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November/December 2023

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.

STAFFING

We are delighted to officially welcome Mrs Rowe to the Manor Farm Team. She will be joining us as a teacher in our Reception Class— working on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Rocks will now work in school Monday, We are also pleased to welcome both Mr Kent and Miss Smith-Shaw who join us as Teaching Assistants.

EXCITING NEWS

We are thrilled to share with you that Mrs Cosgrove is expecting her first baby. I am sure you will want to join us in wishing both her and Mr Cosgrove all the best on their exciting new adventure.

We would also like to share the wonderful news with you all that over the half term break Mr Anderton got married. Huge congratulations to both Mr Anderton and his now husband Mr Barrand. Wishing them both the very best!

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

3rd– Y5 Badminton Trip to NK
6th– Year 4 Trip to Creswell Crags
8th Open Morning -New Reception Intake
WB 13th– Anti-Bullying Week
13th– Odd socks day (wear odd socks)
16th Open Morning -New Reception Intake
17th– Children In Need
17th—Inter-Faith Day
21st– Year 6 Trip in local Community
30th-Flu Vaccination Mop-up

DECEMBER

4th– Reception Trip to Cathedral
7th– Christmas Jumper Day
7th– Christmas Dinner
7th– PTFA Christmas Disco
12th—Reception Christmas Production (pm)
13th—KS1 Christmas Production (pm)
14th—KS1 Christmas Production (eve)
14th—Reception Christmas Production (pm)
19th– Term 2 Ends (2pm finish)

NAMING CLOTHING

Please can we take this opportunity to thank all those parents and carers who have taken the time to name items of their children's clothing.

This really does ensure that lost items are quickly returned to their rightful owner and this is very much appreciated.

HARVEST

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 kindly collected from us. We were so thankful for the incredibly kind donations from all of our families.



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POPPIES FOR SALE

Poppies and other related items are currently on sale every morning before school outside the Year 1 classroom. Money **donated** will be given to The Royal British Legion.

Pupils will also have a special assembly on Friday 10th November to give them an increased understanding of Remembrance Day.

Pupils who are currently in **Girl Guides or Scouts** are able to wear their neckers on this date should they wish to.



CARE PLANS/MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Some of the pupils within our care have allergies or significant medical conditions which require additional treatment, whole school awareness or medication. The parents of these pupils have already been issued with a detailed Care Plan. As a parent of one of these pupils, you should have received the draft copy of a Care Plan and adapted it so that the final copy is now in place. If you believe that your child has any condition which we need to be aware of, please ensure that you share this information with the office staff. Keeping children safe is our highest priority within the academy and we thank you for assisting us with this aspect.

Please could we also remind everyone that due to having children in the academy with severe nut allergies, we are a nut free school. Thank you.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Thank you for the incredible support that was shown at our recent Parents' Evenings.

We are really grateful for the overwhelmingly positive feedback identified within the parental surveys. (This is summarised at the end of this newsletter). Thank you all so much for taking the time to complete these. We truly value your feedback and we work hard to act upon your suggestions where possible.

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

We would like to make all parents aware that copies of this terms curriculum newsletters are on the Class Pages of our website and can be found [here](#) under "Pupils".

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Christmas is approaching and both the pupils and staff are busy preparing for the Reception Production of "Born in Bethlehem" and the Year 1/2 Christmas Production of "Santa's on Strike!"

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

MUDDY FIELD

Please can we ask that the children do not go on to the school field before the start of school. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in ensuring that this does not happen. This has helped us ensure that the carpets are kept as clean as possible and suitable for the children to work on where needed.

CHILDREN IN NEED

This year, in order to support Children in Need, we have decided to ask the children to help us in raising money for the charity by inviting them to come to school on Wednesday 15th November in non-school uniform— and as spotty as they like and join this years theme of The Great **Spotacular**!

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.

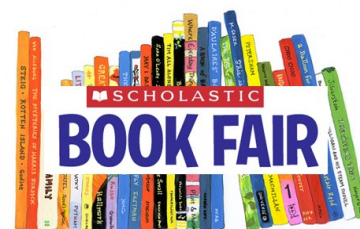
Because we are now a cashless school, should you want to donate to this cause, please donate following this link: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICE

As I am sure you can all appreciate, the school office is a very busy place throughout the day. It becomes especially busy though at the end of the day. Please can we ask that parents bare this in mind and only make a phone call to the office between 3.15pm and 3.30pm if this cannot be done at any other time throughout the day. However, we appreciate that there will of course, at times, be last minute changes of plans that we need to be made aware of.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our recent Scholastic Book Fair. Through purchases made, we have raised an incredible £315.04! This amount will now be spent on books for the pupils in school.



WHITE ROSE MATHS APP— 1 MINUTE MATHS



We would like to make parents aware of an App that we use in school to support our maths curriculum— “1– minute Maths” by White Rose Maths. We see this as a real support and wanted to share this with you all as it can be downloaded for free.

CALENDAR

We would like to make you all aware that we have added a calendar to our website which will be a live schedule of planned events that will happen for our pupils in the academy. It can be found [here](#)

PARENTS' EVENING FEEDBACK



PLEASE TELL US POSITIVE THINGS ABOUT THIS ACADEMY

- Supportive with any issues. Efficient with dealing with any concerns. Caring environment
- Great Communication
- Teachers challenge and stretch child's ability
- Variety of after-school club activities
- Excellent 1:1 TA support
- The Pastoral Support
- Variety of trips, clubs and extra opportunities
- My child adores school and talks passionately about all the different things learnt
- Children are at the heart of decision making– this is apparent!
- Staff take a lot of care and attention towards my child's well-being
- Excellent staff. Super supportive
- Seen some fantastic growth and progress
- Children thrive due to the learning environment
- Teachers go above and beyond my children and us as parents
- All children are treated as individuals
- Child and parent happy with the school
- Our children adore coming in to school. They are happy, settled and thriving.
- All of the extra clubs– e.g. garden club, book club etc
- Pupils are well supported in a happy environment
- Great balance of subjects taught that captures pupils imaginations
- A close-knit school, where staff know the children well and children know other year groups
- The high expectations that shine through my child.
- A brilliant safe school. Really happy with everything.
- Best School. Would recommend to anyone.

PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

- School Clubs– football
 - After-school Clubs– open to other year groups
 - More true competition- so children learn how to lose and recognise others' achievements.
 - Competitive sports against other schools
 - Timings of events are not convenient for working parents (e.g. assembly at 11.25am)
 - School Crossing
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