

Uniform

Details of our uniform are on our school website. Please remember as you replace old uniform:



- ◆ Polo shirts need to be red or white
- ◆ Sweatshirts, jumpers and cardigans need to be red
- ◆ Socks and tights need to be grey or white
- ◆ Children must wear **shoes** not trainers
- ◆ No jewellery is allowed other than small stud earrings
- ◆ No nail varnish is allowed

Lost uniform

Please take a few minutes to **name your children's uniform**. Simply writing your child's name in biro in the label could save you a lot of money!

If you are missing an item of uniform, ask your child's class teacher first, or come and look in the lost property box. This is where unnamed uniform is put whilst waiting to be claimed.



Parents—join us for the afternoon

Each term, we will open the school for an afternoon to allow parents to work alongside their children. At this time of year, the focus for this is to see how your child is getting on in class, where they are sitting, and to get a feel for how the classroom runs. We look forward to seeing lots of parents/ carers visiting classes in the coming weeks. Dates are as follows:

Year 6—Monday 13th November, Year 3 - Tuesday 14th November, Year 2—Wednesday 15th November, Year 1—Thursday 16th November, Year 5 Taurus –Friday 17th November, Year 5 Mercury—Tuesday 21st November, Year 4—Wednesday 22nd November, Reception—Monday 20th November. All afternoon sessions will start at 2.15 and finish at 3pm.

Coats

As the weather becomes colder, could you please ensure that your child has a coat at school. If it is too cold and/or wet and they do not have one, they will not be able to go out at break time.

Assemblies this term

Friday 22nd Sept—Yr 5 Taurus
Friday 29th Sept—Yr 5 Mercury
Friday 6th Oct—Year 4
Friday 13th Oct—Harvest
Friday 3rd Nov Oct—Year 6
Friday 24th Nov—Year 3



All parents, carers and families are welcome to all of our Friday morning assemblies.

2017/2018 Term dates

Half Term—23rd—27th October
End of Term—2.15pm Tuesday 19 December
Inset Day—Weds 3 January
Term starts—Thurs 4 January
Half Term—12th—16th February
End of Term—2.15pm Thursday 29th March
Term Starts—Tues 17 April
Half Term—28th May—1st June
End of Term—2.15pm Thurs 19 July



Manland Primary School Newsletter



8th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to everyone after the long summer . Welcome to all our new children and families starting Reception, and to other pupils who have started across the school.

We want all of your children to be really happy in school, which helps them to learn well. I hope that is the case. If your child does have a problem, please do not hesitate to come into school and discuss the problem with your child's class teacher; or myself.

This term, there will be a lot happening in school as always. Please sign up to our Twitter page for up to date information. Please also use our school website for updates about events, the curriculum and other school information:

www.manland.herts.sch.uk

I am sure your children will all have a really good year, and all the staff at Manland are looking forward to working with you and them to ensure this happens.

Mrs Wicks (Headteacher)



After School Club—Time Out

After School Club at Manland runs daily from 3.15—6.00pm. We currently have some available spaces at the club with an hourly rate of £4.50. Children are provided with food and can take part in a variety of activities including: painting/drawing, board games, outdoor games and much more.

If you require a place at the After School Club or would simply like to find out more information, please

Julie Holden.



Speak with

Contact Details

Please make sure you update your contact details with the school office if you have moved house, changed your telephone number or changed e-mail address.



HELLO

New members of staff

Welcome to new members of staff who start at Manland this term. We hope they will be very happy here, and are already working very hard! These are:

- Mrs Paganuzzi - Y5 class teacher (job share)
- Mrs Blackstaffe - Y5 class teacher (job share)
- Miss Serrano- Y3 class teacher
- Mrs Brookes- Y3 Teaching assistant
- Miss Beale- Y4 Teaching assistant

Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Francois at the end of September. Mrs Francois will be spending more time looking after her father. We wish her all the best.

Concerns/ discussions with staff

If you wish to discuss something with staff, here is a reminder of the procedure to follow:

-In the first instance, speak with the class teacher.

-If you are still concerned, speak with your child's key stage leader. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2- Mrs Wright. Y3-Y6 Mr Yeldham.

-If you feel you need further discussion, then please arrange an appointment with the Head teacher or Deputy Head at the school office or by emailing

admin@manland.herts.sch.uk

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all our lovely parents for their generous summer gifts and kind wishes. They were greatly appreciated.



Attendance

Congratulations to Stars, Mars, Saturn and Meteors classes who all had 100% attendance.

Clubs

All clubs will start next week (w/c 11 September) and the last one of term will be w/c 4 December.

Pupil safety and wellbeing

In school, we will be talking again with children about how to keep themselves safe. This covers a wide range of topics, for example: safe use of the internet; stranger danger; being safe crossing roads; anti-bullying; and what to do if they don't feel safe.



In school, there is a team of adults trained specifically to safeguard children. They are: Mrs Wicks, Mrs Wright and Mrs Parrott. Any child or adult can come and speak with any one of us if they are worried about anything to do with the safety or wellbeing of any child.

We will also spend some time talking with children about how to call for the emergency services - dialling 999. We know that in lots of houses, the main phone is a mobile phone. Children may not always be sure where a mobile phone might be, and what to do if it's not charged or locked. If you don't have a home landline phone, it might be useful to:

- Keep a mobile phone in an agreed place so your children can find it should an emergency arise
- Make sure your children knows how to use it
- Rehearse calling emergency services with your children

Could we also please remind you to close and lock the school gates behind you when you leave school. Thank you.

Request for term-time leave

We have a clear policy about term-time leave for children, and it will only be authorised for the reasons identified in the school policy. You can find this on the school website, or ask for a copy form the school office.

Term-time holidays will **not** be authorised. A number of families requested leave for holiday last year, it was not authorised, but the holiday was taken anyway.

There is a close link between poor academic progress and poor attendance. Every day counts. Please plan holidays for the 13 weeks when your children are not in school.



Secondary School Applications

The online application process opened on Friday 1 September. You should have received a 'Moving On 2018' leaflet and you will shortly receive a 'Secondary Transfer 2018' leaflet.

Information about Admissions is available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and school info is available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory.

Please ensure your online application is completed by 31 October 2017.

Special events coming up

- Meet the teacher—letter sent home with dates on
- Parents evening—17th and 19th October
- Harvest Assembly —13th October
- E-Safety workshop—12th September
- House learning Day—20th October
- Pantomime—13th December