

MANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY

Autumn Term Newsletter



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Welcome Back!

We hope you had a fabulous summer! It has been a great first week with lots of excited children (and staff!) settling very quickly into their new classes. The children are looking smart in their uniform, whether it is brand new or bought from our uniform swap sale last term. Thank you for your support with this.

We have had a number of queries about uniform. Our [uniform policy](#) should contain answers to most of these but please do speak to staff if you are unsure. The policy is clear that earrings must be removed for PE (including swimming) and for forest school. It suggests that any piercing is done at the very start of the summer so they are ready for removal after 6 weeks. Please avoid any piercing until then as children will need to sit out for these lessons until earrings can be removed.

New Website

The more observant among you will have already spotted the revamp to our website that came live at the start of this term along with all of the Fierté schools. There are some beautiful pictures of our children that really show the character of our school. We chose photos that displayed the aspects of the academic, the fun, the active and the warmth of the relationships in our school. The old website was frozen at the end of last term and we have just now been given access to start to be able to edit it so once we have got our heads around how to do that we will start to direct you to anything we think would be particularly useful. Click on this [link](#) to have a look and let us know if you struggle to find anything or feel we could add anything else. Maybe Parents Forum could give us some

Dates for Your Diary

September	
11 th	Year 3 Forest School and Year 4 swimming start weekly for this half term
12 th	After school clubs to start
15 th	Am – Penguins start weekly 'Doods' lessons Pm – Owls and Penguins start a weekly 'Time for Wellbeing' programme Weekly guitar lessons start
25 th	PCSO's to visit Penguins
29 th	9-10am MacMillan coffee morning
October	
6 th	Parents' Forum
27 th	Harvest Festival Break up for half term
November	
6 th	School closed for INSET
7 th	Children return to school after half term

Curriculum Coverage over the Next Two Weeks + some reminders from teachers for parents

Swans

- PE will be on a Wednesday with Mr Littler and Thursday with Mr Culff – please come into school in PE kit with earring removed and long hair tied back.
- Reading books will be changed on a Thursday/Friday by staff so please can reading books be signed every time and adult reads with your child. Children will be allocated with a specifically numbered book so we can identify any that aren't returned each week. Each book is in a set of 6 so lost books will incur a charge.
- Spellings will be given out on a Friday and will then be tested the following week.
- Home learning expectations are for pupils to read at home daily, work on their weekly spellings and complete some basic maths such as number bonds, counting forwards and backwards or 2,5 and 10 times tables. Homework books and grids have been sent out this week and these are optional additional homework that are to be returned half termly to be marked.
- [Link to class page](#)

Reading	Phase appropriate books from Little Wandle as well as specific texts based on 'The Great Fire of London' to introduce our new topic.
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Wrap Around Care



Before and after school care is available as usual for all children who are in school. Contact the school office to book a place.

Contact us

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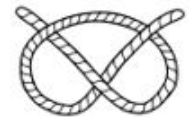
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Sports Clubs

Letters went out this week for the after school clubs that start next week. It is Multi Skills for Swans and football for the KS2 classes. Let's follow the success of those Lionesses and get lots joined up. Make sure to sign up quickly to get a place. Contact the office if you need another copy of the letter.

Help!

If you, or someone you know, can spare us some time, we have loads of ways you can help us to help your children. We always want adults to listen to readers but we also have a few practical jobs such as painting, preparing resources or helping in

feedback from a parent point of view. If you are looking for the class pages follow the links: 'LEARNING – HOME LEARNING' then scroll down and select your class.

Attendance

It was great to see a good level of attendance in our first week back. This is something that it is vital we continue to work on as we are still working our way back to the pre-pandemic levels nationally and here at Manor. As the children mix back together having been apart for the summer they are bound to pick up minor infections from each other. It can sometimes be difficult for parents to judge when to keep children off and when to keep sending them. The link below should hopefully help with that decision making. The general rule seems to be that cold symptoms are fine but once a temperature rises above 38C they should stay at home. I hope the link below is helpful:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

The next most common reason for low attendance is the rather more avoidable one of taking children out of school for holidays. Fierté Trust schools continue to have a zero tolerance approach to holidays in term time. Please take account of the school term dates. A quick Google search for Staffordshire holiday dates will bring up [School holidays and term dates - Staffordshire County Council](#). We have also been advertising our INSET dates on the Newsletter for some time. This information can also be found on our website. Please make sure to only book holidays within the 13 weeks of school holiday each year.

