



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wed 8 th Nov 2023	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9am
Mon 13 th Nov 2023	Flu vaccinations
Tues 14 th Nov 2023	Rec to Year 4 Sex Education Parent Workshop at 9am
Wed 15 th Nov to 21 st Nov 2023	Scholastic Book Fair in school – Hall at 3.15 to 3.30pm
Thurs 16 th Nov 2023	Year 5 and 6 Sex Education Workshop for parents at 9am Prospective Parent Morning at 10am.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy first week we have had after the October half term! Children came back happy and ready to learn and we have hit the ground running!

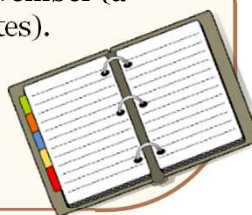
We had our first prospective parent morning this week and it was wonderful to meet everyone. House Captains gave speeches about life at Manland, followed by tours provided by our Year 6 class. I was so incredibly proud of all our Year 6 pupils; they demonstrated our values of **Inspiration**, **Aspiration** and **Responsibility** and were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

A big thank you also to Mr Bedingfield and Mrs Smith from the HSA who provided teas and coffees for the event and an equally big thank you to Mrs Barcock who spoke to parents about what it was like to be a parent at Manland. We know that parents really appreciate hearing from our current parents; many thanks Mrs Barcock!

A reminder that the Year 5 class assembly is taking place next week on Wednesday 8th November (a revised date to our published diary dates).

Best wishes,

Mrs Wicks, Headteacher



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is low at **95.2%**. This is largely due to a unauthorised term time holidays.

Manland Values Award

In the short time that I've been Lewis's teacher, I've been struck by his diligence and attentiveness. He listens carefully to explanations and **inspires** others around him to do the same. He takes on new vocabulary and aspires to use it both when answering questions verbally, and in his own written work. He sets himself challenges and delights in sharing his successes. When lining up and transitioning around the school, Lewis is a role model to those around him and leads by example. Lewis, I am proud to have you in Year 3 and I'm looking forward to seeing how much you can achieve this year! Mr Jones



Spotlight on academic success

At Manland, we want all our pupils to achieve the best they can. This can take many forms; achieving academic success, being selected to play for a sports team, being brave enough to speak in a class assembly, playing an instrument, learning a different language or demonstrating our values of inspiration, aspiration and responsibility.

Today we want to celebrate the academic success of our children over the academic year 2022 – 2023 and say a huge congratulations to our pupils for all your hard work – well done!

Phonics: 100% of pupils in Year 1 passed the national phonics test

Subject	Manland	Hertfordshire	England
Phonics	100%	79%	79%

KS2 Data: Percentage of pupils in Year 6 who achieved the Expected Standard 22-23

Subject	Manland	Hertfordshire	England
English reading	90%	76%	73%
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	93%	75%	72%
Mathematics	97%	75%	73%
English writing *	90%	70%	71%

KS2 Data: Percentage of pupils in Year 6 who achieved Greater Depth 22-23

Subject	Manland	Hertfordshire	England
English reading	56%	34%	29%
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	60%	34%	30%
Mathematics	67%	28%	24%
Reading, Writing and Maths (combined)	30%	10%	8%

* Teacher assessment



Attendance

Following on from previous communications regarding the importance of attendance, we are still seeing a number of term time holidays at our school:

- On 20th October 2023, **13** pupils were absent due to term time holidays.

The impact of term time holidays is wide and varied.

Excellent Attendance (School defined)	Good attendance (School defined)	Target attendance (School defined)	At risk of Persistently Absent (National definition)	Persistently Absent (National definition)	Severely absent (National definition)
99%+	98%+	96%+	Between 96% & 90.1%	At or below 90%	At or below 50%
4 or less sessions missed in a year	5-7 sessions missed in a year	8-15 sessions missed in a year	16-37 sessions missed in a year (8-18.5 days)	At least 38 sessions missed in a year (19 days)	At least 190 sessions missed in a year (95 days)
13 hours or less of lost learning in a year	13-23 hours of lost learning in a year	23-49 hours of lost learning in a year	49-120 hours of lost learning in a year	At least 123 hours of lost learning in a year	At least 617 hours of lost learning in a year

For this reason, **we have made the decision to start introducing Penalty Notices from January 2024 onwards.** This is not a decision we have taken lightly; when making this decision we have taken into account all those impacted by term time holidays.

Full details can be found in our attendance policy on the school website (Key Information / Statutory Information).

Parents/Carers at risk of a penalty notice will be sent a warning letter first; an example is attached to the newsletter. In the event of further term time holidays, the school **may** ask the Local Authority to issue a Penalty Notice.

We sincerely hope that the introduction of Penalty Notices from January 2024 will reduce term time holidays and the impact they have. We thank parents and carers for following our attendance policy.



