



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th May 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic day we have had in school today celebrating the coronation of King Charles III! We were very impressed with the number of kings and queens who came to school today – you all looked amazing and we hope you all enjoyed celebrating this historical occasion!

We want to thank the HSA for their contribution to the festivities today. The HSA contributed towards the cost of the afternoon tea parties today and are also holding a bake sale after school today to raise funds for the school - thank you to every parent/carers who helps out the HSA, no matter how small. You make such a difference to our school.

Best of luck to Year 6 for their KS2 SATs which take place next week. We know you will try your best and we are very proud of how hard you have worked preparing for the exams.

Finally, Monday 8th May is another bank holiday, so please remember that school will be closed.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher



Diary Dates

Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday- School Closed
Tuesday 9th May- Friday 12th May	Year 6 SATS Week Tuesday- Friday – Year 6 breakfast Friday - Year 6 Celebration afternoon
Tuesday 16th May	Reception trip to Knebworth House
Friday 19 th May	HSA Summer Ball for parents
Monday 22 nd May – Friday 26 th May	Year 6 residential trip to Caythorpe PGL
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June	Half term



Manland Value Award

Eric has inspired us all with his fantastically written and illustrated book that he made at home. We were particularly impressed with the attention to detail in his illustrations, including a hidden character on each page for the reader to spot, in the style of books we have studied in class and those he has read at home. Eric has shown high aspirations to include dialogue and a compelling narrative in his book and we are very proud of him for choosing to write in his own time. Well done Eric!





Spotlight on Coronation Celebrations



Today we celebrated the coronation of King Charles III! This was an exciting opportunity for our pupils to be involved in living history.

We hope the pupils enjoyed designing their own crowns and celebrating in the afternoon with a royal tea party and games!



"We learnt what is going to happen on Saturday at the Coronation of King Charles III" Aaliyah, Year 5



Congratulations to our winners!

Best crown design: **Enzo M**

Best crown design: **Caitlin M**

Best monarch costume: **Teddy N**

Best monarch costume: **Monty H**

Look out for results from the HSA Cake Sale in the newsletter next week!

"We've been making crowns for the coronation. It was good and fun!" Mary, Year 3





Important Safeguarding information – Please read

Safeguarding is our main priority at Manland and a key aspect of this is securing our school site. It is incredibly important that the gates and entry doors are used, as intended, to keep our pupils and staff safe. We would like to issue the following reminders:

- The external gates are set to unlock between 8.40 – 8.50 and 3.15 – 3.25pm. **Please do not prop open the gate outside of these times.** This prevents the timer function of the magnetic lock from working
- If you require gate access **between 3.25 and 4.15pm**, please use the “**School Office**” intercom button
- If you require gate access **after 4.15pm**, please use the “**Time Out**” intercom button
- If you notice a visitor has propped a gate open, please either close the gate or let us know
- If dropping a child off late (after 8.50am), **please press the buzzer and sign your child in in the late book at the office hatch**
- If accessing the front door, please do not ask a pupil to release the door for you. **Please wait for a member of staff to provide entry**
- When dropping off your child, please **do not enter the school building** by any of the side doors or mobile classroom doors. **All visitors must sign in at the school office and receive a lanyard if coming into school**
- If you have friends or family picking your child up, please inform them of school procedures regarding our gates and entry doors.

We appreciate all your help with keeping our site, and all its users, secure.

House	Total house points
Dragons	3005
Griffins	2874
Unicorns	2977
Phoenix	2692

House Points

Congratulations to everyone for all your hard work earning House Points. Look at how close it is! Keep going!





Pupil Achievement

Huge congratulations to Henry in Year 5 who competed in a Gymnastics competition at the weekend. He won gold in the Vault and Bronze in the High Bar!

This qualified him to go through to represent Saadi Gym at the regional finals in Essex.

Amazing job Henry!



Financial Assistance

Did you know that there is financial support for parents/carers who are experiencing financial difficulties, no matter how short the period of difficulty is (for e.g. redundancy)?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2:

All children in these year groups receive a free lunch at school. However, if you are in receipt of certain qualifying benefits, the school could get vital extra funding (called 'Pupil Premium') to pay for additional staff time, extra resources, books and clubs. You can also receive supermarket vouchers for the holidays and free holiday activity camps.

Children in year 3 or older

Your child will get a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain qualifying benefits. Again, if you register, the school could get vital extra funding (called 'Pupil Premium') to pay for additional staff time, extra resources, books and clubs. You can also receive supermarket vouchers for the holidays and free holiday activity camps. You may also be entitled to assistance with music fees and half price bus travel.

