

Manland Primary School Newsletter



Friday 25th September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to report that the children have had another fantastic week and have well and truly settled back into school life.

As this time of year, parents are beginning the task of deciding which school to send their child to for Reception intake September 2021. Usually, we would be holding open mornings, which sadly we are unable to do.

We are working on developing our website to give prospective parents a 'flavour' of what to expect if they decide to choose us!

Therefore, we would like to gather some quotes about why you chose Manland or what you value about our school. We would welcome any 'quotes' via email or letter by Friday 2nd October.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Wicks, Headteacher

Term dates



Autumn Term:

End of Autumn term: Friday 18th December 2020

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

Occasional Day: Monday 23rd November 2020



Dates for Diary

Monday 9th October: Nurse visiting Year 6

Wednesday 14th October – Non-uniform day

Friday 23rd October: House Learning Day and Harvest Festival

Tuesday 10th November: Children's flu vaccinations

Monday 16th November: Anti-bullying week



Covid-19

If you or a member of your household are displaying symptoms, the person with symptoms must get tested and the rest of the household must isolate until the results have been received. Please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/



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.



Attendance

Well done to everyone for our school attendance this week which has been recorded as 97.5%.

This is a fantastic result for so early in the school year!



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child, please contact Mrs. Wicks, our Designated Safeguarding leader, or our Deputy Designated Safeguarding staff, Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Kemp or Mr. Yeldham



Road Closure

Can all parents/ carers please be aware that from Monday 28th September to Wednesday 30th September, **Sauncey Avenue will be closed between the hours of 9.30am and 4.00pm.**

If you need to use your vehicle, please ensure you move it outside of the road closure area (between Ox Lane and Stewart Road) at least 30 minutes before the roadworks commence. Further information can be found on the surrounding road notices or by using the following link: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/roadclosures



Parent Training course

The Nessie Forum will be running another workshop on Thursday 8th October. This event is free to attend for parents whose children attend schools within St. Albans, Harpenden & surrounding villages. To book a place please visit: nessieined.com/events



Reception Open Evenings

We will be holding two open evenings for the September 2021 intake. These will take place on Monday 12th October and Tuesday 3rd November at 7pm.

If you have a child that is due to start reception next September and would like to come along, please use the following link to book a space: <http://manland.Herts.sch.uk/parents/open-evening-2021-reception-intake>

In line with our risk assessment, the open evenings will be for adults only and we will be asking adults to wear face masks and to hand sanitise on arrival.



Year 6

We have enjoyed watching the video clips that the Year 6 children have sent in so far for the open evenings.

We would love to see some more videos from any Year 6 children that haven't sent in a video yet. There are lots of ideas that you can use in your video such as memories of clubs and school trips, how you have made friends, to explaining what your favourite subjects are and why.

Can we please remind everyone that the deadline for sending any clips in is Wednesday 30th September.

Thank you



Flower and Plant donations

We are looking for any donations of outdoor plants, flowers and soil to brighten up our playgrounds. Any donations would be very much appreciated, please could we ask that you leave donations in the playground by the front entrance. Many thanks in advance!



Free School Meals

We would like to remind all families of children who have moved from Year 2 to 3 in September 2020 (whom were eligible for a free school meal in Year 2) to reapply for a further year via this link: reapply.www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Please note that all families are required to reapply each year for funding.



After school arrangements

Just a reminder that all parents/carers need to inform school if their child is going home with anyone who is not their parent or carer.

The easiest way to do this is to phone the office or email admin@manland.herts.sch.uk. This applies to **all year groups**, up to and including, Year 6.



Dear all,

A warm welcome back from the HSA! We hope you have all settled in to the new term and school year. We would also like to say a special hello to our new Reception joiners, and hope the little ones have not found these first few weeks too tiring!

Naturally, our school fundraising will be different in these challenging times, with an emphasis on activities the children can do either at home, in their class bubbles or virtually. However, we in the HSA are enthusiastic to meet this challenge and run events which are entertaining for our children, whilst still raising much needed funds for school projects and equipment.

Our upcoming HSA events are:

Sponsored "Word in a Word" competition - How many words of three letters or more can you make from the phrase "WE LOVE MANLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL"? Prizes to be awarded for the most number of words and the longest word! Please look out for full details and the sponsorship form on Classlist.

Xmas Cards- Next week, we will be asking the children to draw their designs for their Christmas Cards. This will be done in class but please do mention this to them and try to get them in the Christmas Spirit with a few ideas of what they might like to create. It's sometimes hard thinking about Christmas in September but this is so that we can get them printed and make them available for purchase by the end of November. Look out for more details on Classlist soon.

Wednesday 14th October - Non-uniform day! Please choose the Manland Value (or Values) which you think best apply to you and come to school dressed in those colours. The values and colours are below - make it bright and bold! £2 entry - all proceeds will go towards renovating the KS2 outdoor play areas.



Eager Entrepreneurs! - Due to Coronavirus restrictions we will unfortunately be unable to run our annual Grow £1 challenge this year. However, instead we will be launching a new entrepreneurial initiative to run over the October half term - more details to follow.

Xmas Bazaar- Naturally, plans for the Xmas Bazaar will be different this year but we are planning a timetable of fun activities to be held both at school and virtually - watch this space!

HSA Changes

There are some changes in the HSA committee for this academic year. After 7 years, Mrs. Hathorn and Mrs. Barcock will now be stepping down from the committee and we would like to give our heartfelt thanks to them for their many years of dedication and hard work. Mrs Fairhead will now be taking over as chair from Mrs. Hathorn and Mrs. Smyth will be continuing as treasurer.

Our HSA is very keen to welcome new members and fresh ideas! If you would like to get involved, have any suggestions for fund raising activities your children would enjoy, or otherwise would just like to find out more about what we do, please do get in touch (either via Classlist or nicolefairhead@hotmail.co.uk).

Best wishes,

Mrs. Fairhead and Mrs. Smyth – HSA