



MANORSIDE
ACADEMY

Thursday 1st December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Well December has finally arrived! All the children came in very excited about the advent calendars and the arrival of the school Elf.... Please ask the children if they have seen evidence that the Elf has been in school.

Rehearsals and singing can be heard throughout the school as we get closer to the productions and celebrations. Learning continues for the next 2 weeks as we have lots of the curriculum to get through, raising expectations and standards.

Free School Meals

Please remember that if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 they are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, but they are not entitled to any food vouchers or offers that the Government provide.

If your child is eligible for Benefit Free School Meals, they'll also qualify for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF).

Your child may be able to get Benefit Free School Meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

To apply please use the following link.

<https://online.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/services/?returnurl=freeschoolmeals>

End of the day

At the end of the day please can you pick up your Reception child before collecting their siblings in Years 1 - 6.

Changes to the school day

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The Schools' White Paper, released earlier in the year by Government states that schools should provide a 32.5 hour week for all children, by September 2023. To bring Manorside Academy in line with this, we will be bringing the morning start time forward by 5 minutes, after February half term 2023. The gates will still open at 8.35am but the bell will ring at 8.45am which means that all children should be in their classroom before the bell at 8.45am.

Inset Day 30th June 2023

The local authority have just released their dates, across Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole, for transition day for the Year 6 pupils to spend a day at their new secondary schools. The date for transition day is 30th June 2023. This is also an Inset day, which means that the school will be closed to all pupils, but our Year 6 pupils will be expected to attend their new school and register there for the day. We will receive further information from the secondary schools nearer the time. Please update your calendars with the new information.

King's Coronation

The date has been set for the extra Bank Holiday so that we can all celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. On Monday 8th May 2023, the country will come together in honour of the King and celebrate as one country and commonwealth. Originally this would have been the start of the Year 6 National Exams for the end of Key Stage 2, however these have now been delayed by one day. Exams for year 6 pupils will now be held on the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week. Attendance is essential, as always.

Considerate Drivers Please

Please can I ask and remind all parents to look after our community, each other and especially our children when driving and parking around the school. It has been brought to our attention that a minority of parents are trying to 'tailgate' staff or deliveries into the carpark - this is a very dangerous act and is often quite scary for children and adults. Please ensure that this does not continue. It is a very busy time of day and sometimes we just need to be patient and considerate.

Manorside Academy Association

On Tuesday 17th January at 2.00pm the MAA will be holding a meeting at Manorside Academy. They are looking for a Treasurer to join the MAA. If you would like to join the MAA please come along to the meeting.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

If you would like your child to attend breakfast club, **you must book by 2.00pm the day before.** Breakfast club starts at 7.40am and costs £3.25 per session. If you would like your child to attend afterschool club, **you must book by 2.00pm the same day.** Afterschool club finishes promptly at 5.30pm and costs £6.00 per session. Both these clubs can be booked in advance.

Nativity – Reception and Year 1

You only have until Monday 5th December to order your nativity tickets. You can 2 tickets per family. Please email the office to let us know how many tickets you would like and which day you would prefer.

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Christmas Disco

Christmas Disco is on Wednesday 14th December 2022. £3.00 per child which includes a snack and a drink.

Last day to buy tickets is Friday 9th December 2022. Unfortunately there are NO refunds.

You will only be allowed into the disco if you have purchased a ticket on ParentPay. We will NOT be accepting any cash.

Academy Advisory Committee (AAC)

Our Academy Committee members are volunteers from the community appointed by the Trust Board of Ambitions Academies Trust. They meet regularly throughout the school year to support and challenge the academy to ensure the highest standards of achievement and best possible outcomes for all our pupils.

Our AAC would like to reassure parents that children who have minor ailments eg colds, are fine to be sent into school. The school nursing team has provided the following links with further information.

[Fever / High Temperature :: Healthier Together \(what0-18.nhs.uk\)](https://what0-18.nhs.uk/)

[Dorset HealthCare :: School nursing](#)

Reminder dates for calendar

Friday 2nd December - Inset day – School closed

Monday 5th December - Year 6 Height and Weight checks

Tuesday 6th December – Rocksteady Concert at 10.00am

Tuesday 13th December – Reception and Year 1 Nativity at 2.15pm

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Jumper day

Wednesday 14th December – MAA Christmas Disco – Details to follow next week

Thursday 15th December – Reception and Year 1 Nativity at 9.30am

Thursday 15th December – Nursery Christmas craft afternoon at 1.45pm

Thursday 15th December – Outside Christmas Carols Years 2-6 at 2.45pm

Friday 16th December – Pupils last school Day finish at 3.15pm

Thursday 5th January – Pupils first day back

Tuesday 17th January – MAA meeting 2.00pm

Best Wishes

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