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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- albeit a very different one to usual! 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 Foundation Stage pupils who have been adjusting to academy life so far.

## September 2020 Newsletter

### Staffing News

We are delighted to officially welcome Miss Lewis to the Year 4 team at Manor Farm Academy as an ITT student. We are currently advertising for a Year 4 Teaching Assistant and hope to make an appointment later this term



### Curriculum Newsletters and Home-learning

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 14th September**. Home-learning will also be shared on this date too.

This year, we will be changing the way in which we share home-learning. For Years 1 to 4, this will be shared via Seesaw and for Reception, this will be shared via Tapestry. Your child will bring home their **new login details for Seesaw at the end of today**.



### Reading Books

During the first couple of weeks of this term, the staff will be working hard assessing the reading ability of all children 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.

### Home-Learning Boards

To enhance and support your child with their learning from the FS to Y2, 'Home 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. These will be shared on Seesaw for Years 1 to 4, and on Tapestry for Reception from Monday 7th September.





### **Drop-off and Pick-up times**

As you will be aware, we took the decision to stagger our drop-off and pick-up times. In order to support parents at this time we have invited siblings to be dropped off and collected at the time allotted to the youngest sibling. Should you have any questions about this, please just get in touch.



### **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. Thank you for your support with this aspect.



### **PE Kit Reminder**

Could you please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. Kit needs to be in school on a Monday morning and taken home on Friday afternoon. Please ensure that this is named. Could we also please remind you that 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 on a PE day wearing any. Thank you.

The children need:

- [] White T shirt
- [] Black shorts or black tracksuit/leggings and sweatshirt
- [] Trainers for outdoor PE

### **The Academy Improvement Plan**

Please refer to the attached documents for the School Improvement overview and term times for the following Academic year.

### **Parents Evenings**

These will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Further details to follow.



### **School Photographs**

School photographs will be taken on the morning of **Friday 2nd October**. We will be in touch in order to give further details to those of you who would like younger siblings to be included in a family photo. Thank you.

# THANK YOU

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and understanding during this time. As you will be very well aware, we have had to put in place many changes to our day to day systems and practices. Some of these changes have needed adjustments and we have really appreciated your support and understanding at this time.



### **A Final Message for our 'New Parents'...**

Although starting school is an exciting time, we understand that it can be daunting for some parents and pupils. We strive to ensure that it is both enjoyable and positive and we look forward to working with you in order to achieve this for your child. Please do not hesitate to contact the Academy if you have any further questions or concerns.

*Yours sincerely*

**Andrea Collins**