

Dear Parents and Carers

Another very busy week at Manorside, hopefully your children are sharing their learning with you and you are enjoying hearing them read. Please remember to record their reading in their planners.

With the changes to the curriculum and the updating of some of our texts, we have a number of maths books that we can no longer use in class - it pains me to throw them away so I have asked the class teachers to give the children some of the books so they can use them at home - all extra learning helps.

Reception

If your child is in Reception, from next week the Reception outdoor area will be set up ready for learning at the end of every day. Please can you make sure that your children do not play in the outdoor area at pick up times so that it is ready for learning for the next day, thank you.

Attendance and Late Arrivals

It is vital that children attend school and that they arrive on time, it is very disruptive to their learning if they miss their lessons or miss the start of their lessons. The bell at 8.50am signals that the gate is being locked and all doors will be closed. All children are expected to have their bottoms on their seats, in their classroom, learning BEFORE the bell sounds.

If your child has a medical appointment and it has not been possible to get the appointment after school, please send in evidence of the appointment, where possible, giving plenty of notice.

Communication

Please remember that class teachers are available at the end of the school day for any informal conversations, as I am sure you are aware - they are not available at the start of the day as they start teaching as soon as the gates open. If at any point you wish to book a more private conversation, please contact the office so this can be arranged.

The school office is a very busy place, therefore the office staff are unable to send messages to your children during the school day.

Morning Drop Offs

All lower school children have made the transition to their new classes really well and the majority of children are now coming through the front gate independently, from next week we will be encouraging all children to say goodbye to parents before the gate so that they come on to the playground and into the classroom independently. We always have lots of staff ready to greet them. Please support the children by preparing them next week.

Uniforms

The children are looking really smart in their uniforms, please support them by ensuring they have their full uniform, we do regular uniform checks, maintaining high expectations across the school. We have been making phone calls home when the incorrect uniform is worn. As the weather keeps changing, jumpers are coming off and then going on throughout the school day - please remember to put their names on.

Manorside Academy

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School Lunches

If you would like your child to have hot school lunches, you must order by midnight on Tuesdays. If no selection is recorded you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch. It is possible to book ahead to October, if this is something you would like to do. We do not order 'spare' lunches and we are unable to hold spare food, so please ensure you have provided either an ordered lunch or a packed lunch

Reading and Phonics

We will shortly be offering you all an information session about how we teach reading and Phonics. Mrs Curtis leads on Reading across the school and Miss Henry leads on Phonics, they would like to offer you the opportunity to come and see how we teach the children during their lessons. Further information will follow.

RockSteady

We are pleased to be continuing to provide peripatetic music lessons in guitar, keyboards, drums, and vocals with RockSteady. If you would like to know more about this, please see the attached flyer. You will need to book lessons for your child via the RockSteady website and when your child is added to the register, we will add them to the lesson timetable. If you would like to see some performances from last Summer term, take a look at our Twitter account @ManorsidePoole

Harvest

We will be collecting donations of dried foods, tinned goods and items with long best-before dates to donate to Hope for Food. We are delighted to be able to support this excellent local charity who so often supply us with goodies such as our Easter eggs. If you would like to donate, please send the food item in with your child any day next week.

Bank Holiday Closure

As a Trust, AAT schools will be observing the Bank Holiday closure on Monday for our lovely Queen's funeral, therefore Manorside Academy will be closed and will re-open on Tuesday.

I wish you and your family a peaceful weekend.

Best wishes as always Mrs Prout





