



Parents' Newsletter 4

Thursday 2nd November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another very busy and exciting half term at Manor, we hope that you all enjoyed last week with your children.

Love in a Box



Thank you so much to all of the families who donated individual items or a box full of love to a child in Moldova. This year we sent an amazing **67 boxes** to the Mustard Seed Relief Mission. We have talked to the children about the impact that their gifts will have this Christmas.

'Be Bright, Be Seen'



Thank you for sending your child into school on Thursday 19th October in bright clothing. 'Be Bright, Be Seen Day' was a great success. The children enjoyed learning about the importance of wearing reflective clothing at night time as well as investigating reflective materials in their Science lessons.



Bonfire Night



This week we will be talking to the children about the importance of keeping safe on Bonfire Night. Please help us to reinforce the following key messages at home:

- Keep pets indoors;
- Stand well back from bonfires;

- Never go near a lit firework;
- Never throw fireworks;
- Always wear gloves when handling sparklers.

Attendance

Our target is to achieve 96% or better attendance. At the end of October our whole school attendance since the start of the year was **96.66%**.

Well done to **Yellow Class** as they had the highest attendance record for October (**96.36%**).

Class	Attendance for October	Attendance from the start of term to end of October
Blue Class	94.8%	96.17%
Red Class	96.35%	96.61%
Yellow Class	96.36%	97.08%

If you need to request a leave of absence for an exceptional circumstance, please come into the office and collect a request form. Thank you.

Supporting Your Child with Reading



This year our challenge is to continue to encourage all children to read **at least 3 times a week** at home. Many of our children do this already, and because of this regular practice, make better progress. It is wonderful to see lots of the children sailing around the continents on their Reading Challenge journey. For children in Years 1 and 2, the teachers highlight the reading focus for the week in every child's Reading Record. This could be to discuss the main character or to think what might happen

next in the story. In Year R the focus this term is to talk about the pictures in books and to decode words. Please spend some time discussing your child's reading book with them. Even if they are only in the early stages of learning to read they can make simple predictions and discuss the pictures.

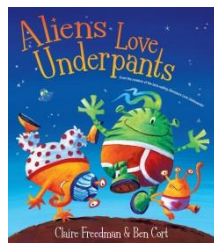
Focus Authors

In order to further promote a love of reading, we continue to focus on a different author in each class every half term. This term we have shared books from the following authors:

Year R: Claire Freedman

Year 1: Kes Gray

Year 2: Lauren Child



Exxon Day of Caring

ExxonMobil

You may have noticed that there have been some changes to our school site over half term. My thanks go to the many volunteers from ExxonMobil who joined me last Tuesday to carry out lots of jobs around our school site. The jobs included painting fences, cutting back overgrown bushes and erecting a new playhouse for our year R children.

Remembrance Sunday

Please support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. An assortment of Poppy Appeal items are now available in the school office; these include bracelets, slap bands and poppies.



Blue Class Notice

We are really impressed at how well our new children in Blue Class have settled into school life. Just a quick reminder, that

from now on, the children will need to be dropped off at the class gate every morning. Thank you.

Children in Need



Don't forget that it's Children in Need day on **Friday 17th November**. On this day the children can come to school dressed in spotty clothes in exchange for a donation to Children in Need.

Best wishes,

Michelle Hale
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Monday 4 th December	Flu Immunisation for all children – more details to follow
Wednesday 6 th December	2.15pm Nativity
Thursday 7 th December	9.15am Nativity - adults only
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Disco 3.15pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday 19 th December	9.00am Christingle Service at All Saints Church
Friday 20 th December	Year 1 and 2 music concert at 9.15am – all welcome
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
Thursday 11 th January	9am Nurse drop in session – all welcome
Wednesday 7 th February	Pantomime - Cinderella
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.

PTFA Diary Dates

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