



Parents' Newsletter 8

Friday 12th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome back to a new school term, I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with your children.

The children have settled back into school routines very well and it is fantastic to see that the vast majority of children are arriving in plenty of time for the first lesson of the day. A prompt arrival at school ensures that your child is ready for the first lesson and is not distressed because they have arrived late.

Core Christian Values: Love, Trust and Truth

On Thursday 21st December we reviewed our core school values, thinking about what makes them specifically Christian values. Our values are embedded in all aspect of school life.



Love

Love is a core value for our Church school because God is love. (1 John 4:16). Love means putting others before yourself and not expecting anything in return.

We demonstrate this by showing love and respect for each other throughout our lives because we are all made in God's image.



Trust

Trust is a core value for

our Church school because if we trust in God we will be led on the right path. We learn of trust through stories in the Bible.

In the story of 'The Amazing Catch of Fish' (John 21 1:6) Jesus taught the fishermen who had been fishing all day with no success to trust in him and to fish on the other side of the boat. The fishermen trusted Jesus and did as he said and their nets were filled to bursting point with fresh, wriggling fish.

We show our trust when we look for the best in others, are dependable, but also are confident enough to take risks.



Truth

Truth is a core value for our Church school because children believe that when we live in truth we follow Jesus' example. 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' (John 14:6).

We could look to examples of the disciples believing in Jesus' word as the truth and following him; also, the belief that Mary and Joseph showed in the words of the angels.

We can show a truthful attitude by understanding that the true value of life lies in the love and care that we show for the world, children making a positive contribution to making the world a better place.

New Intercom



You may have noticed that we have had a new intercom system installed over the Christmas break. If you need access to the school during the day, you

simply buzz through to the school office. There is a separate buzzer for Stepping Stones Pre-School. In order to exit through the gate you need to press the **green** button on the left just before you get to the gate.

Attendance Update

We continue to work towards our target of **96%** or better attendance. At the end of the Autumn term our whole school attendance was **96.36%**. This was much better than for the Autumn term last year. A huge well done to the **14** children who achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn term.



Themed Lunch

Next Thursday (18th) the School Council have organised a themed lunch to celebrate Katie Morag's birthday. Please see the attached menu for details. I understand that Katie will be joining us for the day!



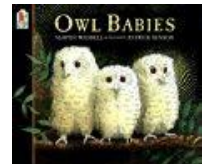
Parkwise Promise

In an effort to create a safer environment outside of our school at the beginning and the end of the school day, we are participating in 'The Parkwise Promise', a Hampshire County Council led initiative to target dangerous and inconsiderate parking near to schools. Today we are sending home information on how you can support this scheme. Simply sign the tear off slip on the bottom of the letter and return it to school. You will be issued with a sticker to display in your car that shows your commitment to safe parking and hopefully this will encourage others to do the same.



Curriculum Update

All of the teachers have been very busy planning exciting topics for this half term. Year R's topic is 'Who's Afraid of the Dark?'. Year 1 and 2's topic is 'Katie Morag's Magical Island'. On Monday the children took a flight over the different islands and landed on the Isle of Coll. More details of all of this terms learning can be found on the school website www.manorinfant.co.uk



Around the World Reading Challenge

We continue to encourage the children to read as often as possible at home. Every time a child reads to an adult at home we would like you to sign the chart at the front of the pupil Reading Records. After every ten reads the children will move up to the next destination on their journey around the world, they will also receive a certificate to highlight the progress that they are making on their journey. We hope that you will be able to support the children at home and look forward to seeing how they get on.



Safeguarding Training Sessions for Volunteers

Mrs Munns will be leading two safeguarding workshops for volunteers at Manor on **Wednesday 17th January at 2.15pm** and on **Friday 19th January at 9am**. If you have not returned your reply slip, please can you do so as soon as possible so that we can cater for the correct number of people. Thank you.



Foodbank Trip

The School Council will be visiting the Waterside Foodbank on Friday 9th February. Please can any donations be brought into school by Thursday 8th February. Many thanks.



Outdoor PE Kit

Thank you to all of the parents who have provided their child with warm clothes for outdoor PE sessions. Please remember to provide your child with jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt every week. As part of the National Curriculum all children are expected to take part in PE lessons all year round. Unless there is a medical reason why your child cannot take part in a PE lesson, children will be expected to take part. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Collective Worship

In Collective Worship this term we will be focusing on our core value 'Truth'. Celebration assemblies will continue to take place on Fridays at 9:10a.m.; parents and carers are warmly invited to come along to these. You will receive a text message to let you know if your child is receiving a certificate. If your child has a certificate or award for something outside of school e.g. swimming or football, please send it in to your child's class teacher so that it can be handed out in our Collective Worship and we can celebrate children's successes together on a Friday!



Applications for Year R and Year 3

If you have a child who is due to **start school in September or is due to start Year 3**, don't forget to apply for their place before **15th January**. Applications can be made on-line via the following link:



<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions/ad-guidance/main-admissions-round.htm> or by paper copy.

Paper copies of application forms are available in our school office.

Best wishes,

Michelle Hale

Diary Dates

Wednesday 17 th January	Safeguarding workshop at 2.15pm
Thursday 18 th January	Katie Morag themed lunch
Friday 19 th January	Safeguarding workshop at 9am
Wednesday 7 th February	Pantomime - Cinderella
Friday 9 th February	Yellow Class Assembly – parents and carers welcome
Friday 9 th February	School Council trip to the Foodbank
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
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

Wednesday 7 th February	Pantomime - Cinderella
Friday 9 th February	Cake Sale
Friday 2 nd March	Quiz Night
Friday 9 th March	Mothering Sunday Gift Wrap
Wednesday 28 th March	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