



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Mon 11 th December 2023	Last week for school run clubs (external club dates may be different – please check with them directly)
Tues 12 th December 2023	Prospective parent morning at 10am
Thurs 14 th December 2023	Nativity for parents and younger siblings at 1.30pm
Fri 15 th December 2023	Nativity for parents at 9.30am
Mon 18 th December 2023	Christingle Service in Hall at 9.15am – parents welcome Christmas Jumper Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

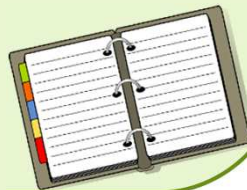
Thank you to everyone who came along to support the HSA Christmas Fete last weekend. I'm sure you will agree, it was a fantastic event and really put us all in the Christmas spirit!

This Wednesday, we took our brilliant Year 6 choir to the Rotary Carol Concert at the High Street Methodist Church to see the Year 6 school choir perform their festive songs and carols. This year's choir have worked incredibly hard and their enthusiasm has been infectious! They performed so well at the event and we were very proud of them – well done to all in the Year 6 choir!

A reminder that next week is the final week for after school clubs run by Manland. If your child attends any external clubs (e.g. Mad Science, AW Dance or Baking Buddies), please check with them directly as their end dates may be different from ours.

With best wishes,

Mrs Wicks, Headteacher



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is **96.3%**. Congratulations to Year 2 who achieved 99% attendance this week!



Manland Values Award

This week's winner of the Manland Values Award is Freya from Year 2.

I have been so impressed by Freya's high aspirations, particularly in English, where she has been pushing herself to level up her sentences and magpieing to generate her own ideas. As we reach the end of the year, Year 2 have been working so hard to prepare for the Christmas Nativity. Throughout rehearsals I have watched Freya change, grow and blossom. I am so impressed by Freya's hard work, determination and inspirational attitude towards everything she does and I can't wait to see what the rest of the year has to bring. Well done Freya!

Miss Davies





Spotlight on Music



This Wednesday, our Year 6 school choir performed in the 2023 Rotary Carol Concert at the High Street Methodist Church. In front of a packed church, the choir entertained Harpenden residents with a range of festive songs and carols. Maia was also selected to sing "Once In Royal David's City" with a small group of pupils from other Harpenden schools!

This year's choir have worked incredibly hard. They have shown great maturity, responsibility and a love of music in all their rehearsals and their performance – well done Maxi, Henry, Aimee, Maia, Phoebe, April, Tay, Ella, Sienna, Matilda and Evie – you did a fantastic job and we hope you enjoyed showing everyone your musical talents!

Rotary Carols 2023

Nazareth

Away in a Manger

The Gift

Love Shone Down

**The Lights Will Lead Me
Home**

**What Christmas Means to
Me**



"It was so exciting
to take part in the
carol concert!"

"I loved taking part
in the school choir –
I love singing!"



Spotlight on Design and Technology



At Manland, we are ambitious for all our pupils in every subject. This week, as part of their Design and Technology unit, Year 6 planned, made and cooked their own burgers!



"My favourite part was watching the chef cook and chopping up the vegetables for our salsa!" - Oliver

Run by chef Graham Chatham (from the Royal College of Culinary Arts), the children's masterclass taught them how to peel and chop onions safely (not a tear was shed!), and prepare their ingredients for fresh salsa to accompany their burger (tomatoes, red onion, chopped parsley and coriander, lemon juice).

Year 6 also made their own homemade BBQ sauce (although this was not to everyone's taste!). Children listened attentively and were eager to master new skills, as they rolled their sleeves up to combine minced beef with chopped onion to first roll their mixture into meatballs, then shape into patties for cooking.

All would agree that the best part was eating freshly made burgers!

Year 6 very much look forward to inviting chef back for more cooking!

Well done Year 6!



"It was fun because I'd never tried a vege-burger before!" - Suri



"My favourite part was making the salsa!" - Maia



Spotlight on Design and Technology



"I liked the fancy way of chopping onions" – Henry B



"It was burger-licious! Our homemade BBQ was the best part!" – Henry K



"It was an exciting experience because we got to make our own burgers" - Evie





Spotlight on the HSA Christmas Fete

"I loved going in to all the other classrooms and playing the games!"

We want to thank our incredible HSA team for organising the fantastic Christmas fete last Saturday. Your hard work and dedication made the event truly special and created lasting memories for our school community!

Additionally, a big thank you to all the families who generously supported the fete. Your enthusiasm and participation played a crucial role in making the event such a success. There was warmth and festive cheer all around the school and it was a wonderful event to be a part of.

