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April 2021 Newsletter

Parents' Consultation Evenings

Thank you to everyone for all of your support in our most recent parents' evening meetings. The feedback that we have received regarding these meetings has been extremely positive and it has been fantastic to see that even in these very strange times, home-school relationships have really developed and that communication continues to be a real strength of the academy.

Thank you to all of you who have completed the online survey - we really value your feedback. Should you still want to share your feedback please just follow the link that was shared on 26/3/21. Thank you.

Communication

Thank you so much to all of those of you that have been mindful to communicate with us through our office email admin@manorfarmacademy.org or by phoning us on 01522 681892.

We really do appreciate you moving away from contacting teachers or enquiries directly now that we are fully back to school as the admin email is certainly the quickest and most reliable way of getting in touch with us.

Reading

Reading is such a crucial skill for any child to develop. At Manor Farm Academy we are incredibly passionate about developing a love of reading in all of our children. This of course is more of a challenge to develop for some children. You know where on their "love of reading" journey your child currently is- even more so after months of home-schooling!

The sharing of books comes in a variety of formats - from reading a book together at bedtime to listening to your child read the book that they bring home from school. Thank you for working with us and developing your child's reading skills at home.

Please may we ask that when you do listen to your child read their school reading book, that this is recorded in their reading record book (either comment on how they have done or simply put a smiley face- whatever is best for you). This just helps their teachers to track the reading that is being carried out at home.

Just five to ten minutes of reading at home each day really can make the world of difference to the progress that your child makes in reading.

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

Just a great big thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the unwavering support that you have shown our academy over these past few difficult months. Thank you for everything that you have done to support your child's learning throughout the most recent school closure. Each day, I was constantly blown away by the incredible learning that was shared. It was not easy for any of you, we know that, but I am hoping that through it all, you felt supported by the Manor Farm Team.

Our children have returned to school with such positive "can-do" attitudes, ready for learning, and so keen to spend time with their friends. We are so very proud of them and cannot thank you enough for all that you have done. It has been so wonderful to welcome them back in to Manor Farm and we are very much looking forward to fully returning to the academy as we know it as restrictions begin to ease!





Water Bottles

Once again, please can we remind you that the children should **ONLY** have water in the water bottles that they have in the classroom.

Because of current restrictions, the children do not have access to the water fountain, therefore it is crucial that they do have their water bottles in school each day.

Jumpers

As the weather is beginning to get a little warmer, children are understandably beginning to remove their school jumpers and cardigans during the day. Whilst our adults in school work hard to ensure these are all taken home at the end of the day, occasionally these are left behind by pupils. Please can we ask that you take a moment to check your child's jumper or cardigan is named. If a child's name is in their jumper, academy staff will endeavour to return it to them. If a jumper is unnamed, it is incredibly difficult to return it to its owner!



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.

A Message from our PTFA

Thank you to everyone who attended the online PTFA meeting on Tuesday 30th March. It was a really positive meeting and some exciting ideas were shared with the group.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th April at 7.30pm. Please come along as everyone is welcome and it would be fantastic to hear your ideas of how to best support the school and drive new initiatives forward.

Thank you to every member of the PTFA- past and present- for all of the hard work and support that they have shown towards improving the academy.



Dates for your Diary

April

19th April- Children return to school

May

3rd May- Bank Holiday

18th May- Reception "Dress-up"
Minibeast Day

28th May- Last day of term

June

7th June- Children return to school

11th June- Year 1 and 2 "Dress-up"
Seaside Day

July

21st July- Last day of term- **2pm**



...and finally

Have a wonderful break together over the Easter Holiday. Take time away from home-learning, away from the business of getting ready for school each morning and have fun together as a family.

We shall look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on **Monday 19th April**.