

Parents' Newsletter 10

Friday 9th February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day 2018 | Tuesday 6 February

On Tuesday we joined lots of other schools in supporting the national Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day is a celebration of the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The day offered the opportunity for staff at Manor to highlight the positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. When I spoke to children across the school, I was very impressed that they knew not to give personal details to anyone online and that they should ask for help if they discovered something unusual on their computer screen.

Our School Computing Charter
Rules for using the internet at Manor C of E Infant School.

I must ask permission before using the internet. 

I must only use the internet when an adult is with me.

When using the internet I will follow the instructions given to me by my teacher.

 I will only use websites that my teacher has given me to view.

If I see something that upsets me, I will tell an adult straight away. 

I will keep personal information private. 

Please remind your children of the rules on our Computing Charter.

School Kitchen Inspection



Well done to Sharon and Claire, our school cooks, who have again been awarded 5 out of 5 by the Food Standards and Hygiene Agency. This reflects the high standard of cleanliness and hygiene in our school kitchen. The children have told me how much they enjoy their school meals. Keep an eye open for the new menu which will come home in April.

Parent Consultation Meetings



This week the teachers have started to collect appointments for parents evening which will take place after half term. If you haven't booked a slot already, please speak to the class teachers on the gates before school to book a preferred slot.

Year 2 SATs information session



Just a quick reminder that Mrs Munns will be running an information session for Year 2 parents about the SATS (Standard Attainment Tests) on **Monday 26th February at 2.30pm**. This will be an opportunity to have a look through last year's papers and ask Mrs Munns any questions that you may have.

Please note that Year 2 SATS will take place between **Tuesday 1st and Friday 11th May** at Manor.

Cinderella

The children (and staff) really enjoyed Wednesday's special



pantomime 'Cinderella'. Many thanks to the PTFA for funding this for us.

The next PTFA meeting is on **Friday 2nd March at 2.15pm**. If you are free, please come along.

Chinese New Year

Friday 16th February marks the start of the Chinese New Year. To celebrate this, our Arts Day yesterday involved the children painting dragons in the style of 'pointillism', a technique of painting in which small, distinct dots of colour are applied in patterns to form an image, creating dragon puppets, having a go at some Chinese writing and creating dog masks – 2018 is the year of the dog. The children had lots of fun and created some amazing work.



School Council trip to the Food Bank

Today our School Council visited the local foodbank in Blackfield. Thank you to all of the families who have provided donations to support families in the local area.

Mental Health Week 2018

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. When we have a positive view of ourselves it can help us to cope with life's challenges, and recognising the different qualities of others can allow us to connect with those around us – which is vital for our own and others' wellbeing.



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week (5 - 11 February 2018) it's Children's Mental Health Week.

Run by school-based children's mental health charity Place2Be, this year's theme 'Being Ourselves' invites everyone to come together and celebrate their uniqueness.

What's it all about?

It can sometimes feel difficult to think of positive things about ourselves and to know what it is exactly that makes us who we are.

From our work in schools we know that this is something children and young people can often struggle with too.

Understanding that we are all unique, with our own strengths, qualities and interests is very important for our wellbeing. Through having a positive view of ourselves, we can feel better equipped to cope with life's challenges and make better connections with others.

As parents and carers, you play a very important role in helping your children to understand that they are unique.

Here are a few simple ways you can encourage your children to understand the importance of 'Being Ourselves'

→ **Point out your children's positive qualities** - determination, courage, kindness - help them to notice what makes them unique.

→ **Have a chat about the strengths, qualities and interests within your family** over dinner, in the car or when you are playing together... it can be fun to notice how we are all different from each other!

→ **Celebrate your efforts with your children** Whether you go for a run, get promoted at work or cook a great meal, sharing your achievements, no matter how big or small, will help your children to recognise their own.

Don't forget: If you're worried about your child, talk to your GP or someone at your child's school. You can also find a list of organisations that provide support and advice for parents on our website www.place2be.org.uk.

Visit www.ChildrensMentalHealthWeek.org.uk to find out how you can get involved and support Place2Be

More details can be found on the following [website](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

And finally

We hope that you have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 19th February.

Best wishes,

Michelle Hale

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	Half term
Tuesday 20 th February	Parents Meetings 3.30pm-6pm
Wednesday 21 st February	Parents Meetings 3.30pm-7.30pm
Friday 23 rd February	Blue Class Assembly – parents and carers welcome
Friday 9 th March	Red Class Assembly - – parents and carers welcome
Wednesday 21 st March	Praizin` Hands – Easter story
Monday 26 th March	Healthy Schools Week
Wednesday 28 th March	2.30pm Easter Service – parents and carers welcome
Thursday 29 th March	INSET day – school closed
Friday 30 th March – Friday 13 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 16 th April	Children return to school for the start of the Summer term
Monday 23 rd April	Whole school trip – more details to follow
Thursday 26 th April	8.45am – 9.45am School nurse drop in session
Tues 1 st – Fri 11 th May	SATs in Year 2
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Saturday 12 th May	12pm – 3pm Summer Fayre – new date
Thursday 24 th May	Sports Day – family picnic lunch on the field at 12.30pm followed by events – all welcome
Friday 25 th May	INSET day – school closed
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June	Half term
Monday 4 th June	Children return to school
Friday 20 th July	Last day of term for the children
Friday 20 th July	Year 2 Leavers` lunch followed by Leavers` Service – more details to follow
Monday 23 rd July	INSET day - school closed
Tuesday 24 th July	Start of the Summer holidays

PTFA Diary Dates

Friday 9 th February	Cake Sale / Fruit sale
Friday 2 nd March	2.15 PTFA meeting in the school hall
Friday 2 nd March	Quiz Night
Friday 9 th March	Mothering Sunday Gift Wrap
Wednesday 28 th March	Cake Sale
Friday 4 th May	Non-uniform day in exchange for summer fayre raffle prizes
Saturday 12 th May	12pm – 3pm Summer Fayre – new date
Friday 15 th June	Father`s Day Gift Wrap
Friday 22 nd June	Quiz Night
Friday 20 th July	Cake Sale

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.