 19th October and letters to apply for tickets have already been sent home to request these. Here is a quick reminder of some of the items we are collecting for our chosen charity The One Can Trust.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING DATES AND TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

We would like to give you advance warning of the dates for our Christmas productions. All the children will be performing in all of our concerts and these will take place on the mornings of:

Wednesday 13th December—Xmas Performance, 9.30am – Crèche provided
Thursday 14th December—Xmas Performance, 9.30am
Friday 15th December—Xmas Performance, 9.30am

Please remember we will be unable to facilitate any younger children. The offer of three dates will enable you to make childcare arrangements with other parents in similar circumstances, alternatively a crèche will be available on the Wednesday to help with these arrangements, there will be a cost for this.

Entry will be strictly by ticket only and the letter for requesting these will be sent home after half term.

LOST PROPERTY

We have already accumulated a large amount of unnamed lost property over the course of this half term. Please could you take time to check the bucket outside the hall to see if any of the items there belong to you.

CHILDREN’S SAFETY

Please remember when you and your children enter the school grounds it is important to use the proper pedestrian access points.

Please note the car park is for staff use only and parents must not park there when dropping or collecting children.

Crossing through the car park is dangerous and not allowed. Please help us to teach your children the safe way to enter and leave school and remain safe while arriving and leaving school.