

Marland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4th December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is feeling very festive in school now and children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are busy learning their songs.

Prizes were given out in class assembly for the two winners of the Christmas card competition. Well done to James in Reception and Cleo in Year 5 whose designs were amazing!

Please take a look at the photos of our newly renovated Japanese garden which I'm sure you will agree looks lovely. The children are looking forward to using this shortly and will hopefully enjoy the garden for years to come. Thank you to Mr. Turrall who helped develop the area for us.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Wicks, Headteacher



Term dates

Autumn Term:

End of Autumn term: Friday 18th December 2020 (1.15pm finish)

Spring Term:

InSeT day for staff: Monday 4th January 2021

Tuesday 5th January: Term starts for children.
Friday 15th January: Admission deadline for Primary schools



Dates for Diary

Thursday 10th December – Flu vaccinations (for any absent children)

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper day and class parties

Saturday 11th and Sunday 13th December - HSA Christmas Extravaganza online activities

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas lunch



Attendance

Our school attendance this week has been recorded as 98.1%. Well done everyone!



Safeguarding

As we are all too aware, 2020 has been a tricky year in lots of different ways. An organisation in Hertfordshire called 'Just Talk' is available for young people to enable them to talk about their wellbeing. There may be young people in your own family or in the local community who are self-isolating or who are feeling isolated that may benefit from the opportunity to talk to other young people in a similar situation.

Please follow the link for further information.

<https://www.justtalkherts.org/just-talk-herts.aspx>



Covid-19

As you are all aware, Hertfordshire at present is in the Tier 2 High alert category. We have attached a Tier 2 information sheet for your reference. Please can we remind all parents/carers to regularly check the Hertfordshire County Council website for updates on the tier system over the coming weeks. The link is:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/coronavirus-covid-19-what-you-need-to-know.aspx>



Food bank Collection

We have recently received a certificate from St. Albans District Foodbank to inform us that we collected a total weight of 125kg in food. This will help to provide around 298 meals!

Thank you to everyone that donated.



New Governor

The Governing body is pleased to announce the election of Mr Chris Wardle to the Governing body as a new parent Governor. Mr Wardle is father to Virginia in Year 1 and has a background in music education and charity. Welcome Mr Wardle!



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Dear all

Three weeks exactly until Christmas...

Tickets are now available on Classlist for all of the upcoming Christmas Extravaganza activities and competitions. Please go to Classlist for full information and tickets for all of the following Christmas events:

- Manland Mail - letters to Santa (with replies)
- Raffle
- 11th December Class Parties
- Virtual activities
- Lapland Lego competition
- My Wacky Elf competition
- Festive Fantasy Football weekender
- Guess the Weight of the Cake
- Christmas Wine Tasting on 10th December

The full timetable of activities and list of competitions can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/MXmas2020> and are also attached to this newsletter.

In other Christmas news ...

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards, gift tags, mugs and coasters have now arrived and are being stored in school as per the school's COVID-19 quarantining regulations. They will be available to collect from Monday.

Festive Elf Trail

The Manland Festive Elf Trail is open for the whole of December, with 12 cheeky elves for you to spot around the local area! Full details and link to the downloadable pack are on Classlist. This event is open to all the local community so please let your friends and families know too. A great way to have fun and get some fresh air this weekend!

Thank you everyone for your continued support.
Manland HSA