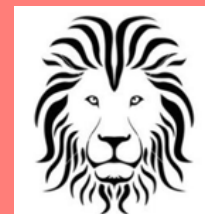


MANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY

Autumn Term Newsletter



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Christmas in School

There's no escaping it, Christmas is definitely in the air. The excitement in school is ratcheting up as children practice for their performances, singing carols and learning lines. The beautiful tree (donated again by Mr and Mrs Berekis) is twinkling in the hall and the post-box in the reception area is accepting cards daily. As ever it is a magical time in school, and we hope you can join us for as many of the December dates as you can make=====➔

Book Fair



Thank you for your support at the book fair this week. We managed to sell enough books to allow the school to choose approximately £200 worth of new books. We have divided this between each class so each teacher has chosen about £50 of new books for their classroom book corners for the children to read. We intend to keep adding new books each term to keep the choices fresh, up-to-date and exciting with the best of the new authors as they come out. There is a great reading culture building in school that parents are getting behind and supporting.

Kapow

We have recently invested in an excellent new scheme for planning and delivering a range of subjects in school called [Kapow](#). We have seen this working well in other schools and had positive reviews from them. Our subject leaders have liked what they have seen so we will be transitioning our teaching over

Dates for Your Diary

December	
12 th	9-9:30am – Stay and Read for parents Library Bus – Swans
14 th	PTA Christmas Disco 3:20-4:30pm - Robins and Swans 4:40-5:40pm – Owls and Penguins
18 th	9:30am – Robins and Ducklings – Nativity Final swim for Year 3
19 th	2pm – Swans Christmas Performance
20 th	9:30am – Swans Christmas Performance Robins and Ducklings to Ash End House Farm
21 st	Christmas Dinner for children and staff
22 nd	Christmas Jumper Day Am – parties 1:30pm do join us for Carol Service in church – hot drinks served by PTA from 1pm Break up for Christmas (children released to parents after return from Carol Service)
January	
8 th	INSET DAY – staff training
9 th	Children return to school Library bus Penguins
11 th	Maths workshop for parents: 9-9:30 – Reception 9:30-10 – Year 2 10-10:30 – Year 1 Y5/6 team to Small schools sports hall athletics at Rawlett after school
16 th	Y6 Study Club/ Y6 Parents SATS meeting
18 th	Passport for Learning meetings with Mr Forman
23 rd /24 th	Year 5/6 Bikeability
25 th	Y3/4 team to sports hall athletics at Rawlett
29 th	Penguins visit to Synagogue in Birmingham
February	
w/c 5 th	Parent teacher consultation meetings
9 th	Break up for half term
19 th	Return to school

Curriculum Coverage over the Next Two Weeks

Swans	
Reading	Phase appropriate texts based around Little Wandle
Writing	Postcards based on winter journeys.
Maths	Place value consolidation (up to 20 Y1 and 100 Y2)
Owls	
Reading	Children will be reading " A New Adventure (The Magic Faraway Tree)" an Enid Blyton story reimagined by Jaqueline Wilson.

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.

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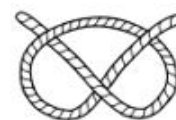
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Laces or Velcro

We have a number of children who have started coming to school with laced up shoes, either on PE days or as part of their normal uniform. This of course is absolutely fine as long as there is an intensive programme at home to teach them to tie their own laces! 😊 We will help where we can but this is a life skill that takes time to teach, that staff just don't have. We don't want children tripping over laces as far as possible. Thank you for your support.

Parent Workshops

We have some new parent workshops in the calendar for next term. On Thursday 11th Mr Culff has invited

to follow this scheme that is based on the latest research and is written by subject specialists. We expect it to support our teachers in their planning reducing their workload while raising the quality of the delivery and the pathway of learning through subjects like history, geography, art, DT, science, French and RE.

Great Fire of Drayton Bassett

Swans class have been studying the Great Fire of London this term and have learned all about how it started, what the houses were like and how this helped it to spread, as well as how they pulled houses down to create breaks that stopped it spreading. The children and parents made their own houses at home together and brought them in to school. The children were consulted and those who agreed had their houses lined up like a Tudor street on the field and Mr Culff set the end house on fire. The children watched from a safe distance as the fire spread from house to house. Mr Culff then removed a house to create a gap and the fire wasn't able to jump across so the other houses were saved....until they were also set alight! Of course, there was an element of fire safety learning planned in too. If you saw smoke coming from the school field and heard choruses of 'London's Burning' echoing around the village, now you know why! Thank you to parents for creating the houses with the children and to Mr Culff and Mrs Mason for making such a memorable but safely planned activity.