We had several children with 100% attendance last year and the vast majority of others were only off when they were ill. Thank you for your support in this.

House Teams

This week we have been checking house teams and making sure children and staff agree over the house they are in and making sure new children are assigned to houses

Writing	Generating basic sentences that contain capital letter and full stops (Y1) as well as adjectives (Y2).
Maths	Place value (within 10 for Y1) and 2 digit numbers for year 2.

Owls

- Yr 4 swimming starts Monday and is every Monday until half term.
- Yr 3 forest school starts Monday and is every Monday until half term
- PE with Mr Willis every Tuesday this half term
- Homework menu sent out – to be returned at the end of half term
- Reading daily at home for 10-30 minutes. This can be independent/to an adult/listening to an adult read.
- Spellings set on a Friday and tested the following Friday
- Times tables tests on a Friday too. Y3 will get wrist bands to work through. Y4 will work on a range of times tables to solidify their knowledge.
- Topic: Trains, Forces and Magnets
- [Link to class page](#)

Reading	Predicting, retrieving and inferring information from the text “Sabotage on the Solar Express” by M.G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman. This book will also be our class text for the coming half term which will be read daily at the end of each day. You can purchase a copy for children to follow along with in class if you like but this is not a necessity.
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Writing	Learning to build effective sentences and will slowly create their own take on the adventure narrative “The Journey” by Aaron Becker
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Maths	Learning to read, write, order and compare numbers up to 1000
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Penguins

- PE on a Tuesday (not a Wednesday – sorry)
- Doods on a Friday – please remember to bring doods in each Friday.
- Reading books to be brought in each day. Please ensure children are reading for at least 20 minutes every night
- Homework will be given out shortly and is to be returned on the last week of the half term. Extra homework may be allocated onto Google Classroom.
- Spelling Tests on a Friday. New words will be given each week to be tested the following Friday.
- Please visit our class webpage for more details of our curriculum for this half term. There you will find our half termly overview (curriculum map), Knowledge Organisers and lots more information about your child’s learning in Penguins class.
- Our topic this term is World War 2
 - [Link to class page](#)

forest school. Even if it is a one off occasion or half an hour a week it would all help. Just catch a teacher or Mr Robson and have a chat.

Safeguarding

Keeping the children safe is always our first priority. Safeguarding children from all sorts of harm is the first focus for all staff, from caretaker to teacher, lunchtime supervisor to office manager. This is why we start every school year with all staff receiving training and updates about safeguarding on our INSET day. All staff also read at least part 1 of the latest version of the document Keeping Children Safe in Education and they read the updated [Safeguarding Policy](#). Click the link above to go to the version published on our website.

Owls Swimming

This term we have booked swimming for Year 3 and Year 4 at Kingsbury. This is a much better deal than we had last year and we have booked a Fierté minibus to transport the children with our staff, who have passed their minibus assessment and medical, driving. Because we only have one minibus available at that time we are splitting the class and doing Year 4 swimming in the first half term then Year 3 after. This means they will get much more time actually in the water rather than travelling or changing etc and there will be 2 qualified swimming teachers for the 12 children so lots of close attention to help them make progress. Not having to pay the huge costs of a coach make such a difference!

Reading

Enjoyment of reading is our focus for the coming year

getting a rough balance across years, classes and the whole school. Teachers will be communicating the children's houses to parents for their class shortly. We can then start to collect the house points and vote for our house captains for this year.	Reading	Reading the book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll with a focus on understanding themes within a text and comprehension.	and Mrs Armstrong has sent a letter with lots of ideas that we are putting into practice. Please do support us in this by making reading fun at home too. If you need any more ideas or suggestions do speak to your class teacher.
	Writing	Write a recount as once of the characters from Letters from the Lighthouse.	
	Maths	Place value; reading, writing, comparing, ordering, sequencing and calculating with numbers up to 1 million (year 5) and 10 million (year 6)	



Star of the week

Well done to the following children who have been awarded Star of the Week for this week's value and for excellent work:



Manners - We are polite and respectful!

**Alex
Hattie**

All of Swans!

**Amber
Isla**

**Joshua C
Dylan**

We are MANOR

Manners
We are polite and respectful

Aspiration
We do our best

Nurture
We are kind and look after each other

Open-mindedness
We are tolerant, celebrate our differences and try new things

Resilience
We never give up