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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. 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 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.

September 2021 Newsletter

Staffing News

We are delighted to officially welcome both Mr Hay and Mr Liddiard to the teaching team at Manor Farm Academy. We would also like to give a warm welcome to both Mrs Oliver and Mrs Moorhouse who have joined our midday team.



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 13th September**. Home-learning will also be shared on this date too as well as Seesaw login details.

This year, in Years 1-5, home-learning will be shared each week in a paper format as well as being uploaded to Seesaw. The children will also have a "Topic" home-learning sheet which will have a number of optional activities listed on it. These activities can be done throughout the Autumn Term and shared on Seesaw. The children will then be invited to physically bring any topic home-learning in to the academy to share with the rest of their class in the week beginning 13th December.

Our Reception Class' home-learning will be shared on Tapestry each Monday.



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.



Learning Boards

To enhance and support your child 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 physical Learning Board will be placed in the Reception outdoor area each day. For Years 1 and 2, a learning board post will be placed daily on Seesaw and this will be done weekly, on a Friday, for Years 3, 4 and 5.



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.

The only jewellery that is permitted within school is a pair of stud earrings and a watch. Please also be reminded that nail varnish should not be worn.

Please ensure that your child's name is clearly written in **all items** of their uniform so that lost items can be easily returned to their owners. We already have a number of items in lost property which cannot be returned to their owner as they are not labelled.

As our Reception children spend so much of their day outside, please can we ask that they all come to school with appropriate outerwear. Thank you.

Water Bottles

Once again, please can we remind all parents that **ONLY WATER** should be placed in to the children's water bottles.

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

Thank you for your support with this.

School Photographs

School photographs will be taken on the morning of **Tuesday 28th September**. 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.



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 wearing any on a PE day. Thank you.

The children need:

- White T shirt
- Black shorts or black tracksuit/leggings
- Black sweatshirt/hooded jumper
- Trainers for outdoor PE



Diary Dates

September

- 10th**- Year 2 Romans Experience Day
- 28th**- School Photos
- 30th**- Year 1 Phonics Talk 4.30pm
(Further details to follow)

October

- 12th**- Parents Evening
- 14th**- Parents Evening
(Further details to follow)
- 21st**- Harvest Festival
- 21st**- Last Day of Autumn Term 1

November

- 1st** - First Day of Autumn Term 2
- 9th** – Rand Farm Talk for Parents
(Further details to follow)
- 11th** - Remembrance Day
- 12th** - Children in Need
- 16th** – Open Morning for 2022 intake
- 25th** – Open Morning for 2022 intake

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 at admin@manorfarmacademy.org if you have any further questions or concerns.