	Children will be practising reading fluency as well as retrieval and inference skills.
Writing	children will begin to learn about persuasive writing. They will be learning to build effective sentences using key persuasive techniques.
Maths	Children will begin their work on Length and perimeter. Children will work on their understanding of mm, cm, m and km before moving on to perimeter of shapes.
Penguins	
Reading	Reading the poem –'Twas the Night Before Christmas' with a focus on fluency, vocabulary and comparing characters.
Writing	Reading and analysing a set of instructions in order to write our own, titled ... 'How to Steal Christmas', taking the role of The Grinch.
Maths	Completing our unit on Fractions where we will be subtracting fractions and mixed numbers, multiplying and also dividing fractions.

Mrs Rogers Moving On

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the departure of Mrs Rogers from Manor Primary at the end of this term. Mrs Rogers is our longest serving teacher having been appointed in September 2014, over 9 years ago. She has worked 2 days a week since then, at first as a job share in EYFS, then across school providing PPA cover for the other classes. She has become a favourite with the children and staff through her warm, friendly and fun manner and will be missed here at Manor. Though sad to see her go, we are happy for Mrs Rogers that, for the next step in her career, she has been offered a post at another Fierté Trust school with an increase to 3.5 days a week and her own Early Years class. She starts her new job in the New Year. The other teachers will now rotate as staff representatives on the parent forum. I know the whole Manor family will wish Mrs Rogers the very best of luck for the future.

PTA

You will have all been well aware that we have a fabulous new PTA that has recently started up. We have an enthusiastic and capable core group who have been elected to the committee but they are always keen to involve new volunteers in their activities. If you fancy getting involved in some of their fundraising and organising of fun and social activities then do approach any of them on the playground or pop into the office where we will pass on your details. You can be added to the list of occasional helpers who can be contacted if they are looking for extra help for events etc.

Reception, Year 2 then Year 1 parents to join him to introduce some maths games that will be going home with children over the half term. Mr Culff will do a brief explanation in the hall then parents can join their child to play one of the games in class. On Tuesday 16th Mrs Armstrong is starting a weekly Year 6 after school study club in preparation for the SATS. Parents are invited along to the first session to hear about SATS and see what the children are doing and what they may be able to do to help at home.

School App

We are still waiting for Marvellous Me to be set up for us but the website app is now available. This will give you a link to the website calendar events and news section. It will notify you if there are any new additions to these sections of the website. To download the app please go to this [link](#) or navigate to the 'Parents' then 'Mobile App' page and follow the instructions there. If you have any difficulties do pop in and we will do what we can to help.

Gravel

You may have seen the large dumpy bag of gravel sitting on the playground this week. The intention is to create a gravel area next to the hedge in the EYFS garden area, surrounded by tires. If you have any unwanted diggers, dumper trucks, cranes etc. that the children could use to create their own HS2 building site Mr Forman would love to receive them.



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:



Aspiration - We do our best!

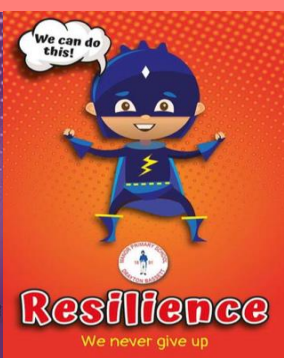
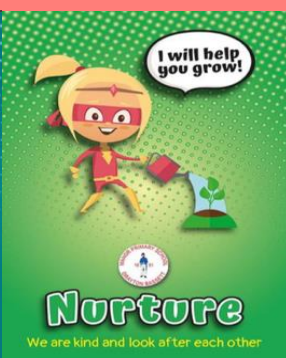
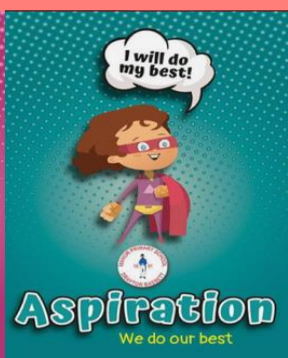
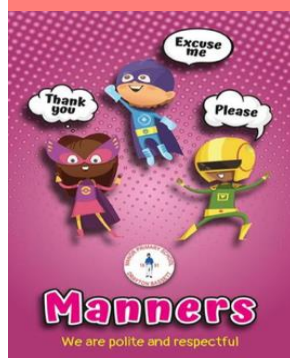
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Abella
Ellie
Heidi
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Adeline

