

# Soar to Success—Self-Sufficient, Original, Attitude, Resilient



Manor Park  
Primary  
School

Newsletter  
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2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been delighted to welcome everyone back to school.

I sincerely hope that our return to school finds all members of the school community safe and well. A really warm welcome to all our new children, families and staff. We are so pleased that you have chosen our happy and successful school, and we will do everything possible to ensure that your time spent with us is enjoyable and successful. We have had a fantastic first week in school. It has been amazing to settle children and families back into a full school routine. The children have been incredible, as they have seamlessly moved to their new classes and teachers. Our new reception children have all started and they have made a wonderful start to their school life. Behaviour has been outstanding across school and the children's huge smiles and positive comments tell the story of how delighted they are to be back.

Attendance has been extremely high and in line with our attendance figures before lockdown. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting your children and the school so well at this particularly challenging time and for adhering to the procedures that we have had to implement. We are evaluating systems daily and we will adjust routines wherever we feel we need to do so to support parents. We appreciate that the restrictions imposed upon us by the Government mean that there will be some inevitable inconvenience for all of us and we realise that not all parents will be happy with our amended arrangements. We do believe that the new one-way system is the most efficient and safest way to enable all children to safely enter and leave school. To reduce footfall and congestion in our new one-way system which we will continue to operate at the beginning and end of the school day, can we ask for support in the following areas:

- Children in Years 3-6 are left at the lower school gate each morning to walk to their classes independently. There are staff all the way around the walking route to support and direct them and all gates are fully staffed when open.
  - Parents walking our one way system to drop off and collect children limit this to one person per household if possible.
  - The one way system is strictly adhered to by everyone.
  - Parents do not engage in lengthy conversations with staff at classroom doors or gates.
- Please contact us for a telephone call or zoom meeting if you would like to talk to any staff.
- Year 5 and 6 children may walk to and from school independently if parents feel they are ready to do so. These independent children will be part of wave 4 and their school day will run from 9.10 to 3.40. Email confirmation that parents give permission for their child to do this must be sent to Mrs Coyle [a-coyle@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:a-coyle@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk) or a written note sent into school. Children in other year groups can leave independently if permission is sent to Mrs Coyle for them to do so in the same way.

Thank you for all the positive messages of support and appreciation that we have received during this week, which have been greatly appreciated. Staff are working really hard and they have extended their teaching day to support these new staggered entry and exit times. I am very grateful to them for doing this to support the school community.

We are welcoming a new photographer into school next Monday and Tuesday. Monday will be spent taking photographs of groups of children in their year group bubbles to use on our new website. On Tuesday, family groups may have a photograph including with pre school children between 8am and 9 am in the lower hall. As only one family can attend at a time, can you please pre-book a session if you would like one with Mrs Coyle where she will allocate you a slot between these times. Individual and family group photographs will be taken during the day on Tuesday for all children across school, unless parents let us know that they don't want these taking. This is a great opportunity to have a photograph taken of your children looking amazing in their new school uniform.

Finally, we are saying goodbye to Miss Marsons who is leaving school today to take up a new exciting opportunity working with vulnerable secondary aged children in a residential setting. Our best wishes and thanks to Rosie for everything that she has done for Manor Park go with her.

Have a wonderful weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor—Headteacher

# Spotlight on learning in school this week...

## Nursery

This week in nursery, the children have been excited about exploring their new classroom and having fun in the outdoor area.



## EYEP

The children have had lots of fun back in EYEP this week!



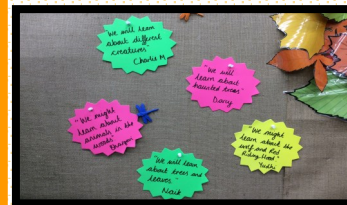
## Year R



We are so proud of how well the children in Reception have settled this week. They are enjoying exploring their new classrooms and making friends. Well done Reception!

## Year 1

Year 1 have settled back into school really well, we have found out our topic is called 'The Wild Woods'. Here are some things we think we might be learning about this term.



## Year 2



Year 2 have had a wonderful return to school and have enjoyed learning how to play hockey in their PE lesson!

## Year 3

In Year 3 this week, we had our incredible Greek day! The children dressed up for our wow day as Ancient Greeks and learnt about the Greek gods, sampled Greek foods, and even learnt how to write Greek numbers. Everyone had a wonderful time and immersed themselves in their new topic 'Meet the Greeks'.



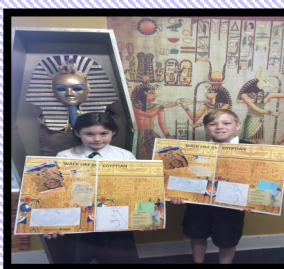
## Year 4



On their first day back, Class 16 ran a mile on our new running track during a rainy PE lesson.

## Year 5

We have launched our Egyptian topic and the children have enjoyed presenting their geography work creatively!



## Year 6



This week in PE, Year 6 have taken part in some team building activities. This encouraged the children to work as a team, listen and communicate with each other and most importantly, have fun! They loved completing the tug of war challenge. A wonderful first week back to school- Well done Year 6!