

Manor Field Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Friday 18th September 2020

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Head Teachers Message

Managing Covid-19 in school continues to be a challenge, especially trying to distinguish between seasonal cold and Covid-19 symptoms. I hope our letter earlier in the week has helped.

I have been in contact with the PTA and they are looking into ways to raise money for the school this year allowing for Covid-19 restrictions.

Did you know all our classes are named after trees/plants?

Nursery – Catkin

Reception – Acorn and Conker

Year 1 - Hawthorn and Walnut

Year 2– Beech and Chestnut

I will highlight one each week:

CATKIN-bearing plants include many **trees** or shrubs such as birch, willow, hickory, sweet chestnut, and sweet fern. In many of these plants, only the male flowers form catkins, and the female flowers are single (hazel, oak), a cone (alder), or other types (mulberry).

Have a good weekend and stay safe

Mrs H Haines

School Photographs

On Wednesday 23rd September, the school photographer will be visiting the school to take individual photos. This year we are only able to have sibling photos if both children are in attendance at Manor Field Infant & Nursery School. We cannot allow siblings from a different school or younger non-school age siblings to attend. This is following guidance from AJS photography and the government.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Hot Dinners Restart:

Monday 21st September
(Menu is available on school website)

School Photographs:

Wednesday 23rd
September

Class Attendance We are aiming for 100% attendance:

Acorn— 100%



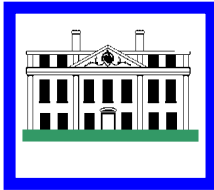
Conker—100%

Hawthorn— 97.2%

Walnut— 98.33%

Beech— 97.5%

Chestnut— 96.25%



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Philosophy for Children

Philosophy for children is a teaching approach with aims to develop and foster children's critical thinking skills in a caring and supportive way. Children take part in class discussions and activities which help them to express themselves, build vocabulary and treat others who have different opinions to them with respect. Every Friday, we will publish on our newsletter a philosophy based question. Please talk about this over the weekend with your child.

This week, our philosophy question is:

Would it be better if everyone was friends with everyone ?

We look forward to hearing the children's ideas!

Attendance

We take pride in attendance at our school and publish attendance figures for each class weekly. If your child is unwell and unable to be in school, please ensure that you phone and leave a message to inform us before the start of the school day. Absences not accounted for after 9.30am will be recorded as unauthorised.

Parking

Can we please remind parents that the car park is for staff only and not to drive into the school grounds even if the gates are open. Please be mindful when parking along the road and be respectful to our neighbours and gates must remain accessible at all times.

Head Teachers Awards

Every Friday a child in each class is awarded the Head Teacher's Award in our collective worship. This recognises a success that they have had during the week which may be in their work, socially or in their attitude. Their names will appear here in recognition of their achievements.

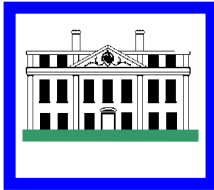
Lochlyn: For working very hard with his phonics this week.

Hugo: For being a fabulous mathematician and a great example to others, always joining in and remembering to sit smartly and listen carefully.

Isla: For always being ready to learn.

Eliza: For always doing her best.

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Inhalers

Please ensure you have returned inhalers as soon as possible to your child's class teacher along with a completed asthma plan form (please sign and date the form. There is not a specific place on the form to do this) . Please note that all inhalers and medication should be in prescription-labelled packaging.

Harvest

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in our collective worships in school on 23rd September. We would normally hold a collection for the Norwich Foodbank at this time however after discussion with the foodbank we have decided to postpone our food collection until the new year as they are currently well stocked and the new year is a time when they often have shortages. They have shared the following web address : <https://www.bankuet.co.uk/norwich> where a financial donation can be made and purchases that fit the specific needs of the foodbank are made on your behalf and delivered to them monthly.

Community Food Table

Reverend Heather writes: After the success of last Saturday's food table, we are having another Food table at St Mary's Church, Long Stratton, this Saturday (19th) 11.00am-12.30pm. Just turn up with bags. No registration, no vouchers, just turn up and collect. The food is all in date and has come from Fair Share and was donated by supermarkets. Please do spread the word to anyone who you know who may benefit from this fantastic arrangement.

Uniform

Please can you make sure all cardigans, jumpers, P.E kit and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Below is the link for a website that produces labels for all school uniform and equipment. They have lots of designs and colours to choose .

<https://www.tinyme.co.uk/>

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