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Welcome Back

Welcome back to the beginning of another exciting school year within the academy! We hope that you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

We are incredibly proud of the way in which our pupils have returned; they look so smart and have shown that they are ready to enjoy their new learning. We would also like to welcome our new Reception pupils who are quickly adjusting to academy life and we are very much looking forward to getting to know each and every one of them better in the coming weeks.

STAFFING

We are delighted to officially welcome Mr Turner who will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 4 and as a midday supervisor.

UNIFORM

The children look wonderful in their new uniforms. By ensuring your child always attends school wearing the correct uniform, you are helping them to understand the importance of being part of Manor Farm Academy and their community in general. Please do ensure that each item of **clothing is labelled with their full name** so that any lost items make their way directly back to your child.

Thank you.

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

7th Y6 PGL talk for parents

7th Y5 Planetarium Visit to school

18th Y2 Rand Farm Talk to Parents

19th School Photos

21st PTFA Coffee Morning

25th DRUMBA experience for all pupils in school

28th Rec and Y1 Little City Experience in school

28th Y6 Construction Trip

OCTOBER

4th Flu Vaccinations for all pupils

4th—6th Year 6 PGL Residential

10th Hello Yellow Day (wear an item of yellow clothing)

10th & 12th Parents Evening (more details to follow)

18th Harvest Festival

19th Online Safety Parent Meeting ALL (3.40pm)

20th END OF TERM 3.30pm

30th Pupils return to school

NOVEMBER

6th Year 4 Trip to Creswell Crags

13th Odd socks day (wear odd socks)

15th Children in Need (more details to follow)

17th Inter-Faith Day

21st Year 6 Trip in local Community

PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will be taken on the morning of **Tuesday 19th September**. Those of you who would like younger siblings to be included in a family photo are invited to come along to the computer suite from 8.15am on this morning. Thank you.

PARENTS EVENING

These will be held on 10th and 12th October. Further details to follow.



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PANTS AND SOCKS

Our supplies of spare pants and socks are **incredibly low!** We would very much appreciate any donations of these that you no longer need. Please could any pants or socks that are/have been borrowed be returned. Thank you



CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS AND HOME-LEARNING

Home-learning will be shared on **Monday 11th September**. In Years 1-6, home-learning will be shared each week in a paper format. A termly "Optional Activity Sheet" will be uploaded on to Seesaw at the beginning of each term. Pupils are invited to complete these activities throughout the term and share these in school on the last Monday of the Autumn, Spring and Summer Terms. Our Reception Class' home-learning will be shared on Tapestry each week.

Some pupils may have already been sent home with a new login for Seesaw. All pupils will have a new login by Monday 11th September.

Curriculum newsletters, which will contain an overview of the areas being studied by your child during the Autumn Term, will be sent home on **Monday 18th September**.

READING BOOKS

During the first weeks of term, the staff will be working hard assessing the reading ability of all pupils within each class. Once this has been completed, the children will receive reading books at the appropriate level. Thank you for your patience whilst this task is undertaken.

LEARNING BOARDS

To enhance and support our KS1 pupils with their learning, 'Learning Boards' will continue to be shared at the end of the school day. These logs will contain useful information about the content of your child's day. A physical Learning Board will be placed in the Reception outdoor area each day. For Years 1 and 2, a learning board post will be placed daily on Seesaw.

PE

Please ensure all PE kits are in school on a Monday morning and taken home on a Friday afternoon. Could we also please remind you that **absolutely no jewellery** should be worn during PE. We therefore ask that those children who cannot yet remove their own earrings, do not come to school wearing any on a PE day. Children will **not be able to** take part in PE sessions if they are wearing earrings. Thank you for your support in this matter.