



# Manor Farm Infant School October 2017 Newsletter

School Motto

**'Together We  
Grow'**



### 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.

### CHARITY 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

MacMillian 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

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*



### 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
- 16th 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.

## Topic Cycle

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
There's no-one Quite like Me	Theatre and Arts	Dinosaurs	Wierd and Wonderful	Going for Gold	Pirates

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.

UHT Milk	Tinned Veg	Rice	Jam
Tinned Ham	Corned Beef	Angel Delight	Shampoo
Tinned Potatoes	Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Spaghetti	Jelly
Tinned Meatballs	Pasta Sauce	Tinned Hotdogs	Soap
Shower Gel	Toothbrushes	Biscuits	Custard
Tinned Fruit	Tinned Meat Meals		



## 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.**