We want to send our particular thanks to **Mrs Arnold**, **Mr Bedingfield** and **Mr Heineike** for their countless hours of planning and preparation which made the event such a success. A big thank you also to **Mrs Barcock** and **Mrs Smyth** who sat by the front door all day selling tokens in the freezing cold, and also to **Mrs Hathorn** who helped in the kitchen. As previous Chair and Treasurer of the HSA, **Mrs Hathorn** and **Mrs Smyth** have supported more Manland fetes than we can remember, and with this likely to be the last Christmas fete for both of them, we wanted to extend our heartfelt appreciation for everything they have done over the years.

And finally, special mention must go to our guest of honour, **Father Christmas**, who travelled all the way from the North Pole to be with us. We feel incredibly honoured!

What occurred to me this year was just what talented parents and carers we have at Manland! Parents and carers shared their fantastic musical talents with us, singing and playing instruments and we also had parents and carers demonstrating their amazing artistic skills with face art, pottery and cake decorating to name a few! Thank you for the outstanding performances on the day from the parent choir, led by **Ms Roden**, The Harpenden Concert Band and The Leftovers. It was truly inspirational to witness all our talented parents and carers and it made the event extra special!

The success of our fundraising endeavours would not be possible without the active participation and dedication of our families. Your involvement contributes to the continued growth and success of our school community and we feel so fortunate to have such wonderful, supportive and talented parents and carers at our school.



"I saw my Mummy singing and also playing the flute!"



Congratulations to Mr Caulkett who won a whopping 17 bottles at the bottle tombola – we think this might be a Manland record!



Spotlight on Amazon Wishlist



The Manland Wish List

Thank you to the parents and carers who have bought our pupils a Christmas present from our wish list – we cannot wait to see the children using the new resources! There is still plenty of time to buy something if you would like to.

This year, our wish list concentrates on resources for:

- Science
- Computing
- Early Years, and
- General classroom and cleaning resources

Our wish list can be found by clicking the link below:

<https://amzn.eu/2WkudYM>

If you are able to 'buy us a gift', we don't mind if it is delivered directly to school or to your home address- whatever is easiest for you. A small reminder that Manland's address is:

Manland Primary School
Sauncey Avenue
Harpenden
AL5 4QW
(There is **no number** before "Sauncey Avenue")



As always, we recognise the current financial challenges that many of our families are facing and we do not want anyone to feel obliged to purchase a gift.



A big thank you to the families who have been able to contribute to our resources this week:

The Hofmann Family

The Hindell Family

Lots of anonymous donors! Even though we cannot say thank you to you directly, we want you to know how grateful we are!





Safeguarding

The NSPCC have a range of parenting tips for all stages of a child's life, including advice on how to start conversations with children about difficult subjects that may need to take place in order to keep your child safe.

Further information, including recommended books on a range of topics which can be shared with your child, can be found by accessing the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

One very important campaign is the 'Talk PANTS' campaign. This helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. Follow the link below to meet Pantosaurus, the friendly dinosaur, who can help start a simple conversation with your child about this topic.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



Online Safety

There is an E-safety session at the Intensive Family Support Team on Tuesday 19th December 2023 @ Greenhills Day Service, Tenzing Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4HS, 2pm-3:30pm. This is for parents and young people (5 years +). Police as well as 2 other agencies will be attending to share information regarding online risks.

If you would like to attend, please send your name and number of people (adults and children) to luke.hazel@hertfordshire.gov.uk and Kingsley.Davis@hertfordshire.gov.uk



Safeguarding

We have a **Safeguarding Team** in school.

If you ever have a concern about a child, please speak to:
Mrs Wicks, Mr Comer or Mrs Kemp.

St Albans Musical Voices – a Brand New Regional Choir!

A new regional choir is starting in January! St Albans Music Voices specialises in offering a safe space where children can come and sing whatever their ability. They create a friendly nurturing environment where each child can develop their own unique voice. The children will learn all aspects of singing, whilst singing enjoyable music, and having lots of fun. No previous experience necessary.

Please note, this activity takes place outside school, at St Albans Music School (AL3 6DR), starting on Thursday 11th January (4:30 – 5:15pm).

For more information and to sign up, please visit www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/st-albans-music-school and scroll down to 'St Albans Musical Voices'.

Healthy Start – Get help to buy fruit and milk

Did you know, eligible families can qualify for a weekly payment for fresh fruit, vegetables, and milk through the NHS Healthy Start Scheme? This initiative is to support families with the rising cost of living.

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops. Your benefit will be added onto this card every 4 weeks.

You can use your card to buy:

- plain liquid cow's milk
- fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses
- infant formula milk based on cow's milk

You can also use your card to collect:

- Healthy Start vitamins – these support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- vitamin drops for babies and young children – these are suitable from birth to 4 years old



To get more information, and to find out if you are eligible, please visit the Healthy Start website:

www.healthystart.nhs.uk

or call or email 0300 330 7010, healthy.start@nhsbsa.nhs.uk.

