



## September/October 2024

### 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.

### LOVELY NEWS

We are excited to announce the safe arrival of Miss Hudson's baby boy— Oliver who was born on 1st September. I am sure you will want to join me in wishing them all the very best! We'd also like to share with you that Mrs Boast is now expecting her second baby and excited to welcome a new addition to their family.

### STAFFING

We are delighted to officially welcome three new teachers to the academy: Mrs McCann (Year 2), Mr Woolsey (Year 3) and Miss Brown (Year 6).

### 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

- 10th Football Team Trials (Y5/6)
- 16th Y6 PGL Talk for parents (3.40pm)
- 17th School Photos
- 23rd Y2 Rand Farm Talk to Parents (3.40pm)
- 25th Y5 The Engine Shed Trip
- 26th Y6 Construction Day Trip
- 26th PTFA disco (details to follow)
- 27th Year 1 Wolds Wildlife Park Trip
- 30th Phonics Talk for Year 1 parents
- 30th-2nd Nov Year 5 Bikeability

### OCTOBER

- 2nd Nasal Flu Vaccinations for all
- 4th Year 5 Lincolnshire Day Trip
- 9th—11th Year 6 PGL Residential
- 15th & 17th Parents' Evenings
- 18th End of Term
- 28th STAFF TRAINING DAY
- 29th Pupils return to school

### NOVEMBER

- 4th Phonics Talk for Reception parents
- 6th 2025 Intake Open Morning
- 13th 2025 Intake Open Morning
- 13th Y2, Y4 & Y6 Animal Handling Day
- 15th Children in Need Day
- 18th Odd Sock Day

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS AND HOME-LEARNING

Home-learning will be shared on **Monday 9th September**. In Years 1-6, optional home-learning will be shared each week in a paper format. Additionally, a termly "Optional Activity Sheet" will be sent home with the pupils. Our Reception Class' home-learning will be sent home each Monday and can be shared on Tapestry each week.

Curriculum newsletters, which will contain an overview of the areas being studied by your child during the Autumn Term, will be uploaded to the class pages on our website later this week.

## 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. We would then very much welcome your support in listening to your child read every day.

## 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 Learning Board will be placed outside the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms each day.

## PE

Please can we 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.

## TRUSTED ADULTS

Thank you to our new parents who have already completed the trusted adult forms— these are used to inform staff who our pupils have permission to go home with. Please contact the office if any changes or updates are needed to the current lists we hold. Thank you

## WATCHES

We kindly ask that whilst they are in school, pupils **do not** wear watches that have: cameras, audio recording, call facilities or games and very much appreciate your support in this matter. Thank you

## PHOTOS

School photographs will be taken on the morning of **Tuesday 17th 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 15th and 17th October. Further details to follow.

## NEWS TO SHARE

Over the summer holidays, Miss Richardson travelled to Scotland to hike the two tallest mountains in the UK, Ben Macdui and Ben Nevis. The hikes were completed to raise money for the British heart foundation due to family loses.

Miss Richardson, alongside friends and family completed the first hike Ben Macdui in 4 hours and 59 minutes and the following day, Ben Nevis in 7 hours and 30 minutes.

The target was to reach £3,000 for the charity however, over £4,000 has been raised which is an incredible amount of money!

Well done to  all!