

Marland Primary School Newsletter



Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The House Captain elections were held this week and we are delighted to announce that The House Captains are:

Dragons: Miles B and Sophia V

Unicorns: Alfie T and Georgia H

Phoenix: Arthur D and Violet C

Griffins: Ben B and Katie B

Well done to all of you who put yourselves forward – you all did a fantastic job!

Our senior leaders have been visiting all the classes this week and have reported back about the great writing and behaviour that they have seen across all key stages. As always, we are extremely proud of all the children and what they are achieving.

Finally, we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor! Election information will come out early next week via classlist. No experience is necessary and full training and support will be given. If you would like to find out more about the role, please contact me at school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Wicks, Headteacher



Term dates



Autumn Term:

End of Autumn term: Friday 18th December 2020

Half term: Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October 2020

Occasional Day: Monday 23rd November 2020

Dates for Diary



Wednesday 14th October – Non-uniform day

Monday 19th October: Nurse visiting Year 6

Friday 23rd October: House Learning Day and Food bank collection

Tuesday 10th November: Children's flu vaccinations

Wednesday 11th November: Individual school photos

Monday 16th November: Anti-bullying week

Attendance



Our school attendance this week has been recorded as 99%. Well done everyone!

Covid-19



Attached to the newsletter is some guidance from Hertfordshire County Council about how to play your part and keep schools open. Parents/ carers can also use the NHS online symptom checker:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

In addition, parents/ carers can check self isolation criteria, using the following website:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate

Safeguarding



As the evenings are getting darker it is important that as a school community, we are still talking to our children about the importance of road safety. The following link below provides more information about using the Green Cross Code where possible.

<https://www.roadwise.co.uk/schools/using-the-road/green-cross-code/>

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Hygiene Bank



The Hygiene Bank been working in the Harpenden and St Albans area since February 2019 helping to fight Hygiene Poverty by supplying hygiene products for families in need.

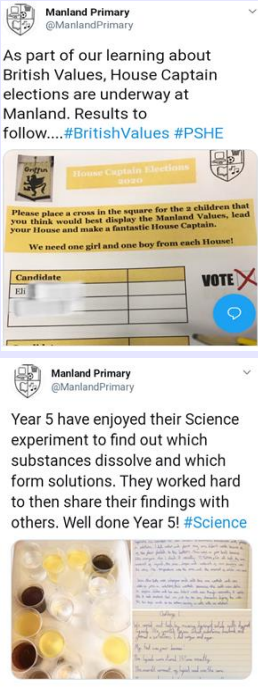
If you feel that your family are in need of this service, or you would like to donate some products to the Hygiene bank, please click on the following link to find further information.

<https://thehygienebank.com/>



Twitter

Please follow us on [@ManlandPrimary](https://twitter.com/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!



Time Out club

We are really pleased to announce that Time Out Club has now reopened. They will be open for breakfast club and afterschool club Monday - Thursday and just for breakfast club on Fridays.

If you'd like to find out more about Time Out club, especially if you are concerned about how it is being managed during Covid-19, please refer to their website www.time-out-club.org Alternatively they can be contacted by email: manlandtimeoutclub@gmail.com or phone: 07807 921246.



School Photographs

Individual class photographs will be taking place on Wednesday 11th November.



Foodbank Harvest Festival

The Foodbank organisation will be having their annual harvest collection shortly and we are therefore asking parents/ carers to donate any non -perishable items such as food or toiletries for this worthy cause. We would like any donations on Friday 23rd October. Please see the attached leaflet for information on items the foodbank would like or don't need. Thank you in advance.



Secondary School admissions deadline

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Saturday 31st October 2020**. But we would recommend that parents complete it by Friday 23rd October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline. Parents should apply online at <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions>



Dear all,

Just a reminder of our upcoming events for this half term:

Next week - Wednesday 14 October - Non-uniform day!

Please choose the Manland Value (or Values) which you think best apply to you and come to school dressed in those colours. The values and colours are below - make it bright and bold! £2 entry - all proceeds will go towards renovating the outdoor play areas.



Friday 16th October - please send in your Word in a Word entries!

The closing date for our sponsored Word in a Word competition is next **Friday 16th October**. Please send your entries to nicolefairhead@hotmail.co.uk. Prizes will be awarded for the most number of words and the longest word! Full details of the competition and sponsorship form are on Classlist.

Eager Entrepreneurs

Over half term, we will be running our new Eager Entrepreneurs challenge! Can you devise a sponsored activity or money making scheme to run at home over the half term and raise funds for the school? There will be individual and class prizes to be won! Full details to follow soon on Classlist.

Easyfundraising

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!

Have a great weekend!

Manland HSA