



Parents' Newsletter 1

Wednesday 13th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Manor team hope you all had a wonderful summer



holiday. It is lovely to see all of the children back in school, ready to begin the new school year. We would particularly like to extend a warm welcome to all of the children and parents who are joining Manor CE Infant School this term and hope that you will enjoy your learning journey with us. We are thrilled that the new children have settled so well.

A busy summer holiday!

Thank you also to all our school team who have spent a considerable amount of time during the holiday to ensure that everything is ready for the new school year. The learning environment is looking fantastic! Thank you also to Mr and Mrs Brown, parents at Manor, who have donated and fitted a new CCTV system to monitor the school site outside of school hours.

SENCo Accreditation

Congratulations to Mrs Armstrong who has just received the fantastic news that she has passed the Statutory National Award for Special Education Needs (SEN) Co-ordination (NASENCo).

Travel Journals

Well done to children in Year 1 and 2 who completed a travel journal over the summer. It has been wonderful to read all of the children's wonderful writing.



Newsletters

As always, newsletters will be sent home throughout the year. They are numbered so that you will know if you have missed any.



Please note that in the interests of the environment, newsletters will only go home with the eldest child in each family. Newsletters are also available to view on the school's website www.manorinfant.co.uk

Morning Procedures

Children in Reception and Year 2 will enter the school via the side gate (next to the outdoor classroom) this year. The gate will be opened by a member of staff at 8.50am every morning. Please do not open the gate before this time. Also, please be aware that the children should not be using the Playtrail before school as it is not being supervised by a member of staff. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Breakfast Club

Early Bird Club continues this term from 8.00am to 8.50am. If you are bringing your child along, **please can you use the Red Class porch entrance.**



Each session costs £3 or £12 for a week.

Jewellery and nail varnish

Children are not permitted to wear drop earrings or other jewellery to school. Studs are permitted for those children who have pierced ears but will need to be removed or covered with surgical tape during P.E. lessons (please provide surgical tape). In general terms, you are advised not to allow your child to wear jewellery to school in case of loss, damage or injury. Nail varnish is not appropriate in school and should also not be worn.



Long Hair

If your child has long hair, please can you remember to tie it back for school – thank you.



Ensure that everything is named

Thank you to all those parents who have remembered to name items of clothing. If you haven't already done so, please name **all** items as soon as possible so that any mislaid items can be returned promptly to their owners!



2017-18 School Improvement Priorities

Following questionnaires sent out in the summer term to parents, governors, staff and children, I am pleased to be able to share with you this year's School Improvement Priorities.

Outcomes for pupils:

- 1) For 85%+ of children in Year 2 to be at age related expectations (ARE) by June 2018.
- 2) For the school to meet or exceed the percentage of children achieving Greater Depth in Year 2 for reading, writing and Maths.
- 3) To reduce the number of children working below ARE who are just above the additional funding threshold.



Quality of Leadership and management:

- 1) To update the School Self Evaluation Form.
- 2) To ensure that the Pupil Premium, Sports and SEN funding delivers good outcomes for pupils.
- 3) Governors develop their understanding of the school's effectiveness.
- 4) Governors are committed to their own development.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment:

- 1) To secure consistent, high quality learning intentions so that children know what they need to achieve in each lesson and how to improve.
- 2) For middle leaders to provide coaching in order to improve the quality of teaching and ensure rapid progress for 'close to' and 'more able' children.



- 3) To further develop the quality of writing (particularly for boys).

Personal development, behaviour and welfare:

- 1) To increase attendance to 96%.
- 2) To ensure that safeguarding procedures are effective and that all new staff know how to safeguard children and take appropriate actions if necessary.
- 3) Curriculum provision is effective in ensuring that children feel safe at all times.

A summary of the questionnaires can be found on the school website under the 'Our School' tab, then Parent/Carer Evaluations.

Attendance Regulations

Showing your child the importance of attending school every day not only helps your child to settle quickly when starting school but helps them to keep and sustain friendships and enjoy the school environment.

Government guidance which came into force on 1st September 2013 means that family holidays during term time are no longer authorised. Leave of absence requests will only be authorised under exceptional circumstances. This means that if your child has unauthorised absences from school you may well receive a Penalty Notice and be fined £60. More information is available from the school office.

INSET days for 2017-18

Monday 4th September 2017

Thursday 21st December 2017

Thursday 29th March 2018

Friday 25th May 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

Collective Worship

In Collective Worship this term we will be focusing on the Christian value 'Love'.



