

Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone, I hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children have settled back quickly and have had a busy week of learning.

We had a Health and Safety Executive inspection today to assess the safety measures that we have in place regarding Covid-19. It was a very positive outcome and although we won't receive a written report, he was more than satisfied that all the safety measures outlined in the DFE guidance are in place and that we are doing all that we can to keep our children and staff safe during these times.

I would like to thank every member of the Manland staff team for their hard work and dedication that goes into ensuring the health and safety of the school.

Please can I ask all parents to ensure they are regularly checking classlist announcements as due to the current conditions, guidelines and advice about our school community can change rapidly.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Wicks, Headteacher



Term dates

Autumn Term:

*Occasional Day: Monday 23rd November 2020

(NB: Cancelled, children in school)

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



Dates for Diary

Tuesday 10th November: Children's flu vaccinations

Wednesday 11th November: Individual school photos (To be confirmed)

Friday 13th November: Children in Need

Monday 16th November: Anti-bullying week



Attendance

Our school attendance this week has been recorded as 95.8%. Well done everyone!



Covid-19

With new lockdown restrictions coming into effect from 5th November, we are in the process of reviewing our risk assessment based on new guidance from the Department of Education. If you think your child may fall into one of the categories below, please inform us via admin@manland.herts.sch.uk as soon as possible.

Category 1- **Clinically vulnerable**

Category 2 - **Clinically Extremely vulnerable**

Please see the link below for further information regarding these categories.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>

If you would like to discuss this with a Senior member of staff please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will keep you fully updated with any further amendments of our risk assessment.



Safeguarding

Please can we remind all parents about the continued importance of maintaining social distancing and adhering to the Government's advice regarding 'Hands. Face. Space.'

Hands – wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.

Face – wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

Space – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors.)





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!



Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November.

On this day, children will be finding out about the charity and how it helps children and young people in communities across the UK. If you would like to contribute to this valuable charity, please send in your child with a donation.

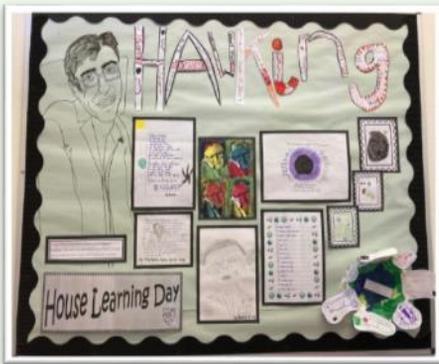
In the meantime, if you would like some inspiration on how to fundraise for this at home, please see the below link.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/>



House Learning Day

The children had a fantastic end to last half term learning about inspirational people who have changed the world around them. Dragon House focused on learning about Stephen Hawking, Unicorn learnt all about Rosa Parks, Phoenix House focused on David Attenborough and Griffin found out about Marie Curie. The children participated in a range of activities in their classrooms which involved finding out about the key people and the impact that they have had on the world around them. Across the school the children produced a wide range of learning, including art representations and poetry. We hope the children were inspired to think about the role they play in society and how they can make a difference to the world around them.



Anti Bullying week

We will be promoting Anti-bullying week from 16th – 20th November. The theme for this year is United Against Bullying. In school, children will be celebrating what makes us different. On Friday 20th November, children can come in wearing odd or colourful socks with their uniform. No donation required.



Under 11's School Admissions

The application process for places at primary, junior and middle schools for September 2021 opened on Monday 2nd November 2020. This process is for children currently in nursery, year 2 (infant schools) and year 4 (in first schools). The deadline for application is the 15th January 2021. We have attached the leaflet from Admissions at Hertfordshire County Council which gives further information.



Dear all

We hope you all had a great half term break. Now that we are back into lockdown, we hope the activities we have planned for this half term will help with keeping us entertained - children and parents alike! Aside from our planned events, we are also hoping to put on some virtual games for the children later in November, so watch this space! Here are our upcoming events this half term:

Christmas Card orders - deadline Tuesday 10th November.

The shops may be closed but you can order your Christmas Cards, Gift Tags, Mugs & Coasters with your child's unique festive design on with us! And....all profits go to the HSA, towards renovating and rebuilding the KS2 playground. You should all have received your child's festive design for their Christmas Cards in their school bag. Please place your orders on the Event Page on Classlist - the order deadline is next **Tuesday 10th November**

Eager Entrepreneurs - deadline extended to Friday 20th November!

Why not use some of the time at home to come up with a money making scheme for the HSA! We have extended the deadline for this to **Friday 20th November**. There is also no limit on the number of activities you can do, so if you have more than one idea, go for it!

There are prizes to be won! There will be two individual prizes for the most inventive scheme (Key Stage 1 and 2). Also, for the class that makes the most money collectively, there will be a class prize of a non-uniform day and an extra 15 minutes playtime!

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Get helpful! Ask your grown-ups what chores need to be done at home and how much they are willing to pay for your help.
- Get theatrical! Put on a show for your family and charge admission! You could even make and sell interval snacks as well. Consider doing it over Zoom for wider friends and family!
- Get active! Arrange a cycle ride/goal kick competition/other sporting challenge and ask your family and friends to sponsor you.
- Get creative! Design and make something to sell (although unfortunately for obvious reasons we will not be able to host any sales at school) Please see Classlist for full details.

Virtual Wine Tasting Evenings

Tickets are now on sale for our Virtual Wine Tasting Evenings, hosted by MUST Wines. These will be held on Thurs 19th November, Thurs 26th November and Thurs 3rd December. This will be a great opportunity for us to chat, sample some lovely wines and raise money for the school while doing so! Tickets can be bought via the Event Page on Classlist.

MANLAND CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!

In place of our traditional Christmas Bazaar, this year will we be holding the Manland Christmas Extravaganza - a four day festival of Christmas fun! This will begin with class parties on Friday 11th December, to be followed by a variety of virtual activities over the weekend of 12th/13th, and culminating in Christmas Jumper Day on Monday 14th December. Please save this date in your diary - further details to follow shortly.

10th November - HSA Annual General Meeting

Our next HSA Annual General meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th November at 8.30pm. It will be held virtually over Zoom. As with our other meetings, the AGM is open to all parents, so if you have any questions about our activities, ideas for the year ahead or would just find out more about what we do, please do come along! If you would like to come along, please either RSVP to the event on Classlist or send a message to Nicole Fairhead.

Easyfundraising

Now that thoughts are turning to Christmas shopping and early Black Friday deals, please do remember to sign up to EasyFundraising for all your online shopping: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/manlandhsa
The school receives money when you shop online, at no extra cost to you!

Thank you to everyone for all of your support.
Manland HSA