

Manland Primary School Newsletter



Friday 11th September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a pleasure to welcome everybody back to school after the summer holidays. I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed the warm weather we had.

We are extremely proud of how well the children have adapted to the new changes in their daily routines since returning to school.

Thank you to everyone for also adhering to the new changes. Please be assured we are constantly monitoring and updating our risk assessment in order to keep us all safe.

This week, we welcomed our new Reception class and I'm happy to report that all the children were very excited and happy to be starting their journey at Manland.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Wicks, Headteacher



Term dates

Autumn Term:

Friday 4th September 2020- Friday 18th December 2020

Half term: Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October 2020



Dates for Diary

Monday 9th October: Nurse visiting Year 6

Friday 23rd October: House Learning Day

Tuesday 10th November: Children's flu vaccinations

Monday 16th November: Anti-bullying week

Monday 23rd November: Occasional Day (school closed)



Classlist

Please can we politely remind all parents and carers that if you have any messages or issues that need to be dealt with, the procedure is to email or call the office. Any messages that are left on Classlist cannot be answered.



Twitter

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



Sweets

We would like to remind parents not to bring sweets into school for their child's birthday because of our current risk assessment. Thank you.



Safeguarding

Hands, Face, Space Campaign

This week, the Government has launched the '[Hands, Face, Space](#)' campaign urging the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak.

Please can all parents/ carers click on the above link to read the full information regarding how we can all stay safe as possible.

A video is due to be released by the government to show exactly how the virus spreads indoors, please do try and watch this if you can. With people expected to spend more time inside during the winter, the film encourages the public to follow simple steps to reduce the risk of infection.



Social Distancing

Just a gentle reminder to everyone that we still need to be socially distancing whilst in the playground or on the school grounds. If you need to speak to a member of staff please can you ensure that you are keeping a safe distance so that we can all keep as safe as possible. Thank you for your understanding.



Pupil Premium

School funding is critical at the moment, particularly for small schools such as Manland. To assist school finances, please can we ask any parent or carer who has recently experienced redundancy or a decline in their financial situation, to consider whether they qualify for a free school meal for their child. A successful application will also result in the school receiving Pupil Premium funding for that child.

Pupil Premium is a grant that schools receive from the government in relation to pupils whose parents/carers have ever been in receipt of government benefits, such as:

- **Income based job seekers allowance**
- **Children Tax Credit, Working tax credit run-on**
- **Universal credit**

The grant is paid to the school no matter how short the period of the benefit claim.

Please see the attached "Free School Meal" factsheet attached to the newsletter for further details. If you think this applies to you, please can we encourage you to put in an application for free school meal (part of pupil premium).

How to apply?

Apply by visiting www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You will need your National Insurance Number or Home Office number to hand.

PhonicsPlay.comics

<https://phonicsplaycomics.co.uk>

Please visit the PhonicsPlay comics site. These are decodable comics featuring familiar characters from PhonicsPlay along with some new friends.

They are short, simple, silly comics that can be viewed on screen or printed out. They aim to provide opportunities for children to rehearse the precise knowledge and skills that they learn in school each week.

You will be given a selection of comics to choose from in the various phases.

Phase 2 comics



Phase 3 comics



Phase 4 comics



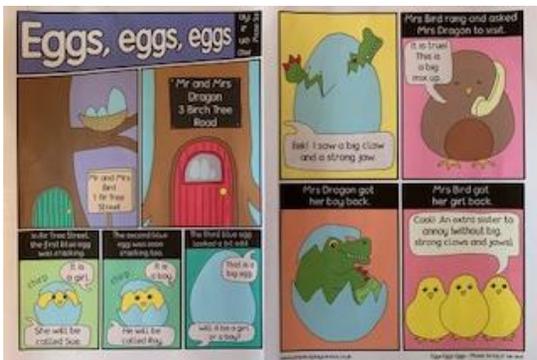
Phase 5a comics



Phase 5b comics



See below for some examples...



Top tips for supporting reading with your child:

- Talk about the title of the book, newspaper article or comic book and ask your child what they think it might be about.
- Look through the first few sentences, paragraphs or pages and discuss any words you think your child might not understand or be able to read.
- Let your child hold the book, newspaper article or comic book.
- Encourage your child to sound out the word or read to the end of the sentence and re-read and allow 5-10 seconds before supporting them to read a word.
- Tell them any difficult words straight away.
- Ask your child a few questions about the text after every couple of sentences, paragraphs or pages.
- Use specific praise with your child e.g. "well done for reading that sentence again to see what would make sense".

