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Manor Park
Primary
School

Newsletter
22nd October
2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

School closes today for the half term holiday, as Friday 23rd is a staff training day. We all return on Monday 2nd November. I hope you have an enjoyable holiday and some quality family time.

Thank you for your donations of food for Coventry Food Bank. The children enjoyed a virtual harvest festival service led by West Orchard Church and we all reflected on the importance of helping members of our city who are not as fortunate as ourselves. The food bank will be very grateful for these donations, as they are finding it incredibly difficult during the pandemic to support all those in need.

Thank you for attending parents' consultations with class teachers. It was a fantastic opportunity for staff to update you on your child's progress this term. We greatly appreciate the important partnership we have with you, and the support that you give your children with their learning.

We will once again be selling poppies and novelties from the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal every day of the first week back, leading up to Remembrance Sunday on November 8th. A price list is attached for your information. Children can buy a poppy for any donation. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile charity.

Following a ballot, I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Jill Boyd was elected as our new parent governor. Jill, who has two children in Years 5 and 2, will serve as a governor to represent parents for 4 years. We are delighted to welcome Jill onto the governing body as she has many skills to offer us. We also warmly welcome two new co-opted governors to join the governing body. Steve Cooke has re-joined us with an abundance of experience. Steve previously served on the governing body for several years, including his position as chair for many years. Louise Turtle who has a secondary teaching background, will be invaluable to us as we can use her expertise to support secondary transition. We offer these governors a very warm welcome. Check out the governor section of the website to read the testimonials of all our governors, who remain key decision makers in the running of our school. We are very grateful to them all for all their hard work on a voluntary basis to support the school. Manor park is extremely fortunate in having an extremely dedicated and talented governing body who continue to drive standards in all areas of school life.

PTA are holding their AGM on Friday November 6th at 10am, through a zoom meeting. We would encourage you to attend if you are interested in the valuable work that the PTA do in school. A link will be sent to parents for this meeting.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe and I am looking forward to welcoming you all back on November 2nd for what is always a very busy and enjoyable part of the school year. We have lots of new activities planned for the children in the run up to Christmas.

My very best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor—Headteacher

Spotlight on learning in school this week...

Nursery

This week in nursery, we have really enjoyed exploring the story the 'Leaf Man'. We have made lots of animals from leaves and enjoyed exploring pumpkins and making pumpkin leaf mud pies.



EYEP

This week, the children have been learning about how to stay safe online.



Year R



This week, Reception have enjoyed composing their own music using a variety of musical instruments and performing to their friends.

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy developing their computing skills. This week they used Popplet - a mind-mapping app - to record their knowledge of trees. We were so impressed with all the facts the children recalled from their Wild Woods topic work.



Year 2



Year 2 had a fabulous RE day learning all about Judaism. We had an exciting zoom with Ros, made our own Kippahs and learnt about Sabbath.

Year 3



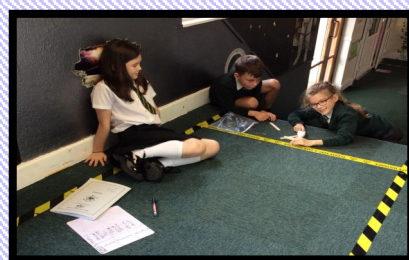
As part of RE Day, Year 3 had their own Holy Communion. We discussed the meaning of both the bread and wine, what they symbolise to Christians and then tried both (we drank Ribena!)

Year 4



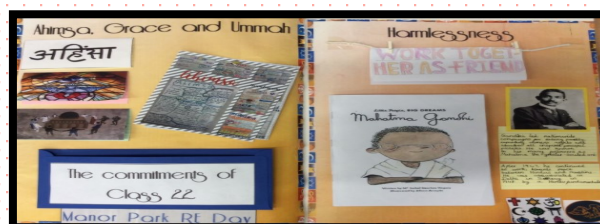
As part of Roman Day, Year 4 researched the Roman diet and made bread and a healthy salad for their Roman feast.

Year 5



This week in science, the children investigated levers by building a catapult and changing one variable.

Year 6



This week, Year 6 have worked incredibly hard in our RE day. We have learnt all about Ahimsa, Grace and Ummah and the life, and teaching, of Mahatma Gandhi. The children produced amazing work and took part in some brilliant discussions. Well done, Year 6!

MANOR PARK NOTICES



Thank you to everybody who contributed to our local Food Bank. We have received an overwhelming amount of food, which I'm sure the Food Bank will greatly appreciate.

MANOR PARK NOTICES

VERY HIGH

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MEDIUM

HM Government

NHS

LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL

HIGH

Social Contact



1 household / bubble indoors. Rule of six outdoors.

Weddings and Funerals



Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for receptions, wakes and related ceremonies.

Overnight Stays



Overnight stays permitted subject to social contact rules.

Working from home guidance



Work from home where possible.

Shopping and Retail



Open.

Leisure and gyms



Open.

Hospitality



Open with some restrictions including 10pm closing time and table-service only.

Entertainment and tourist attractions



Open, except nightclubs and adult entertainment.

Education



Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions.

Healthcare Services



Open.

Residential Care



Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances.

Travel and Transport



May continue to travel to open venues, but reduce number of journeys where possible. Avoid travel into Local COVID Alert Level Very High areas where possible.

Sporting Activity



Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).

Worship



Open, subject to social contact rules.

Childcare



Registered and wraparound childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Childcare bubbles for under 14s.

Youth Clubs and Activities



Permitted.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:



Wash hands
keep washing your hands regularly



Cover face
wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



Make space
stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus

This applies from midnight on Friday 23rd October.

MANOR PARK NOTICES



FREE PARENT SESSION

SEND Information, Advice and Support Service



Thursday 12th November 2020

10 am – 12 noon

Join Louisa McGivney from Complex Communication Team (CCT) who will be delivering a session for parents/carers and young people on:

"Understanding and Supporting your Child with Autism"

This workshop focuses on the strengths and differences of your child with Autism. It will help develop a shared understanding of some of the challenges that your child faces, whilst enabling you to increase your own confidence in understanding and supporting your child more effectively.

To book a place or for further information contact:

SEND Information, Advice and Support Service

Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email:

iass@coventry.gov.uk



This session will be available online through Microsoft Teams. Full joining instructions will be given when you book your place

A reminder that the deadline for
Flu Vaccinations is Thursday 5th
November.