

	<h1>Manor Farm Infant School</h1> <h2>July 2024 Newsletter</h2>	<p>School Motto</p>
		<p>'Together We Grow'</p>



A Message from Mrs Woodhead

Dear Families

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of this school year as it has flown by. We have had lots to celebrate throughout the year and I hope you take time to look at some of the highlights on our website. There have also been times where the sense of community has been so strong.

This half term has been busy and exciting. Sports day was a huge success where the children had great fun competing against each other in their house colours. Well done to the blue team who were this year's winners. A small group of year 1 children spend the morning at Holmer Green Senior School where they enjoyed listening to an author and planning their own stories. The Summer Fayre was really well supported and raised a large amount of money which will benefit our school as we plan to buy new resources and provides additional learning opportunities for the children, eg history days and duck eggs. A big thank you for the Friends committee who work incredibly hard throughout the year and provide many fun activities for the children and adults.

This week has finished with a pirate day for EYFS where the children dressed up and completed many pirate themed activities. There were many 'shiver me timbers' and 'arrrr' heard throughout the day! The whole school enjoyed a water day yesterday which was so much fun and they did a great job of soaking the staff too. Transition activities have also been taking place over the last few weeks so that all the children are familiar with their new teaching staff and classrooms.

The parent questionnaire results were very positive and I would like to thank every member of the MFIS staff for their hard work, nurture, passion and dedication. I am very pleased that all teaching staff will be returning in September so that we can continue to build on the curriculum changes that have been made this year. Governors and SLT will also reflect on comments and suggestions that were made so that we are continually growing and moving forward. I would also like to thank you for your continued support as home-school partnerships are so important for the development of the children.

It has been a sad day saying goodbye to our Year 2 children but we are also incredibly proud of what they have achieved both academically and socially. They presented a beautiful leavers assembly that was a trip down memory land that brought smiles and a few tears. (The singing gets me every time!)

I wish you all a happy and safe Summer and look forward to new adventures in September.

Kind regards

Janice Woodhead

Staff Updates from September 2024

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Humphrey will be welcoming a new baby in the Autumn term. We will advise you of cover for her maternity leave in the Autumn term.

We also have another staff change from September. Mrs Goodman is retiring from afterschool club and I am sure you would like to join me in thanking her for her hard work and commitment during her time with us and wish her happiness on her new adventure.

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR MEET THE TEACHER—SEPTEMBER 2024

‘Meet The Teacher’ sessions are held by class teachers for you to find out about classroom routines and expectations. These meetings will also give you the opportunity to speak to the teacher should you have any worries or concerns and will take place in the classroom. Details of each class are listed below. We hope you will be able to attend.

Larch—Mrs Blair and Mrs Humphrey

Wednesday 11th September

2.40pm



Chestnut—Mrs Bing

Thursday 12th September

2.40pm



Beech—Mrs Topley and Mrs Thurtell

Wednesday 11th September

2.40pm



Willow—Mrs Arora and Mrs Boyd

Tuesday 10th September

2.40pm



Ash—Miss Fry

Oak—Mrs Hardy and Mrs Law

Monday 9th September

2.40pm



Friends of Manor Farm Schools

A big shout out to our wonderful 'Friends of Manor Farm Schools' committee and volunteers that have helped throughout the year. Thank you for all your hard work and fundraising which supplements the children's learning opportunities and is hugely appreciated.

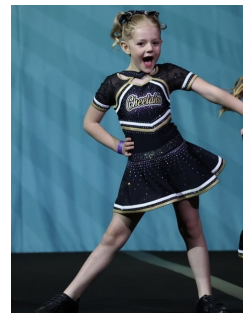
They are looking for new members as key people will be stepping down in the Autumn term. Please do speak to them if you are interested in helping or joining the committee.

School Website

Please remember to look at the school website for photographs of our recent activities within school. You will find these under 'events and celebrations'. There are also half termly curriculum overviews for each year group so that you will know what your child will be learning. This will be updated in September.

Well Done

Well to Ianis, Zara, Iris and Oliver who have all had amazing sporting achievements outside of school.