Parents continue to be invited to our Friday Celebration Worship 9.05am-9.25am. Certificates of Achievement and awards will be handed out to

children throughout the school. If your child is receiving a school certificate you will be informed by text or by the class teacher in advance. If your child earns a certificate or award outside of school, e.g. ballet, gym or football, please send this in to your child's class teacher so that it can be shared in worship and as a whole school, we can celebrate their success on a Friday!



Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service will take place on **Thursday 28th September** at **2.00p.m.** in the school hall. Children are invited to bring in tinned goods

and consumables and following the service, parcels will be delivered to people in need in the local area. This year the Waterside Foodbank have told us that they are in need of the following items:

- Tinned fruit
- UHT milk (500ml)
- Tinned potatoes
- Sponge puddings
- Long life fruit juice
- Sugar
- Biscuits
- Coffee
- Rice pudding



HC35 School Dinners

Lots of children are taking advantage of Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) already. HC35 continue to provide our school lunches and are responsible for organising healthy and nutritious meals. If your child does not want to take up the UFSM, please provide them with a healthy packed lunch from home. The school Food Policy states that:

- **Packed lunches are not to contain sweets.**
- **The school discourages the provision of foods such as crisps and other highly processed foods.**
- **Any food left in lunchboxes will be sent home so that parents/carers are aware of what has or has not been eaten.**

Please also note that children should only bring in fresh juices or water to drink – **no fizzy drinks or squash** please.

Nut free zone!



The school is a nut free zone and we ask all parents to avoid these products when preparing their children's lunch boxes. Thank you for your consideration in this important health matter.

After School Clubs

Mrs Munns, our Assistant Headteacher, has been very busy organising our After School Clubs for this half term.

Our clubs include:

Mondays	Karate with Sensai Dave
Tuesdays	Dance with Chantelle
Wednesdays	Football with R&R
Thursdays	Drama with Helen
Fridays	Multi-skills with R&R

Maths Booklets

Your child will be bringing home a Maths Booklet which will highlight the Maths topics that will be taught at school over the coming weeks. The booklet also contains ideas for ways that you can support your child with Maths at home.



Topic Overviews

Topic overviews summarise the topic for the term and give you suggestions on ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. They are also available on the school website.

Praizin' Hands

Praizin' Hands will be joining us again this year. Praizin' Hands puppet presentations support our RE (Religious Education) and PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) curriculum in school. The fantastic presentations include a mix of drama and music and last on average 20 minutes. Our first performance focuses on Healthy Lifestyles.



Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff this term. Mrs Summers-Wright has joined our admin team and Mrs Ford has joined our Learning Support team.



And finally...

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018, please phone the school or pop into the office to book an appointment for a 30 minute tour of the school with the Headteacher.

Best wishes,

Michelle Hale
Headteacher

Fawley Parish

MESSY CHURCH

**Thursday 14th September
2017, 4pm–6pm**

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME

4pm-5pm – Crafts & Games

5pm-5:15pm – “Celebration”

**5:15pm-6pm – Sharing a meal
together**

**NO CHARGE – just come as you are &
join in the fun!**

Diary Dates

Thursday 28 th September	2pm Harvest Service – all welcome
Monday 9 th October	Year 1 and 2 Toys Topic finale – more details to follow
Thursday 12 th October	2pm Year 1 and 2 Science walk
Wednesday 18 th October	Year R work sharing 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 19 th October	Your Time to Shine Day – children to wear bright clothing (non-uniform day)
Saturday 21 st October	Love-in-a-Box event at the Good Shepherd Church 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half Term Holidays
Wednesday 6 th December	2.15pm Nativity
Thursday 7 th December	9.15am Nativity- adults only
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Disco
Tuesday 19 th December	9.00am Christingle Service at All Saints Church
Thursday 21 st December	INSET day – school closed
Friday 22 nd Dec – Wednesday 3 rd January	Christmas Holidays
Thursday 4 th January	Start of the Spring term
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	Half term
Wednesday 28 th March	Afternoon Easter Service
Thursday 29 th March	INSET day – school closed
Friday 30 th March – Friday 13 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Thursday 24 th May	Sports Day
Friday 25 th May	INSET day – school closed
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June	Half term
Monday 23 rd July	INSET day school closed
Tuesday 24 th July	Start of the Summer holidays

Great effort has been taken to ensure that dates are correct at the time of publication; however, they may be subject to change.

All dates are available on the school website.