



Parents' Newsletter 9

Monday 9th January 2017

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.

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 **92.74%**. This was in part, due to a number of children being ill with chicken pox and sickness bugs. A huge well done to the **14** children who achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn term.



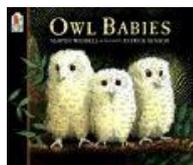
Christingle Fundraising

We raised £28.60 for the Children's Society from donations for the Christingle candles and ribbon – thank you.



Curriculum Update

All of the teachers have been very busy planning exciting topics for this half term. Year R's topic is called 'Who's Afraid of the Dark?'. Year 1



and 2's topic is called 'Our School' and will involve getting to grips with the geography of the school site and local area. More details of all of this terms learning can be found on the school website www.manorinfant.co.uk

Reading Rocket Challenge



Today we were very excited because we had a visit from an astronaut who launched our new 'Reading Rocket Challenge'. 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 planet in the solar system on their journey around space. 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.

SATs talk for Year 2 parents

Mrs Munns will be leading a workshop for parents of children in year 2 on **Monday 27th February at 2.30pm**. This will be an opportunity for parents to have a look though some SATs papers and ask any questions that they may have regarding end of year expectations.

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.

And finally

Don't forget that tickets for our next PTFA Quiz night are now on sale in the office. This quiz takes place this Friday evening.

Best wishes,

Michelle Hale

Diary Dates

Thursday 12 th January	Praizin' Hands
Wednesday 8 th February	Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast (<i>funded by the PTFA</i>)
Wednesday 15 th February	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-7.30pm
Thursday 16 th February	Praizin' Hands
Thursday 16 th February	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6pm
Friday 17 th February	INSET Day – School closed
20 th -24 th February	Half Term
Monday 27 th February	Start of Spring term 2
Monday 27 th February	Year 2 SATs presentation in the school hall at 2.30pm
Friday 3 rd March	9.10am Yellow Class Assembly
Friday 17 th March	9.10am Red Class Assembly
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day 2017
Friday 31 st March	9.10am Blue Class Assembly
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
Thursday 15 th June	Class photos
Thursday 13 th July	Praizin' Hands
Friday 21 st July	Last day of the Summer term Leavers lunch / assembly
Monday 24 th and Tuesday 25 th July	INSET Days – School closed

PTFA Calendar of Events

Friday 13 th January	Quiz Night
Friday 10 th March	Quiz Night
Friday 5 th May	Quiz Night
Saturday 10 th June	Summer Fayre
Friday 16 th June	Quiz Night

Great effort has been taken to ensure that dates are correct at the time of publication; however, they may be subject to change.

Fawley Parish

MESSY CHURCH

Thursday 12th January 2017, 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!