Safeguarding: Fireworks Night

If you are planning to celebrate Fireworks Night this year, we hope you have a wonderful time. Please remind your children of the following safety messages to stay safe:

- Fireworks are exciting, but they can be very dangerous and can hurt you. Listen to your grown-up about where is a safe place to stand.
- Never touch a firework. Don't pick up a firework after it has been used.
- Wear your gloves when you hold your sparkler and keep it away from your body.
- Hold one sparkler at a time.
- Keep your sparkly sparkler safely away from other people and don't run around with it.
- Don't throw your sparkler in case it hits someone.
- Once your sparkler is finished, put it into a bucket of water, don't pick it back up. It stays hot for a long time and can burn you.
- Stand well away from the bonfire and stay close to the grown-ups.
- Don't be tempted to throw things into the bonfire or poke at it with sticks.
- Practice your STOP, DROP and ROLL before your fireworks celebrations



Keeping Manland Tidy

Your children will probably recognise these two Manland characters - Tidy Ted and Prim Pup (one for KS2 and one for Reception and KS1)! They help us keep our corridors and cloakrooms neat and tidy.



This means hanging up our PE kits and coats, trainers stored neatly underneath, keeping our corridors free from clutter and putting things back where they belong! The class which has the tidiest cloakroom gets to keep Tidy Ted or Prim Pup in their classroom for a week!



Safeguarding

It's Good To 'Talk'



Online Safety: How to start a conversation with your child about using a phone safely:

Why do you want to get a phone?

Whilst deciding if it is time for your child to have their first phone can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use their phone for. This could be for connecting with friends, playing games, for keeping in touch whilst out of the house or other reasons.

What do you like about using your phone?

You can ask your child about their favourite apps or games, what they like using their phone for, or you can ask them to show you how to play or use their favourite game or website.

What would you do if something worrying or upsetting happened on your phone?

You can ask them about the places they can go to find the safety advice, find out what they know about privacy settings, and ask them how to report or block on the services they use.

How can we do more online together?

Ask your child about activities or games that you could enjoy as a family, this can be a great time to establish a family agreement to manage your families time online.



Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.



Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.



Message from Herts Fire and Rescue Service

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service are asking students to take part in providing their input into the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP). Your voice can shape the future of the fire service in Hertfordshire by completing a short survey.

(Parents/Guardians/Carers – please support your child with giving their views or complete it on their behalf).

Developing and maintaining our Community Risk Management Plan enables Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) to assess all foreseeable fire-and-rescue-related risks, while ensuring we are meeting our legal requirements. The objective of the CRMP is to ensure the allocation of our resources are utilised in the most efficient manner to mitigate risk and improve community safety. By participating in this survey, you will support Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service to understand how prepared people who live and work in Hertfordshire are to dealing with emergencies, building a picture of the barriers there are to people joining the fire and rescue service, and learn how it can better engage with the local community.

As future firefighters or users of Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, you play an important part in this decision-making process.

By visiting: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/CRMP> you can participate in this survey and find out more about Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service's Community Risk Management Plan. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and the deadline to complete this is 19th November 2023 (11:45pm).

Children in Need 2023



The school will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 17th November! Children can come to school in non school uniform and the Spotacular theme this year is **Spots!**

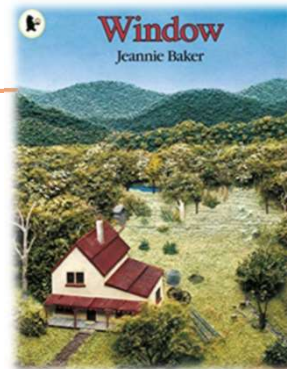
There will be a Children in Need themed assembly during the school day, followed by the HSA school disco after school!

Parents and carers who wish to make a voluntary donation for non school uniform day can do so via School Gateway.



BBC

Children in Need



Take One Book

In one of our assemblies this week, Miss Noonan told children about the book 'Window' by Jeannie Baker. Alongside this, she showed children the window swap website, which allows you to look out of windows all over the world! The children really enjoyed it and we thought it would be useful to share with parents and carers. Happy window watching!

<https://window-swap.com>



Book Fair

With Christmas approaching (and knowing how much our children love to read!) we have arranged for the Book Fair to return to Manland!

Book Fairs are a wonderful way to promote reading and the school also earns commission from all books sold at the fair. We use this commission to buy much needed books for Manland, so please feel free to stock up on presents at the book fair - the books are at bargain prices!

Dates

The book fair will be taking place in the school hall on the following dates:

- Wednesday 15th November at 3.15pm
- Thursday 16th November at 3.15pm
- Friday 17th November at 3.15pm
- Monday 20th November at 3.15pm
- Tuesday 21st November at 3.15pm

Payment

Please be aware, we are only accepting **payments online** or via **pre paid vouchers** at the book fair.

To make a payment online at the book fair:

Parents/carers will be able to scan a QR code and make payment for their total spend. Before checking out, please see a member of staff to confirm the total spend and then please show them confirmation that payment has been made.

To buy vouchers in advance of the book fair:

This allows your child to go along to the book fair and buy a book.

To purchase a voucher, please follow this link:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/gift-vouchers>

Once a purchase has been made, you will receive the voucher in an email which can be printed and given to your child – much safer to carry than cash. Vouchers can be purchased up until midnight on the day before the collection of the Book Fair.

Class Wish-Lists

This year, class teachers have also prepared **class wish-lists of books they would like for their class**. Details will be up in the Hall during the book fair. If you would like to, and are able to, we would be really grateful if you are able to buy a book for a class at the book fair!

