

# Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

It is starting to feel very festive here at Manland this week with preparations underway for Christmas. Some classes have begun to rehearse their carols and others have been making decorations for the school.

I am pleased to tell you that we raised £188.25 for Children in Need, thank you to all parents and carers for your kind donations.

The HSA have been very busy producing lots of activities and organised a virtual bingo event last weekend for the children, which the children all enjoyed. Thank you to the HSA for your inspired ideas and hard work. Please do check the dates for diary section or our website for the HSA's forthcoming events.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Wicks, Headteacher*



## Term dates

### Autumn Term:

End of Autumn term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (1.15pm finish)

### Spring Term:

**InSeT day for staff:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January: Term starts for children.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January: Admission deadline for Primary schools



## Dates for Diary

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December – HSA Festive Elf Trail

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December -HSA Wine Tasting Evening

4<sup>th</sup> December HSA- Christmas Tree Pre-order deadline

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Flu vaccinations (for any absent children)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper day

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December - HSA Christmas Extravaganza online activities

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch



## Attendance

Our school attendance this week has been recorded as 98.3%. Well done everyone!



## Covid-19

We have received reports of a lack of social distancing in some schools during drop off and pick up times. We all have a responsibility to take steps in helping reduce the spread of coronavirus. With this in mind, all families are required (unless exempt) to adhere to the following points to ensure a safe arrival and departure at school for all involved:

- Only one parent or guardian should drop off and pick up their child/children to reduce numbers outside school
- Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household
- Make good use of all available entry and exit points to the school site to avoid bottleneck
- Refrain from face-to-face conversation with staff or other families; use digital communication methods during lockdown.
- Go straight home after dropping and/or collecting your child/children.

Self isolation means that you must not leave your home except in an emergency. You can be asked to self-isolate by Test and Trace, a nursery, school, college, university, workplace or by any Health professional – even if you have no symptoms, you must follow these rules:

### Do not:

- Visit family or friends.
- Go to any shops or supermarkets-instead order food online or ask for help.
- Go to work, university, college or school - instead work or study from home if you can.
- Use public transport, taxis or share a car.
- Attend parties or other events, even if these are outside.

Further information regarding self isolation can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>



## 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!



## Safeguarding

Parents and carers should make sure that children can be seen at this time of year, especially on the way to and from school – journeys that they may make in the dark or twilight. It is recommended that children wear something bright or fluorescent during the day and something reflective at dusk and in the dark (fluorescent clothing is not so visible in the dark) - "be bright be seen".

Items such as reflective keyrings or high vis yellow vests make children easier to spot and alert drivers or cyclists in the winter months that your child is walking.



## Well Done!

Congratulations to Sachin P who passed his Grade 1 Piano with a merit exam this week. Also a very well done to Holly M who was awarded a Blue Peter badge for writing a creative poem about her dog!



## Christmas cards

Children may begin to bring Christmas cards into school from next week. For this year each classroom will have 2 boxes for Christmas cards. One box will be used for cards that are to be given to children outside the class bubble. These cards will be held in the box for a period of 72 hours before being given out. Staff in each class bubble will deliver the cards to other bubbles. **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December will therefore be the cut off date for cards in order for us to safely quarantine them.**



Dear all

We have a bumper Christmas update for you this week!

### **Festive Elf Trail**

To help pass this last lockdown weekend, please do join us for the Manland Festive Elf Trail! Dig out your Christmas jumper, elf hats, antlers or festive fancy dress and spot the 12 Elves hiding in windows in the local area! Look out for full details and link to the downloadable pack on Classlist.

### **Christmas Extravaganza**

The Christmas countdown continues...just to give you all a taste of what is to come in our Christmas Extravaganza..

On Friday 11th (in school) we will be holding Class Bubble Christmas Parties - an afternoon of fun, with some favourite bazaar games including Lucky Dip and Sweetie Tombola!

Then we will be star gazing with a Virtual Planetarium Experience on the Friday evening.

Following that, a weekend of virtual games and activities over the 12/13th! Join us for Christmas Crafts, Scavenger Hunts, Bingo, Circus Skills, Armpit Fudge Making, Dancing and much more...!

Father Christmas is sorry that he won't be able to hold his usual visiting Grotto in person. However, as with all of us, he has also been embracing the new technology this year and will be taking some time out of his daily tour of the toy factory to join us via Zoom for a pre Christmas chat! This year, we will also be helping Father Christmas at this busy time with our Manland Mail service - post your letter to Santa at school and we will forward it onto him so he can reply!

For those of you who may not be available for some of the online sessions, there will be activities and competitions to take part in over the course of the weekend and beyond, including Fantasy Football, Who Has the Funniest Elf and a Lego Christmas Challenge! Not to mention our traditional Christmas Raffle and a Guess the Weight of the Cake Competition!

And, finally, for us parents, an early start with a Christmas wine tasting on Thurs 10th! Full details and tickets will be released early next week - watch this space.

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Manland HSA