



MANORSIDE  
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Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It has been great to see the pupils back in school and starting all their new topics for this half term. We have already had lots of exciting learning opportunities this week including the Living Eggs, Mr Egypt and Road Safety which have been a big success with the pupils. We are very much looking forward to seeing the progress the pupils make this half term and to see them grow and develop further.

### World Book Day – Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March

I wanted to confirm that you are all encouraged to come to school next week Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> March) dressed as a book character. It **does not have to be based on a comic book character** but on any you would like. I am aware that costumes can be expensive so please do not feel like you have to spend money. There are lots of boxes and pieces of card that I have seen previously being made into Mr Men and Little Miss Characters that are attached by string across the shoulder and you can then wear your own clothes below it. **Please do try to refrain from wearing jeans** unless it is directly associated with your character as it doesn't adhere to our dress code policy.

If you are struggling to come up with ideas, please do come and see me or google it and there are hundreds of ideas.

Rebecca Curtis  
Upper School Lead

### Reading Assessment

For next week only, we are embarking on a new form of reading assessment through TEAMS and will be completing it for their English homework. Your child will need a laptop, pad or tablet with a camera to complete this homework and should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete, including time to log on. Children will need to log on to their TEAMS account and open their correct book band assignment. Ensure that they are facing the computer and the microphone is turned on. As long as the camera is turned on an image of themselves will appear on the screen. Next, they must press the button to start (their image will disappear). A text will pop up on the screen and your child will need to read it aloud (not in their heads). Once they have completed reading the text they are to press the done button; please ensure that they press hard, otherwise the teacher will not receive the assignment. They can now log off from TEAMS.

The programme is able to identify: how fast your child is reading; any phonetical errors they have; and how accurate they read so will support the assessment of reading. Videos of your child can only be accessed by their teacher and the leadership team.

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If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your teacher or myself.

Many thanks

Rebecca Curtis  
Upper School Lead

### **Do you have a child with additional needs?**

Would you like some advice, information and support from a parent who knows what you're going through?

Sendiass Parent Champion volunteers act as a confidential listening and signposting service for families who have children and young people with additional needs in BCP. They provide a safe space for families to talk through their concerns and fears around the SEND agenda in their school setting. Our Parent Champion is Rebecca. She has lots of experience navigating the school system, accessing local services and her son is autistic with a PDA profile.

### **Year 5 – Visit to St Aldhelms, Science Workshop**

We kindly ask that all parents of children in Year 5 log-on to Parent Pay and tick to give permission for their child to attend this event. Thank you.

### **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.

### **High Achievers for this week**

RMH	Louie	3MW	Leonardas
RJC	Adam	4LF	Caleb
1AG	Esther	4MP	Morena
1KH	Rosie	5RS	Kiera
2EH	Scarlett	5ZF	Paige
2HG	Marli	6JR	Lily
3AP	Azeen	6RC	Scarlett

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## Dates to Remember

Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 1 – Visit to Farmer Palmers
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 2 – Titanic workshop
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 5 – Visit to St Aldhelms for Science Workshop
Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Term, school finishes at the usual time
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of the Summer Term
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term, school finishes at the usual time
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET day – school closed for children
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of the second half of the Summer Term

Yours sincerely

Miss Sutter  
Principal

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