

December 2019 Newsletter

...Education for Lifelong Learning

Dates for your Diary

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
December	
9th	2:30 Reception Christmas Production
10th	2:30 Reception Christmas Production
11th	2:30pm Year 1/2 Christmas Production 6:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Production
12th	Year3 Learning Showcase-details to follow
12th	6:00pm Year 1/2 Christmas Production
13th	PTFA CHRISTMAS Fair 3.45pm
13th	Christmas Jumper Day
16th	Christmas Meal and Christmas Party Day
16th	PTFA Disco 3:30-4:30pm
17th	Forest School Learning for Reception and Year 3
18th	Forest School Learning for Year 1 and Year 2
18th	Christmas Jumper Day
19th	Pupils finish at 2pm
January	
6th	Pupils return to the Academy

* You are invited to attend these events



Welcome to the final Newsletter of 2019

As the end of 2019 is fast approaching, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support this year. Working together with you to ensure that your child is happy and progressing is an aspect that we are grateful for. On behalf of all of the staff at Manor Farm Academy, we would like to wish you a fantastic Christmas if we do not get the chance to say this personally in the forthcoming weeks.

Forest School- Outdoor Learning

Forest School 'Outdoor Learning' experiences will again be taking place at the end of this term on Monday 16th December. Team work and social skills will again be interwoven into the outdoor activities. Please look out for the photographs on Facebook!

Reception 2020 Intake

Thank you for your kind support in encouraging others to come and view the Academy for a place in September 2020. We are also grateful to those PTFA members who attended the Open Mornings to serve tea and coffee to potential parents and be on hand to answer any questions!

Phonics Parents Meeting

Thank you to those of you who attended our recent Phonics Parent's Meeting. We hope that you found the information useful. All of the handouts and Powerpoint slides can be found on the relevant class pages on our web site. <http://www.manor-farm-academy.co.uk/>

The Christmas Productions

We are really looking forward to sharing our Christmas Productions with you all. The pupils and staff have been working so hard to produce the "I'm Gonna Shine" and "Born in Bethlehem" performances. The Reception performances will take place on the 9th and 10th December and the Year 1 and 2 performances will be on the 11th and 12th December.

Please speak to the office staff regarding the tickets if you do not already have these.

Christmas Cards

This year, we have a Christmas Postbox where the children will be able to post their Christmas cards to one another. To help with the accurate and swift delivery of all cards, please can you: **write the recipient's full name and their class teachers initials** on to the front of the envelope. Thank you in advance.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December we would like to take part in "Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day". To raise money for this worthwhile cause, we would like to invite all of the children at Manor Farm Academy to come to school in a "Christmas Jumper" on Friday 13th December and donate £1 towards this worthwhile cause.



Christmas Party Day

Our Christmas Party day is on **Monday 16th December** this year. Children are invited to come to school wearing their party clothes on this day.

Christmas Lunch

The hot Christmas Lunch day will be on **Monday 16th December**. Orders for lunches have already been placed. For those not wanting hot meals on this day, we are inviting children to come to school with a 'festive pack-up'!



Winter Reading Challenge



As part of our programme of promoting reading, we would like to ask all children to join the Winter Mini Challenge, which is run by the Reading Agency.

The challenge runs from 2nd December to 13th January. Children need to read and review three books on the Winter Mini Challenge website to earn a certificate and a virtual badge. The website also contains activities, book recommendations and a competition to enter. To enter, create a profile on the Reading Challenge website:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/winter-mini-challenge-19-coming-soon>

PTFA

This year, Our PTFA Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 13th December. We hope that you will be able to join us there and support us in raising funds for the academy.

PE, Mutli-Sports Competitions

Within L.E.A.D Academy Trust, our pupils have been enjoying the opportunity to compete against pupils from Waddington All Saints and

Witham St Hughs Academy. You may have seen the medals and certificates which they came home with as a result of this exciting opportunity. Feedback from all the children involved has been really positive

Water Bottles

We still have a number of pupils who are bringing “juice” into school in their “water” bottles. Please can we ask all parents to support us by ensuring that only water is brought in to school for the children to drink throughout the day. Thank you.

Attendance

As promised, the attendance rate for the term so far will be shared with you. This is:

Autumn term so far...	Autumn Term 1 2018
97.9%	97.41%

End of Term:

The last day of term is Thursday 19th December. **Please note that the children leave at 2pm.**

And Finally....

Finally, we would like to wish you all a fantastic Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

We look forward to working with you again in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Andrea Collins