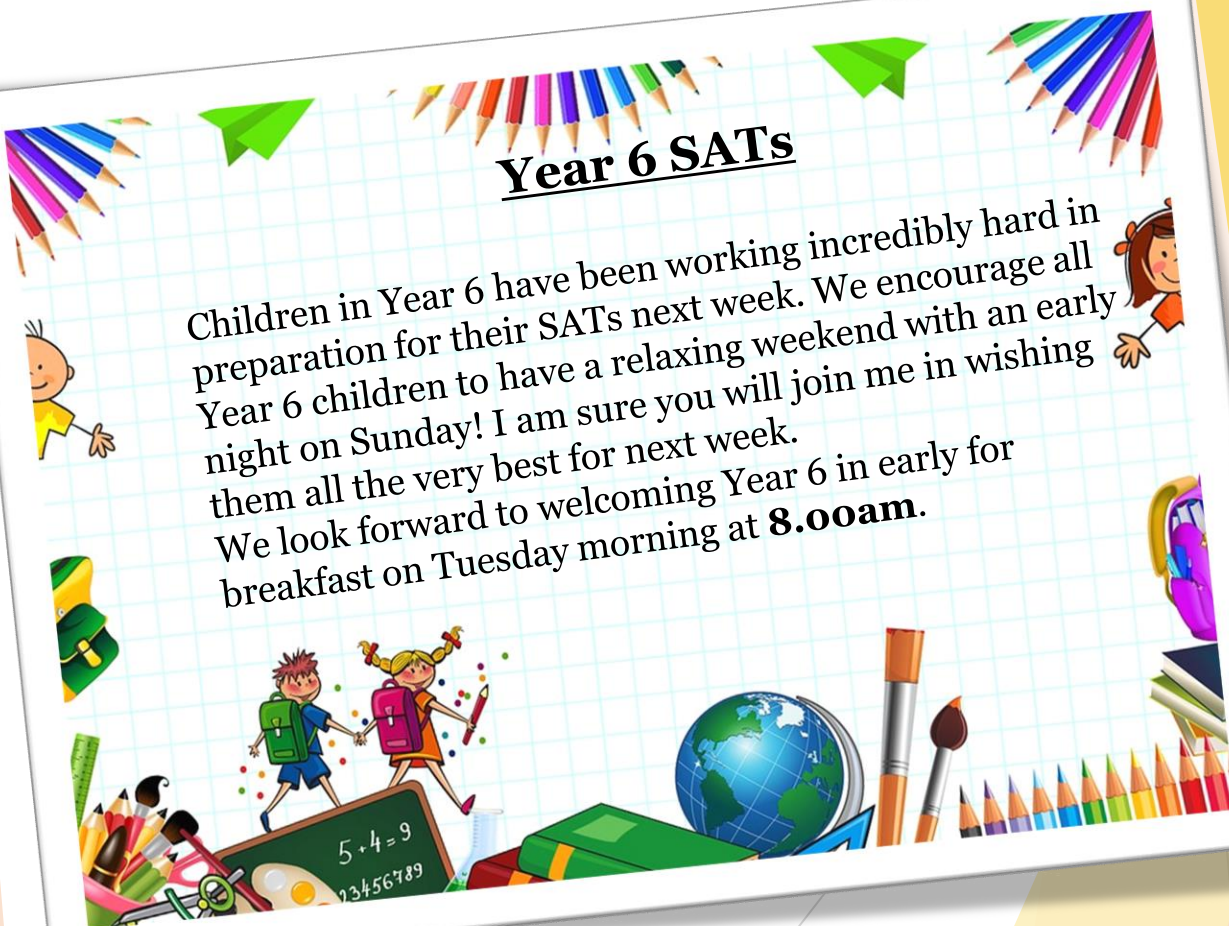
For further information, or to apply, please visit:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx#extrahelp>

Year 6 SATs

Year 6

Children in Year 6 have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs next week. We encourage all Year 6 children to have a relaxing weekend with an early night on Sunday! I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best for next week. We look forward to welcoming Year 6 in early for breakfast on Tuesday morning at **8.00am**.





Handwriting

At Manland, we teach 'Cursive handwriting' to children in Year 1-6. Children practise their handwriting using the Letter Join scheme.

The Letter Join website has a useful section for parents and carers, with resources and activities for you to do at home with your child. The website, accessible on a desktop, also has a tablet friendly version, which allows children to complete interactive handwriting activities on a phone or tablet.

It is well worth taking some time to explore the website to support your children with handwriting at home.

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Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is 96.7%. Well done to Reception class who achieved 100% attendance!



Twitter

Please follow us on Twitter @ManlandPrimary to keep up to date with what is going on in school. 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.



Safeguarding

If you ever have a concern about a child, speak with one of our Safeguarding team:
Mrs Wicks, Mr Comer
or Mrs Kemp

