

# Marland Primary School Newsletter



Friday 23rd October 2020



## Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy final week here. The children looked great in their house T-shirts today for House Learning Day and enjoyed taking part in lots of fun activities learning about inspirational people who have made a difference to the world around us.

The House Captains have been recording their acceptance speeches on video and each class will have the opportunity to watch them.

Thank you to the families who kindly donated items for the Harvest Foodbank collection. The items have been collected ready to distribute to our local community.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break,

*Mrs Wicks, Headteacher*



## Covid-19

If you are a parent/ carer and have been asked to self-isolate as part of a bubble at work or because you have come into close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus – you must follow the national self-isolation guidance and stay at home for 14 days:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/) This applies even if you have no symptoms and/or you have received a negative test result as it can take 14 days for transmission.

Self-isolation rules do not apply to the rest of your household, they can still attend work or school and complete day to day tasks in line with Government guidance. If you develop symptoms while self-isolating, your entire household must begin self isolating immediately.

If you would normally travel with your child(ren) to nursery, school or college, alternative arrangements should be made. In the event that you cannot make alternative travel arrangements for your child(ren), then they too must stay at home.

We will then support you in providing remote education for your child.

## Term dates



### Autumn Term:

End of Autumn term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
Half term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Occasional Day: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020



## Dates for Diary

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Children's flu vaccinations

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Individual school photos

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Anti-bullying week



## Attendance

Our school attendance this week has been recorded as 97.8%. Well done everyone!



## Safeguarding

Hertfordshire Police have given some guidance about Halloween activities during the half term break. This year, many Halloween traditions such as trick or treating carry a risk and the county's message is clear: this Halloween, stick to a safer way of having fun.

### Top 5 low risk activities:

Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them in your window, or outside. This year, why not carve a rainbow in your pumpkin?

Taking part in a local 'spot the pumpkin' trail throughout half term week, where people display pumpkin or Halloween pictures in their windows and you have to try and find them all with your family.

Organising a Halloween scavenger hunt, where children from your household are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for either in your home, or outdoors

Having a virtual Halloween costume competition using zoom or Skype

Having a Halloween film night with your household.



## 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!



## School donations

Parents and carers have been asking how they can donate online for school resources. Therefore, the school has set up a payment request (via the school gateway) for contributions towards school resources (e.g. glue sticks, pens, exercise books etc.).

Please feel free to donate as much or little as you would like to, as often as you would like. Please be aware that this is payment is completely voluntary and donations will be kept confidential. Thank you for your ongoing support.



## Time Out Club

Time Out club are so pleased to be open again and it has been wonderful for them to see the children and meet all the new starters.

However, numbers of children attending the club are very low and they would appreciate your support.

We have attached a leaflet from Time Out Club giving information about their approach to Covid-19 and how you can enrol your child if you would like to.



## Secondary School admissions deadline

The deadline for applications will be closing on **Saturday 31st October 2020**.

We would recommend that parents complete their application by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

Parents should apply online at <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions>



## Parent Governor Position

As you may have seen already, there is an exciting opportunity to join the school's Governing body as a Parent Governor.

No experience of having been a Governor previously is required. There are a wide range of training opportunities available, as well as a great wealth of experience in the current members of the Governing Body who would be more than happy to show you the ropes and share their knowledge with you.

Our current Parent Governors are Katherine Robertson, Catherine Large and Joe Guy and profiles of all our Governing body members can be found on the school website.

Attached with the newsletter, are two letters; one from our Chairs of Governors, Clare Turner and Libby Montgomery, providing further information on what it means to be a Governor, and a second letter providing details of the election and a nomination form.

The Governing Body is seen as a critical friend to senior leaders at a strategic level and is essential to ensure the effectiveness of the school. If you think this is a role you may be interested in, please fill out a nomination form and return it to the school office by 12pm on 2nd November 2020.

If you would like to have a conversation with Mrs. Wicks regarding the specifics of the role, please do not hesitate to get in contact and arrange a meeting.



Dear all,

Time has flown by and it is already half term! Thank you all for your support - our fundraising has got off to a flying start with a running total of just over £700 raised since the start of the academic year, and we have exciting events to look forward to after the half term break.

### **Word in a Word - Winners!**

A huge well done and thank you to everybody who took part in our Word in a Word competition. It was clear that you put a lot of time and effort into your entries and we received very impressive word lists! The longest word list contained just under 400 words, and we had many long words of 10 letters and above. You all did brilliantly, and together raised £242 for the school, which will go towards renovations to the play area, so thank you all very much!

The overall winners are:

#### **Key Stage 1**

William H (Saturn) - Most number of words and also longest word MICROPHONES (11 letters)

Lily C (Saturn) - Runner up for most number of words

#### **Key Stage 2**

James H (Pegasus) - Most number of words

Sachin P (Mercury) - Longest word SPORADICALLY (12 letters). Sachin was also close runner up for number of words.

Our winners will be awarded the word games "Word Bandit" and "Lex-GO".

### **House Colour T-Shirts**

We are pleased to announce we have made £80 from the sale of house colour T-shirts, so thank you all for your support.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS / SAVE THE DATES**

#### **October Half term - Eager Entrepreneurs**

We are pleased to launch our new October half term challenge - Eager Entrepreneurs! Your challenge is straightforward - to think of a money making scheme you can carry out at home over half term to raise as much money as possible for Manland. There are prizes to be won! There will be two individual prizes for the most inventive scheme (KS1 and KS2). 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!

Please see Claslist for full details - all entries to be in by Friday 13 November.

#### **10<sup>th</sup> November - HSA Annual General Meeting**

Our next HSA Annual General meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 November at 8.30pm. It will be held virtually over Zoom. As with our other meetings, the AGM is open to all parents, so if you have any questions about our activities, ideas for the year ahead or would just find out more about what we do, please do come along! If you would like to come along, please either RSVP to the event on Claslist or send a message to Nicole Fairhead. Log in details will be sent out nearer the time.

#### **November/ December - Wine Tasting Evenings**

We are pleased to announce that, in collaboration with MUST Wines in Harpenden, we will be hosting three virtual wine tasting evenings in November/December. Whilst we are unable to hold our usual class drinks this will be a great opportunity for us to chat, sample some lovely wines and raise money for the school while doing so! Watch out for full details on Claslist shortly.

#### **Manland Christmas Extravaganza!**

In place of our traditional Christmas Bazaar, this year will we be holding the Manland Christmas Extravaganza - a four day festival of Christmas fun! This will begin with class parties on Friday 11th December, to be followed by a variety of virtual activities over the weekend of 12th/13th, and culminating in Christmas Jumper Day on Monday 14th. Please save this date in your diary - further details to follow after half term.

Thank you to everybody and we hope you all have a great half term,  
Manland HSA