



Parents' Newsletter 1

Monday 12th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

The Manor team hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. It is lovely to see everyone 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.

A busy summer holiday!

Mrs Gray, our Caretaker and Mrs Woodford, our Cleaner have been extremely busy during the holidays, making sure that the school is clean and tidy ready for the new school term. Thanks go to them for all their efforts over the summer! They have done a fantastic job! I know that they have not been alone in preparing for the start of term. Thank you also to all our other team members 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! I'm sure that you have spotted our new gates as well.

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



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!



2016-17 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.

To continue to raise standards in Maths and English (particularly Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation as well as comprehension) throughout the school.



To further develop the teaching of Computing skills across the curriculum.



To further develop the longitudinal studies and investigative approaches in Science.

To improve levels of attendance across the school.



To further develop the Anglican character of Manor as a Church of England Infant School.



To encourage our children to stay safe and healthy; continue to promote a healthy lifestyle through the taught curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

To further develop behaviour in and around the school.



To further improve the provision for pupils with SEND.

To provide additional opportunities for pupils with particular talents.

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

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 29th 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.

Attendance Regulations – applied from 1st September 2015

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 2016-17

Monday 5th September 2016

Friday 17th February 2017

Friday 26th May 2017

Monday 24th July 2017

Tuesday 25th July 2017

HCS3 School Dinners

Lots of children are taking advantage of Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) already. HC3S 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.

Nut free zone!

We have a number of children with very severe nut allergies; any contact at all can produce an acute reaction. The school is therefore 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	Multi-skills with R&R
Fridays	Athletics 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

New topic overviews are being sent home today. These overviews will summarise the topic for the term and give you suggestions on ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. They will also be available on the school website.

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 external library door – you will need to walk towards the field, around to the side of the school, and enter via the library gate.

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

Jewellery and nail varnish

Please also remember that 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.



3Ts – Tuesday Toddler Time

Starting tomorrow, Tuesday 13th September, Mrs Humphry will be restarting the 3Ts Club in the school hall. 3Ts is a great way for toddlers to meet other children and for you to meet other parents. Sessions start at 10.00am every Tuesday and last for 1 ½ hours. Please come into 3Ts via the school main entrance. Sessions cost £1 and include refreshments. Bread rolls are available for 30p.

Tapestry Workshop

Mrs Welling will be running a Tapestry online learning journey meeting for parents and carers of children in Year R on **Monday 26th September at 9.00am**. Our PTFA will be providing teas and coffees. We hope that you can come along.

PTFA AGM

Manor Parent Teacher and Friends Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Monday 3rd October at 2.30pm**. We hope that you can come along.

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. This term the performances will include a focus on 'Healthy Eating' (6th October) and the Christmas story (15th December),



Sunday's Cool

Canon Stuart will continue to run 'Sunday's Cool' this term. Sunday's Cool is held in our school hall on the last Sunday of every month. The hour long session includes arts and crafts, singing, puppet shows and much, much more. All families are welcome.



And finally...

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2017, 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

Diary Dates

Monday 1 st September	Year R start school
Monday 26 th September	Year R in full time from this week
Monday 26 th September	Tapestry Workshop for Year R Parents at 9am – teas and coffees provided by the PTFA
Monday 26 th September	Open Morning
Thursday 29 th September	2.00pm Harvest Service – Parents welcome
Thursday 29 th September	Children's Photos - portraits
Monday 3 rd October	PTFA AGM at 2.30pm – all welcome
Wednesday 5 th October	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 6 th October	Praizin' Hands – Healthy Lifestyles
Thursday 6 th October	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Saturday 15 th October	Love in a Box at the Good Shepherd Church 2pm-4pm
Sunday 23 rd October	Sunday's Cool 11.30am – 12.30pm
24 th – 28 th October	Half Term
Wednesday 2 nd November	Open Morning
Monday 7 th November	Open Morning
Thursday 17 th November	Open Afternoon
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need – Dress spotty
Sunday 27 th November	Sunday's Cool 11.30am-12.30pm
Monday 28 th November	Christmas Crafts Day
Tuesday 6 th December	3Ts Christmas Party
Wednesday 7 th December	2.15pm Christmas Nativity
Thursday 8 th December	9.15am Christmas Nativity – adults only
Tuesday 13 th December	9.10 Christingle Service

	at All Saints Church, Fawley – Parents welcome, more details to follow
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 13 th December	School Christmas Disco
Thursday 15 th December	Praizin' Hands - Nativity
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
19 th December – 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
Thursday 12 th January	Praizin' Hands
Tuesday 3 rd January	Start of the Spring term
Wednesday 8 th February	Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast (<i>funded by the PTFA</i>)
Thursday 16 th February	Praizin' Hands
Friday 17 th February	INSET Day – School closed
20 th -24 th February	Half Term
Monday 27 th February	Start of Spring term 2
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day 2017
Monday 10 th April – Friday 21 st April	Easter Holidays
Monday 24 th April	First day of the Summer term
Friday 26 th May	INSET Day – School closed
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half term
Monday 5 th June	Start of Summer term 2
Friday 21 st July	Last day of the Summer term
Monday 24 th and Tuesday 25 th July	INSET Days – School closed

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.

Fawley Parish

MESSY CHURCH

Thursday 15th September 2016, 4pm–6pm

at St Francis' Church, West Common, Langley

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!