

Friday, 6th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a joy to see so many exciting learning opportunities taking place across the school over the past two weeks including a wide range of educational visits, practical learning opportunities across all subjects and pupils thoroughly enjoying use of the new library. Thank you to all the pupils who have shown and recommended books to their peers as part of their Book Club sessions in the library, the suggestions have been great! Pupils have also been thoroughly enjoying the selection of extra-curricular clubs we offer at the school including choir, reading club, running club and many more.

The parent survey was extremely informative so thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete that and then come to the parent forum meeting. We have ensured that all positive feedback has been shared with staff and have taken onboard all actions suggested with new ideas being implemented across the school. If you would like to discuss this any further with members of SLT, please do not hesitate to speak to us on the gate.

Hope for food visit

I am accustomed to having food placed on my table, often wondering who is responsible for this success. I had never imagined in my life that there are people who do not share the same experiences as I do, meaning that they do not have access to food in the same way. Today's visit to the food bank, Hope for Food, was incredible as I witnessed the abundance of food provided by this amazing company for the homeless and those in need. Now I understand that there are like-minded people, such as those in our school, Manorside Academy, who give donations to help those going through hardship.



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Hope for food has a vast supply of clothes, food, teddy bears and many more things that assist people who can't afford items as nice as ours. As a community ambassador, I can attest that the head boy and girl accompanied by the deputy head boy and girl, and myself as community ambassador, thoroughly enjoyed this trip all thanks to Mrs King and Hope for Food.



Saffron (Year 6 School Community Ambassador)





Parent Survey

Following on from our parent survey, a few parents have asked for more clarity around behaviour. Please follow the link attached to see our behaviour policy and our graduated response to managing behaviour. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to speak to a member of SLT on the gate. chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.manorside-academy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Behaviour-Policy-Sept-2022-MA-4.pdf

Reception – Can you help?

Our Reception children would appreciate any scooters, balance bikes, small bikes (with or without stabilisers), as well as any wellies and small vehicles that you are able to donate. If you have any lying around at home that your child has outgrown or had renewed we would very much like to have them for our Reception. Thank you.

Holidays during term time

Please can we remind you that booking holidays during term time should be avoided. If you need to apply for any term time absence please collect a leave of absence form from the school office. You will need to explain why the circumstances are exceptional and why the activity cannot be undertaken at the weekend or within the normal 13 weeks holiday your child has from school. If you take your child out of school without permission the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. This may result in a request being made to the LEA to issue a fixed penalty notice.

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NSPCC Information

PANTs

The Pantosaurus song can be accessed here for free <u>PANTS resources for schools and teachers | NSPCC</u> <u>Learning</u>

Online Safety

For advice and information regarding online safety in particular visit our website: Keeping children safe online | NSPCC

Online safety parent guides including online games, social media and internet connected devices: <u>Keeping</u> <u>children safe online | NSPCC</u>

Childline Kids Website

A great website to explore as part of an IT lesson: Childline | Childline

Support for parents

Support and advice for parents on a range of topics, including separation and divorce, mental health, alcohol, drugs and parenting and talking to children about difficult topics. These are fantastic resources for pastoral support to share. Support for parents | NSPCC

Emails to the School Office

Please can we ask parents and carers emailing the school office to identify their child's name and class. There are many families that have different surnames within them and it is not always clear at a glance which family the email is referring to. Thank you for your help with this.

Eye tests

We would like to bring to your attention that eye tests for children are free. All children would benefit from regular testing, this not only helps them with their school work but can also detect any problems at an early stage, that may otherwise be missed.

Parking

Once again, we have received a complaint, this time from a disabled neighbour whose driveway was blocked by an inconsiderate parent and as a result she couldn't leave in time for a hospital appointment. Please can we ask that you leave driveways clear, our neighbours should be able to access their driveways at all times. We are asking BCP for parking patrols to be stepped up outside the school.

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Curriculum Information Sessions

Thank you very much to those of you who have attended these. If you have been unable to make it, please be assured that the PowerPoints will be uploaded to the school website by the end of next week. https://www.manorside-academy.co.uk/curriculum/parentworkshops/?doing wp cron=1694175103.0986208915710449218750

Year Group	Homework	Day Set	Day Due	Purpose
Reception	Learning Journey	Friday	Wednesday	To support with upcoming topic for the following week.
1 – 6	My Maths	Monday	Following Monday	To support with maths learning.
1 – 3	Oxford Owl	Wednesday	Following	To develop reading and comprehension
4 – 6	Reading Plus		Wednesday	skills.

High Achievers for the previous two weeks:-

1S	Macy, Mia	4F	Olivia, Conan, Obasola
1H	Maisieanna, Lee, Jessica	4P	Dylan, Azeen
20	Max	5C	Whole class, Amelie
2T	Jaxon, Dafne	5S	Hope, Jayden
3H	Evie, Elsa	6C	Freya, Evie-Lea
3W	Angel, Toby	6F	Alfraisal, Keira

School Value Awards for the previous two weeks:-

Kindness – Archie Resilience - Juanna 20, Ana-Liz 1H, Beau 4F, Fife 4P, Bianca 6C, Caine 2T. Mason 6c. Ezra 3H, Seth 5C, Aurira 1S, Grace 2T, Tahiyah Respectful – Luna 2T, Arthur 3H, Benson 6F, Sara 3W, Jenson 5C **Unique – Freddie 1S**

Sports Class of the Week - Class 1S, Class 6F Sports Certificate Awarded to - John 5C, Rayan 3H



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Pen Licences

Silver - Evie-Lea 6F, Cody 6F, Esmae 6C, Sienna 6F, Kiera 6C, Loren 6C, Leena 6F, Nelia 3W, Md Mahamid 5S,

Gold - Jade 6C, Emily 6C

The links below are for those parents who would like to purchase pens in advance to practice with their children.

Silver - Swäsh Komfigrip Handwriting Pens, Triangular Grip Handwriting Pen For Added Control, Premium Manuscript Handwriting Pens, Washable Ink Hand Writing Pens, Vibrant & Durable Fibre Tip Pens - Blue 12PK: Amazon.co.uk: Home & Kitchen

Gold - Paper Mate InkJoy 100ST Ballpoint Pens, Ultra Fine Point (0.5 mm), Blue, 50 Count : Amazon.co.uk: **Everything Else**

Dates to Remember:

Friday 20 th October	School closes for half term – Finish normal time		
Monday 30 th October	School re-opens after half term		
Thursday 19 th October	Parents Evening - 1 st app 3.30pm and last app 7.50pm		
Tuesday 31st October	PTFA Meeting in the school 14.00 – 15.00 – all welcome		

REMINDERS

PE KIT - As previously advised it is now compulsory to wear our new PE kit. You will find purchasing details on our website. Thank you.

School Lunches – These should be booked in a week in advance, the cut-off period is midnight on Tuesday for meals the following week. If you have not booked you will be called and asked to provide a packed lunch from home.

PTFA –Co- Chairs for this current academic year, are Louisa Haines and Kirstie Thompson.

Yours sincerely

Miss Sutter Principal

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