



# Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Year 3 class led an assembly attended by the whole school and parents and carers from Year 3. I was incredibly impressed with how much they had learnt this year and the confidence all the children displayed, getting up and talking about their learning. Well done Year 3!

December is rapidly approaching and this is always an exciting and busy time at Manland. Later in the newsletter there is a list of all the Christmas festivities taking place this year. Please make a note of them in your diaries.

A big thank you to parents/carers who were able to contribute to our Children in Need collection last week. We raised an impressive £217.50! Thank you.

Just a reminder that **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November is an occasional day and school will be closed.** Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,  
*Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher*



## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Occasional day – school closed to all children
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec ember 2023	Rotary Carol Concert for the school choir at the High Street Methodist Church – evening event
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Year 3 last swim of the term
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Last week for school run clubs (external club dates may be different – please check with them directly)



## Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is **97%**. 6 out of 7 classes achieved attendance over 96% this week! Well done!



## Manland Values Award

This week's recipient of the Values Award is Evie from Year 6! I know that any adult who knows Evie will be nodding their head and agreeing with me, that Evie encapsulates all of our Manland values, all day, every day! Evie's positivity, sense of humour and resilience is infectious and permeates all that she does. Evie is a kind, reflective and caring member of our class and is a good friend to all. More recently, Evie was congratulated by a member of staff for her exemplary manners and also by a prospective parent, who emailed Mrs Wicks to let her know how impressed she was with Evie and her friends.

You simply are a star who shines ever so brightly

Evie – well done!



## Spotlight on HSA

We are **so** incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive parent/carer community at Manland and our Home School Association (HSA) are very much part of our Manland family.

This week we want to put our Spotlight on the HSA and to say a big thank you to everyone who helps out the HSA, no matter how big or how small! Whether you have helped run the hot chocolate stand, baked a cake for a fete, pruned back a tree or planned the whole HSA Parent ball, we appreciate you!

The past two weeks have been particularly busy for the HSA! As well as collecting donations for the Christmas fete, providing tea and coffee at our open morning and running the Friday tuck shop, the HSA also ran the ever popular disco last Friday. The HSA Disco is one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the year and this one did not disappoint! All the children had a wonderful time, as did Mrs Talley, who was difficult to get off the dance floor.....! Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped make the event so enjoyable for the children and a particular thanks to Mrs Sjouerman for all her hard work organising the event!

Despite the big night out on Friday, the HSA parent helpers were out again on the weekend, tidying up the driveway and outside of the school. It was a huge surprise to come in to school on Monday – the driveway seemed twice as wide as it had been before! This type of help is invaluable and allows us to save costs and redirect maintenance time to other areas. We cannot thank the HSA parent helpers enough!



Thank you HSA parent helpers!

Mr Tromans  
Mr Seale  
Ms Fillippidou  
Mr Wood

Mrs Rees and Casey  
Mr Bedingfield  
Mr Heineike  
Mr and Mrs Arnold

If you have some time to volunteer to help the HSA, no matter how big or small, please get in contact with your HSA class rep or via the school office. Thank you!







## Spotlight on Amazon Wishlist

Thank  
you!



### The Manland Wish List

Parents are always asking what they can do to help Manland and one way you can help us is with school resources. If you are doing your Christmas shopping and you feel able to buy Manland a little Christmas present, we would be extremely grateful.

This year, our wish list concentrates on resources for:

- Science
- Computing
- Early Years, and
- General classroom and cleaning resources

Our wish list can be found by clicking the link below:

<https://amzn.eu/2WkudYM>



If you are able to 'buy us a gift', we don't mind if you get this delivered directly to school or to your home address- whatever is easiest for you. A small reminder that Manland's address is:

Manland Primary School  
Sauncey Avenue  
Harpenden  
AL5 4QW



(There is **no number** before "Sauncey Avenue")

As always, we recognise the current financial challenges that many of our families are facing and we do not want anyone to feel obliged to purchase a gift.

A big thank you, in advance, to anyone who is able to support this initiative. Our children benefit so much from high quality learning resources and we are incredibly grateful for any support you can give on this.







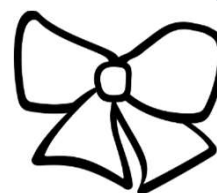
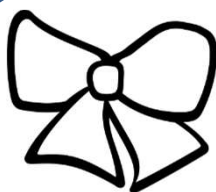
## Spotlight on Year 3



Congratulations to Year 3 for their informative assembly this week! Year 3 told us all about their learning so far this term, including prehistoric Britain, Claude Monet, addition and direct speech. Well done to all the children – we were really impressed with your presentation skills and your wonderful singing!



*Claude Monet*



## Christmas Diary Dates

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023:** Rotary Carol Concert (evening) at High Street Methodist Church for the Year 6 choir. Tickets will be given to choir members – 1 per child.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023:** Reception – Year 2: Nativity performance for parents/carers and younger siblings at 1.30pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023:** Reception – Year 2: Nativity performance for parents/carers at 9.30am

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023:** Christingle Service at school and Christmas Jumper Day (normal school uniform, with a Christmas jumper, if you would like)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023:** Whole school trip to the Pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' (normal school uniform)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023:** Class Christmas parties and Christmas Lunch for children (normal school uniform). **End of term at 1.15pm**

## Financial Support - Childcare Choices

In October, HM Government updated their eligibility checker on [childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://childcarechoices.gov.uk), enabling parents to access personalised information on the support available to them, including which of the new childcare offers they will be eligible for depending on the age of their child and earnings.

An additional feature added to the website is a subscribe for updates function, which will give parents the opportunity to sign up for regular newsletters letting them know when they should take action to make sure they are getting the support they are entitled to – including information about wraparound for primary school children and when the new 15 hours for two-year-olds becomes available for sign-ups, with the offer beginning in April 2024.

Please follow the link above to check what support



HM Government

Childcare  
Choices







## Manland are Recruiting!

We are looking for support staff to join our team!

- **Teaching Assistant x 2** (full or part time)
- **Midday Supervisor Assistant**, Monday to Friday 12pm – 1pm.

Although previous experience of working in a school is desirable, it is not essential and full training can be provided.

For further information, please get in contact with the school office. All applications should be made via the Teach in Herts website:

### Teaching Assistant role:

[https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view/teaching-assistant\\_88351.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view/teaching-assistant_88351.htm)

### Midday Supervisor role:

[https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view/midday-supervisory-assistant\\_89239.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view/midday-supervisory-assistant_89239.htm)



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## Watford FC Football Club



Watford FC are looking for children aged 12 and below to get creative and enter a design that they can use as their 2023 Christmas E-card. The competition is free to enter, and children can submit their designs by using the template attached to the newsletter.

Ideally, the designs will be inspired by:

- Watford FC's Mission: Making a positive difference for all through sport, physical activity and learning.
- Watford FC's Vision: Improving Lives, Enhancing Communities.
- Watford FC's Values: Innovation, Inclusivity, Integrity.
- The theme: How can your design inspire others to enjoy a 'sustainable' Christmas? Think, using recyclable wrapping paper, making your own decorations out of recyclable materials, and eating leftover food in the days after the big day!
- Remember to include a 'Merry Christmas' message.

The winner will be picked by the Watford FC first team squad and will be featured as their Digital Christmas E-card & included in the Watford FC vs Bristol City boxing day programme.

The deadline for all entries is **Friday 8th December**.