Dates for this term

19th July—End of Term 3.15pm

Dates for next term

Thursday 5th September—School Re-opens to children at 8.45am

Monday 9th September—Meet the Teacher—Oak and Ash—2.40pm

Tuesday 10th September—Meet the Teacher—Willow - 2.40pm

Wednesday 11th September—Meet the Teacher—Beech and Larch—2.40pm

Thursday 12th September—Meet the Teacher—Chestnut —2.40pm

Tuesday 8th October at 2.15pm and Thursday 10th October at 7pm—Parent Information Meeting on Phonics and Reading

Thursday 24th October—Autumn Assembly—1.30pm (with creche)

Friday 25th October—Autumn Assembly—9.15am

Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November—Half Term

Monday 4th November—Return to school

Wednesday 20th November—Individual Photographs

Saturday 23rd December—Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 17th December and Wednesday 18th December—Christmas Performance—2.00pm

Thursday 19th December—Christmas Performance—9.15am (with creche)



SOCIAL MEDIA



Please can we remind you that if you are sharing photographs of school events on social media these pictures must be just of your child/ren and must not contain other children.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Places are still available for the Summer holiday, please speak to Mrs Hurst for booking forms. Should you wish to make a late booking please call the school number as emails will not be monitored daily through the holiday.

We are open from Tuesday 23rd July to Thursday 29th August.



UNIFORM REMINDERS

When the new term starts, it is important that all students return to school in full school uniform, and to assist you with this, we have listed the uniform below. Please could I draw your attention to the fact that school trousers and skirts should be grey. All our uniform is available from **PMG Schoolwear** in High Wycombe. We have been asked by PMG to point out that to avoid disappointment please place your orders promptly to be guaranteed for delivery prior to the beginning of term. Generic items can of course be purchased from any shop and we do also have some items of second hand uniform available from the school office.

Girls and Boys

Sweatshirt / cardigan

Royal blue with Manor Farm logo

Shirt/blouse/polo shirt

White

Trousers/shorts/culottes/skirt/pinafore

Grey

Socks/tights

White/grey only

Sensible, safe and tidy school shoes

Black (NO trainers)

Summer - Girls

Summer dress

Striped or checked in blue/white

Physical Education kit - Girls and Boys

Sensible shorts, T shirt, dark tracksuit bottoms

Shoe bag, or similar, in which to keep the PE kit

Waterproof trousers for Forest School

Please ensure that all property is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please remember that we have a strict no jewellery policy, this includes earrings and brooches. Jewellery may get lost and we cannot accept responsibility. More importantly, it can be a hazard when children play games.

Make-up including nail polish is not acceptable in school. Children do not bring toys and games into school unless specifically requested by teachers.

Book /School Bags

Book bags keep books in good condition. Your child does not need to bring a school bag with him/her.

Bags take up a great deal of space on cloakroom pegs and often end up on the floor. If your child wants to bring something in to school to show his/her teacher then a plastic bag, which can be neatly folded away, will be sufficient.

Lunchboxes

Lunchboxes are all kept together on the trollies and we get several the same, so it is imperative that they are all clearly named.

Water Bottles

Please can all children have a water bottle with a sports cap top in school every day. Having a sports cap helps to prevent spillages. Can you please also ensure that these are not kept in bookbags. This will help protect our reading books and stop them from being damaged by any bottles that leak. Thank you for your help with this.

Highlights of the Year from the Children

Reception

'Playing with the dinosaurs'.

'I have enjoyed writing and sharing it with Mrs Woodhead'.

'Going to Whipsnade zoo and seeing the red panda'.

'The police officer and dog visit. We all loved sitting in the car and Zac loved pressing the siren'.

'Going to the woods and learning about minibeasts'.

'I enjoyed learning'.

'We loved the ducklings, they were so cute!'

'Hunting for Evil Pea to return Elmer'.

Year 1

'When the lady came in talking about toys from the past'.

'Making the chocolate nest'.

'Examining the poo of herbivores'.

'Going to Windsor Castle'.

'Growing sunflowers'.

'Designing and making our castles'.

'Writing books about facts'.

'When the Paralympian came in and we raised money'.

'We love forest school'.

'Making moving pictures in DT'.

Year 2

'We loved sewing puppets with the grandparents'

'I enjoyed the Florence Nightingale day'.

'I enjoyed the trip to Roald Dahl'.

'I loved the Tenner challenge'.

'We loved making our Henri Rousseau inspired shoebox scenes'.

'We enjoyed learning about Yaya Kusama and Henri Rousseau'.

'I enjoyed science day making balloon rockets'.

'I loved performance assembly'.

'I enjoyed making pizzas'.

'I enjoyed taking part in 'show and tell'.

'I had fun practising our leavers assembly'.

Tenner Challenge

After weeks of planning, organising, discussing and making, the year 2 teams were ready and excited to run their stalls on Friday afternoon. It was amazing to see them confidently explaining their products and calculating totals for people to pay, as well as mastering giving change. They were selling badges, toys, books, quiz books, glitter and tattoos. We are incredibly proud of all the children and their effort and enthusiasm and know they had a wonderful afternoon. Thank you to everyone for supporting the event to make it such a success. We raised a total of £441.23 which is going to support some projects in school to be chosen by the children:

Here are a few photographs from the event.

