

# Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020



## Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you would have seen in the media, about schools closing a day early. If schools decide to close on Thursday, they will have to make this day of teaching up later in the academic year. We have decided therefore to keep the end of term as Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, school will finish at 1.15pm on this day.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 dressed up in their scarves and hats this week and sung some festive songs around the Christmas Tree. They sounded and looked wonderful! We'll shortly be sending you the link for the video! Thank you to Mrs Walker and the class teachers for organising and creating the video- we're sure you'll enjoy it!

I wanted to say a really big thank you to Time Out- our breakfast and after school provision. Time Out re-opened in October and have been providing much needed wrap around care for families. I am a trustee of the club and I have been very impressed with how the staff have managed to provide a range of fun activities for the children, whilst keeping to the restrictions in their Risk Assessment. For any of you that need regular or adhoc child care - I would highly recommend you contact them on 0780 7921246 or [manlandtimeoutclub@gmail.com](mailto:manlandtimeoutclub@gmail.com)

A huge thank you to the HSA for helping teachers to organise class Christmas parties- the children had a fabulous afternoon and looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers! We will be making a donation to Save the Children- thank you for your contributions towards this.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Wicks, Headteacher*



## Term dates

### Autumn Term:

End of Autumn term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (1.15pm finish)

### Spring Term:

**InSeT day for staff:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January: Term starts for children.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January: Admission deadline for Primary schools



## Dates for Diary

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December - HSA

Christmas Extravaganza online activities

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch



## Attendance

Our school attendance this week has been recorded as 96.1 % Well done everyone!



## Safeguarding

Sadly, we need to remind parents/carers once again about the need to park considerately and safely when dropping and collecting your children. We have had several complaints about cars being parked on the whole pavement and photographs sent into us with the vehicles in question. It is illegal to park across the pavement and it makes it extremely dangerous for children, pedestrians, cyclists and inaccessible for disabled people. Sauncey Avenue is a residential road and as a school community, we do ask that you bear this in mind and treat the area respectfully.



## Covid-19

### Reporting Positive Covid-19 cases during the Christmas holidays

During the Christmas holidays, school leaders will still be responsible for track and trace within their school. If one of your children receives a positive test in the Christmas holidays please inform Mrs. Wicks immediately by emailing: [admin@manland.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@manland.herts.sch.uk) with the subject 'Positive Test Result', this will help us to filter emails. In the email please leave a contact name and number (as we will not have this information available to us at home), we will then be in contact with you.



## Twitter

Please follow us on Twitter@ManlandPrimary. Our Tweets will help you gain an understanding of children's experiences and learning across all of the subjects in our curriculum. We hope you enjoy sharing the children's learning with us!



## Amazon Wishlist

We have been truly amazed at your generosity towards our Amazon Wish list. As you can see from the photo below, we have had Amazon parcels arriving everyday! Thank you so much for helping us. There is still time to support by following the link below:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3OSRO1VO8HDKB?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3OSRO1VO8HDKB?ref=wl_share)

Every item purchased will really help us next term. Thank you.



## Christmas Dinner

The children will be having their Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December. Please find attached the Christmas menu for this day in order for you to decide with your child if they wish to have the Christmas lunch.



## Christmas cards

Please be reminded that the deadline for children bringing their Christmas cards for other bubbles has now passed. We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter as we will not be able to safely quarantine cards that are brought into school.



## Well done!

Congratulations to Suzy B who passed her grade 1 piano exam with a distinction! Well done also to Humphrey T who achieved his 50 metres swimming badge and Level 4 water skills and Aubrey T for getting her 25 metre badge!



Dear all

We hope all the children enjoyed their Christmas parties this afternoon and are looking forward to the Extravaganza activities this weekend. Thank you so much to everyone for your donations for this, and also for your support for all the events this term. However, there is still time to join in the various competitions running this weekend and until the end of term! - Raffle - tickets can be purchased until 10am this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December

- Guess the Weight of the Cake - again, open until 10am Sunday.
- Festive Fantasy Football weekender - submit your dream teams by 7pm tonight!
- Don't forget to post your Santa letters - last posting date has been extended to Monday 14 December!
- Win prizes in the My Wacky Elf and Lapland Lego competitions.

Full details of all of these are on Classlist.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing some of you at the Extravaganza!

Manland HSA