



# Parents' Newsletter 2

Tuesday 26th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

## School Reading Challenge



Following on from the success of last year's 'Solar System' reading challenge, we have just launched our new reading challenge for this year entitled 'Around the World'. In order to encourage reading at home, the children will be awarded a coloured spot every time they read to an adult at home for ten or more minutes (only one signature per day please). Please support your child as often as possible with this. Last year the impact of parents listening to their child read for three or more times a week had a huge impact on children's reading progress.

## Library Books

Each class have a weekly library slot where the children have an opportunity to take home a book to share with you.

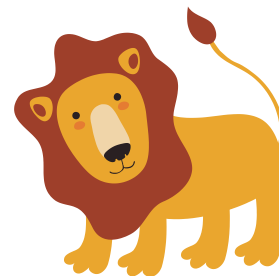
We have discussed looking after our books with the children and hope that you will remind the children of these rules at home.



**Leo the Library Lion always looks after books. He says...**

- Make sure your hands are clean.
- Don't eat or drink when you are reading.

- Hold the book nicely to turn the pages carefully.
- Never write or draw in a reading book.
- Never lend your book to younger children or the dog.
- Always keep your book in your book bag.
- Never put water bottles or snacks in your book bag.



## Reading Buddies

We really appreciate the efforts of the many volunteers who come into Manor on a weekly basis to support children with reading. If you would like to become a 'Reading Buddy' please come into the school office and let us know.



## Harvest

Our Harvest Service will be taking place this week - Thursday **28<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm**. Children, as always, are invited to bring in food and other items such as:



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



- Biscuits
- Coffee
- Rice pudding

Following the service, donations will be taken to the local Food Bank by the Year 2 School Council members and given to those in need locally.

Thank you in advance for your support.

### E Safety

At school each computing unit of work starts with an e-safety module. We will be teaching the children about the importance of being safe when using the internet. Here is a list of the messages that your children will hear:



- People you don't know are strangers. They're not always who they say they are.
- Be nice to people on the computer like you would in the playground.
- Keep your personal information private.
- If you ever get that 'uh oh' feeling, you should tell a grown up you trust.

Please remind your children when they are on-line at home. As a reminder, our Computing Charter and e-safety PowerPoint are posted on the website.

### Parent Consultation Evening

Class teachers now have a list of Parent Consultation Evening time slots for you to sign up to. The meetings for this term will take place on **Wednesday 4th October** 3.30pm – 7.00pm and **Thursday 5th October** 3.30pm – 6.00pm.

### Health and Safety

Please be aware of health and safety issues at the start and



end of the day. For the safety of our children:

- Please do not stop or park on the yellow lines or park across driveways in roads adjacent to the school.
- Guide your children across the road safely.
- Please do not leave dogs unattended at any time and do not bring dogs onto the school grounds or anywhere near where children are entering and exiting the school.
- Talk to your children about safety issues in relation to approaching any dog or animal not known to them.
- Our site is completely **NO SMOKING**.



Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Play Trail Reminder

For Health and Safety reasons the school do not permit children to go on the play trail before or after school. Thank you for your support in this matter.



### PTFA

At Manor we are lucky enough to have a dedicated and hard working PTFA. Our PTFA work really hard to raise money for all sorts of exciting resources and treats for the children. Thanks to funds raised last year, our Year R children have benefitted from lots of new equipment this term. They are really enjoying playing with the

new equipment, particularly the giant polydron vehicle set.

### PTFA AGM

This year our PTFA AGM will be taking place on **Friday 13th October at 3.15pm**. We hope that you will be able to come along and support us.

### Your Time to Shine



On the 19<sup>th</sup> October we will again be holding a 'Be Bright, Be Seen' day. This day will highlight to children and adults the importance of being visible to traffic at all times by wearing hi-vis items, whether this is clothes or accessories. On 19<sup>th</sup> we would like the children to come to school dressed as brightly as they possibly can. Please see the attached letter from the School Council for more information.

### Menu Change

The School Council have organised a themed 'Autumn Lunch' for 5<sup>th</sup> October. During the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> October the menu will be slightly different. Please see the School Council flyer for more details.



### Cadland Picnic

Mrs Drummond of the Cadland Estate has invited children from Year 1 and 2 at Manor to join her for the Cadland picnic again this year. We hope that lots of you will be able to go along with Mrs Munns on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### Pedestrian Gate

As you are aware, the main pedestrian entrance gate is closed during the school day. Please do not ask a member of Stepping Stones pre-school to open the gate for you during this time, as they are unable to let you in. We are in the process

of organising for an intercom system to be fitted which will enable you to buzz through to the office if you require access when the gate is closed.

### Ex-pupil update

Last week I heard some fantastic news about some ex-pupils. Jude Boyce and Megan O'Reilly have become Year 6 House Captains and Taylor Boyce and Archie Black were awarded Stars of the Year at the end of Year 3. I have also been told that Archie Black and Ethan Pithers were the only children in Year 3 last year to achieve the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum times table awards. Well done to you all, you have made us very proud!

### Year 3 applications

If your child is now in Year 2 you will need to apply for a Year 3 place for your child between 1<sup>st</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> January. "A parent's guide to applying for a school place" is available as PDF version to download on the County website at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/guidance>.

Best wishes,

**Michelle Hale**  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	9-9.45am Nurse drop in session – all welcome
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	School photographer in
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Praizin' Hands – Road Safety
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	2pm Harvest Service – all welcome
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm – 7.00pm Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 and 2 Toys Topic finale – more details to follow
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	2pm Year 1 and 2 Science walk
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year R work sharing 2.45pm – 3.15pm – parents / carers invited
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Your Time to Shine Day – children to wear bright clothing (non-uniform day)
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Love-in-a-Box event at the Good Shepherd Church 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Cadland Picnic for families with children in Years 1 and 2
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Holidays
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Children inNed
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15pm Nativity
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am Nativity - adults only
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco 3.15pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am Christingle Service at All Saints Church
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	INSET day – school closed
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of the Spring term

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	9am Nurse drop in session – all welcome
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Pantomime - Cinderella
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Afternoon Easter Service
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET day – school closed
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET day – school closed
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET day school closed
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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.*

## PTFA Diary Dates

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	AGM at 3.15pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Cake Sale
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Quiz Night
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Mufti Day in exchange for tombola prizes
Thursday December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre
Monday December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Gift Wrap
Wednesday February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime - Cinderella
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Cake Sale
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Quiz Night
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday Gift Wrap
Wednesday March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cake Sale
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Mufti Day in exchange for tombola prizes
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer Fayre
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Gift Wrap
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Quiz Night
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Cake Sale