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# November 2020 Newsletter

## Communication

Please can we again just remind you that all communication that requires immediate attention is sent to [admin@manorfarmacademy.org](mailto:admin@manorfarmacademy.org) rather than

[enquiries@manorfarmacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@manorfarmacademy.org)

In addition, as you will be aware, from Year 1 onwards, we are using **Seesaw** in order to share and feedback on homework but we would kindly request that this platform is not used as a way of parents communicating with Class Teachers. Please can this be done through email instead. Thank you.



## Parents' Evenings

Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive feedback that we have received regarding the online aspect of this years meetings. In spite of the extraordinary circumstances in which we currently find ourselves in, it has certainly forced us to look at things differently. Moving forwards, we shall be looking at how we can combine this format whilst also welcoming you in to the school in order to share learning.

Another positive of this, has been our discovery in other ways in which technology can further support the development of our academy. We are really grateful for the overwhelmingly positive feedback identified within the online October 2020 parental surveys. We had a fantastic 96 responses to our questionnaire which was up on last year by 18%. This is just incredible so thank you all so much for taking the time to do this. We truly value your feedback and we work hard to act upon your suggestions where possible. We will share this with you at a later date once all of the information has been collated.

## Welcome Back after the Half Term Break

We are delighted to have had such a successful first half term and we have welcomed the pupils back to enjoy the learning and experiences which are ahead of them. The children and staff have come back from the October break refreshed, and the new term has started in a very positive and focused way. We look forward to the learning which will be taking place in the term ahead.



## Absence/ alternative arrangements

Should your child need to be absent from school or should you need to make us aware of any alternative arrangements for any reason, please can you ensure that you contact the office staff directly by emailing [admin@manorfarmacademy.org](mailto:admin@manorfarmacademy.org) or phoning them on [01522 681892](tel:01522681892) with the dates and reasons for the absence. This is to ensure that your child's absence is recorded correctly on our internal systems. Thank you.

## Harvest Festival

Last term, the children took part in our Harvest Festival Assembly. As part of the festival celebrations, we organised a food collection which Alive Church collected from us and kindly shared with Lincoln Foodbank. We were so thankful for the incredibly kind donations from all of our families- especially at this difficult time. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.





### Children in Need

Following the success of “Wear Something Yellow” in support of Young Minds, we have decided to ask the children to help us in raising money for Children in Need by having another “Wear Something Yellow” day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The children are invited to wear a yellow item/s as well as their school uniform.

This year Children in Need are making children’s mental wellbeing their number one priority. On this day, we will look at Five to Thrive which is a unique programme of wellbeing activities. Inspired by the 5 Ways to Wellbeing, it’s designed to help children feel better about themselves – as well as helping others. The amazing projects that BBC Children in Need support help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people all over the country. We are sure you’ll agree this is a very worthy cause and hope that you are able to support our fundraising. Because we are now a cashless school, should you want to donate to this cause, please donate following this link: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



### Appointments

At the end of last term, we made two successful appointments to our team. We would like to welcome Miss Melissa Clough to our midday Team and Mrs Marie Clough who joins us as our Year 4 Teaching Assistant. We wish them both every success in their new roles.



### Poppies on Sale

As you may already have seen, poppies and other items go on sale from **Tuesday 2nd November**. These will be sold each day at playtime and each pupil will have the opportunity to **donate** money to The Royal British Legion. Pupils will also have a special assembly to give them an increased understanding of Remembrance Day.

### Christmas Productions

Christmas is approaching and both the pupils and staff will soon be busy preparing for the Reception Production of “Born in Bethlehem” and the KS1 Christmas Productions of “The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All”. Our Year 3 and 4 classes will also share a short film due to not being able to hold their usual Carol Concert.

Obviously, this year, things will need to be done slightly differently. We did not want to cancel these events as we see them as an important aspect in the children’s time at school. These performances will be filmed in school and then a link will be shared with parents in the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December.

We would very much appreciate any support that you are able to give your child in learning any lines and providing them with a costume. Please do not feel that a lot of money needs to be spent on these- some of the best costumes are often those made at home. Further communication regarding costumes will follow shortly and should you need any support at all, please just get in touch. Thank you.

## Dates for your Diary

### November

**13<sup>th</sup> November-** *Wear something Yellow for Children in Need*

### December

**11<sup>th</sup> December-** *Christmas Jumper Day*

**14<sup>th</sup> December-** *Christmas Lunch*

**17<sup>th</sup> December** School Closes at 2pm

### January

**4<sup>th</sup> January-** *All children return to school*



### Healthy Snacks

Please can we ask that any morning break snacks that the children bring in to school from home are healthy ones. This might be a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks or crackers and cheese etc. Can we please ask that chocolate, biscuits or crisps are not given as a snack.

### ...and finally

I know these are incredibly difficult and uncertain times for us all, but please know that we are doing everything we can to keep our children happy, safe and learning.