Molly
Ruben
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Caleb

Leo
Ted
Arabella
Evie

We are MANOR





MANOR PRIMARY PTA

Christmas Raffle

Tickets on sale (cash only)
from the 4th December before
and after school on the
playground

22nd December 2023
(after church carol service)
On the playground

*Grateful for any prize
donations please hand in
to reception*

Merry Christmas!





HOT DRINKS FOR SALE

A PTFA FUNDRAISING EVENT

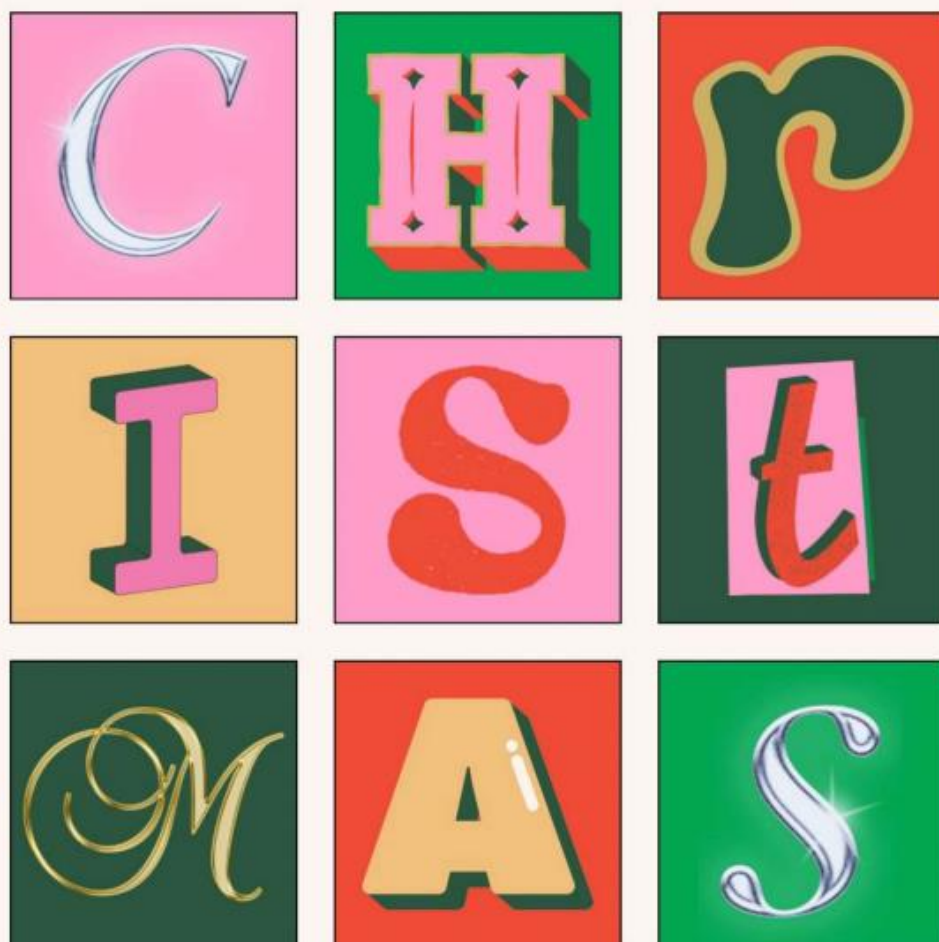
22.12.23 • 12:30-1:30PM

St Peters Church, Drayton Bassett

DRINK + BISCUITS £1

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**CASH ONLY**  
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DISCO

Thursday 14th December
Manor Primary School Hall
(more details to follow)

Date for the diary

Drayton Bassett Village

Carols-in-the-Croft



Drayton Bassett Village Entertainment Group
are proud to welcome the



The



Drayton BRASSetts

‘The Courtyard’ at 1-3 The Croft, Drayton Lane
(Next door to the club)

Friday 15th December 2023 at 7:00pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us afterwards in the
Village Club for mulled wine and mince pies.

**Santa Clause has promised to make a very special
visit to meet the children.**