

Marland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been busy this week covering a range of themes such as Remembrance Day, stranger danger and Children in Need.

It was lovely to see the donations that have come in from all our families and see the children participate in activities such as the Joe Wicks P.E. session this morning and watching a video on Mental Health awareness. Year 6 have been talking about how important random acts of kindness can be, especially in these tricky times, and Ms. Russon has reported that she has already witnessed some really thoughtful acts of kindness from her class. Well done Year 6!

Please can I also say thank you to everyone that brought in their old coats from home today, we were overwhelmed by your generosity for a very worthy cause.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Wicks, Headteacher



Term dates

Autumn Term:

*Occasional Day: Monday 23rd November 2020 (**NB: Cancelled, children in school**)
End of Autumn term: Friday 18th December 2020 (1.15pm finish)

Spring Term:

InSet day for staff: Monday 4th January 2021
Tuesday 5th January: Term starts for children.



Dates for Diary

Monday 16th November: Anti-bullying week

Friday 20th November: Wear odd socks/ colourful day

Thursday 10th December – Flu vaccinations

Monday 14th December – Christmas Jumper day



Attendance

Our school attendance this week has been recorded as 97.5%. Well done everyone!



Covid-19

COVID-19 usually spreads by droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking. These droplets can also be picked up from surfaces, if you touch a surface and then your face without washing your hands first. This is why social distancing, regular hand hygiene, and covering coughs and sneezes is so important in controlling the spread of the virus. The best available scientific evidence is that, when used correctly, wearing a face covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus droplets in certain circumstances, helping to protect others.



Safeguarding

As we find ourselves in another lockdown, we understand that this may cause anxiety, stress or just a general sense of unease. If you find yourself struggling or in need of a chat, please remember to reach out to those around you.

There are also national charities which can offer support such as

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

SAMARITANS





Twitter

Please follow us on [@ManlandPrimary](https://twitter.com/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!



Blue Peter

Blue Peter have launched ‘[Blue Peter on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter)’ and will be uploading videos that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking tutorials, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of how to gain a Blue Peter badge. If you think your child would be interested in this, please subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> which is free.



Anti Bullying week

We will be promoting Anti-bullying week from 16th – 20th November. The theme for this year is United Against Bullying. In school, children will be celebrating what makes us different. On Friday 20th November, children can come in wearing odd or colourful socks with their uniform. No donation required.



Under 11's School Admissions

The application process for places at primary, junior and middle schools for September 2021 opened on Monday 2nd November 2020. This process is for children currently in nursery, year 2 (infant schools) and year 4 (in first schools). The deadline for application is the 15th January 2021. We have attached the leaflet from Admissions at Hertfordshire County Council which gives further information.



Parking

We have had a complaint from a resident at Malbec Close regarding parents/ carers that are parking inconsiderately in the area. Please can we remind everyone to park in designated areas only. Not only is it dangerous for children who are crossing the road to have cars reversing out of the close onto the road, but it is also restricts access for emergency vehicles.



Dear all

We have an action packed November and December planned! Please watch out for full details of all events on Classlist soon.

CURRENT EVENTS:

Eager Entrepreneurs - deadline extended to Friday 20 November!

There is still time to come up with a money making scheme for the HSA! There is also no limit on the number of activities you can do, so if you have more than one idea, go for it! There are prizes to be won! There will be two individual prizes for the most inventive scheme (infants and juniors). Also, for the class that makes the most money collectively, there will be a class prize of a non-uniform day and an extra 15 minutes playtime!

Wine Tasting Evenings

Tickets are still available for our Wine Tasting Evenings, hosted by MUST Wines, on Thurs 19 November, Thurs 26 November and Thurs 3 December. It is also open to friends and family of Manland Parents so feel free to extend the invitation! MUST Wines are also able to ship UK wide for an additional £9.99 on top of the ticket price. Tickets can be bought via the Event Page on Classlist.

LOCKDOWN ACTIVITIES

Over the next few weekends we will be putting on virtual bingo games for each class and an outdoor walking trail - details on Classlist to follow shortly!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

Christmas Trees

Harpenden Academy are selling their fabulous Christmas trees again this year! Please follow the link below to pre order yours for collection or Delivery from 4th Dec.

<https://www.foha.co.uk/fohashop/p/christmastrees>

Please remember to click on Manland primary when choosing your school as every tree ordered will raise £10 for our school. These trees are amazing quality - fresh Nordmann Fir all grown locally and cut in early December, they come in 3 different sizes and will last all throughout the Christmas period!

Donations Week

This year we will be holding an alternative donations week, beginning next week. We would still be very grateful for any donations of bagged / individually wrapped sweets (nut free), for the Class Bubble Christmas Parties on 11 Dec. There will be a plastic crate in the playground at drop off every morning next week. In place of donations of cuddly toys, prizes and gifts, we will be kindly asking for voluntary cash donations via Classlist. There will be no set amount. In the spirit of Christmas and in view of the hardships faced by so many at this time, we will be splitting all donations with the Crisis Christmas Appeal.

Raffle Prizes

We will still be holding our usual Christmas Raffle, and so are making our usual call for raffle prizes! We would be grateful for any donations of prizes, large or small. So, if you know of any businesses that are able to help, have anything unwanted at home that would make a suitable prize, or are just willing to buy an extra gift this year, please do let us know!

Christmas Extravaganza - Save the Date

Just a reminder that our Christmas Extravaganza will include a weekend of virtual activities over the 12/13th December, so please save the date!

SCHOOL FUNDING SCHEMES

Affinity Water

To encourage households in the local area to save water, Affinity Water have launched the GetWaterFit scheme at <https://www.getwaterfit.co.uk/#/>, Households can sign up online for a water saving questionnaire/kit and elect a school/charity - for every 50,000 litres saved by signatories collectively Affinity Water will donate £1000 to the school PTA. Further details to follow on Classlist but please do join - good for the planet and for our school!

Easyfundraising

Now that thoughts are turning to Christmas shopping and Black Friday deals, please do remember to sign up to EasyFundraising for all your online shopping: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/manlandhsa The school receives money when you shop online, at no extra cost to you!

Have a great weekend and thank you to everyone for all of your support.
Manland HSA