

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



Manor Park  
Primary  
School

Newsletter  
4th December  
2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well, whilst enjoying the wonderful build up to Christmas. The children have not been able to contain their excitement, as advent calendar doors have started to be opened, school has been decorated and carols played around school.

We have made the decision to support a local charity Mission Christmas Cash for Kids, alongside Coventry Food Bank this year. Our reason for doing this, is to help children less fortunate than ourselves, as well as families in Coventry who are struggling this Christmas. The charities can be supported by children and staff bringing in a small wrapped present or item of food. These will be collected under our Christmas tree in the entrance hall and distributed to these charities at the end of term. We understand that times are particularly hard for so many people and there is no obligation at all for children to bring anything in. This is an opportunity for us to play a small part in any way that we can to help others this Christmas, which we believe is an important message to share with the children. Food or gifts for children can be sent in anytime between now and the end of term. If sending a gift, please wrap and label it, stating whether it is for a girl, boy or unisex so it can be safely delivered to a child in the city. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

I am delighted to announce the birth of another Manor Park baby, this time arriving 15 days early to ensure a safe entrance before Christmas. Ronnie Michael was born on Wednesday weighing 7lb 4oz, a son for Katie Earle and her partner. Mum and baby are doing well, and he is gorgeous.

After Christmas we have been informed by the LA that we can re-launch our extra-curricular clubs after Christmas. Details of these clubs along with booking details have been distributed. Please contact us if you require any support in booking your child onto these clubs, which are always very popular with children.

After Christmas, we are introducing a new senior leadership structure by moving our assistant headteachers to phase leader positions. These roles will replace year group leaders, with our middle leadership team taking on new exciting roles leading core subjects and key areas of school. As part of this re-structuring, Mrs Brown and Mrs Kavanagh Byrne have been promoted to new roles as assistant headteachers. There will be no change for children due to the restructuring. The children have been delighted to hear about their new phase leader who will be situated in an office on their corridor for easy access. They are also excited about welcoming them into their classrooms to teach them when their teacher is on PPA or involved in other school development work. As parents, please continue to follow up any queries or concerns with your child's class teacher in the first instance. The phase leader is available directly to you by e mail at any time or please call school if you wish to speak to them about anything at all. The phase leaders will be:

EYFS including EYEP Mrs Bygrave a\_bygrave@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Years 1 /2 Mrs Jacoby s\_jacoby@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Years 3/ 4 Mrs Healy and Mrs Kavanagh Byrne a\_healy@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk k\_kavanaghbyrne@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Years 5/6 Mrs Brown t\_brown@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

We are confident that these new leadership roles will further strengthen teaching, learning and pastoral support, with MLT able to develop new exciting curriculum initiatives and opportunities for the children. Mrs Healy will continue to lead inclusion across school, but she will be supported by the appointment of a new SENCO Miss Holloway, who will work closely with SEND children and parents alongside Mrs Healy.

A reminder that school closes on Thursday 17th December. We are looking forward to sharing exciting activities during the last two weeks of term.

Finally, attendance continues to be very high and everyone is keeping safe and well in school. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining this very positive picture, which we really appreciate.

Best wishes to everyone. Have a wonderful weekend.

Jill O'Connor—Headteacher.

# Spotlight on learning in school this week...

## Nursery

This week in Nursery, we enjoyed reading the story, 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig'. We explored different materials and learnt all about wood and trees. We made great tree rubbings in forest school too!



## EYEP

We have been celebrating National Tree Week! The children have used a variety of medias and materials to create their own trees.



## Year R



Reception have enjoyed creating symmetrical self-portraits as part of their topic 'Mirror Mirror!'.

## Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been writing instructions to make a woodland crown. Here are some of our wonderful creations.



## Year 2



After our fantastic visit to Coventry Cathedral, Year 2 have been creating their own stained glass windows in art.

## Year 3



In Year 3 we have used paper mache to create Greek inspired masks. Can you guess which mythical creatures they are?

## Year 4



Year 4 have continued their Invaders topic by building a fleet of Viking long ships.

## Year 5



Year 5 used their knowledge of 4 figure grid references to find clues around the school related to our ancient Egyptian topic.

## Year 6

In computing this week, Year 6 created a code using variables to calculate the perimeter of regular polygons.







## Spotlight on: THE GOVERNORS

Co Opted  
Governors



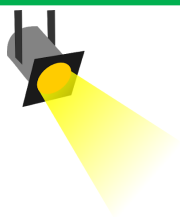
**Sarah Leigh**

I have been a governor at Manor Park since January 2011, when I was elected as a parent governor. I became a co opted governor in 2015 and was elected as chair of governors in July 2016. As a governor, my focus is on performance management and pay review committees and supporting the senior leadership team in underpinning the schools vision.



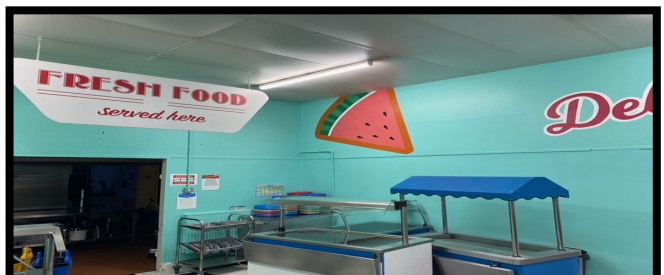
**Rebecca Carr**

I am a chartered accountant with 10 years experience at a global accountancy firm, specialising in company audits. My daughter is in Manor Park School, but I actually joined as a co opted school governor when I moved to the area a couple of years ago. I have always wanted to be involved in education and whilst I haven't trained to be a teacher (yet), this felt the best way to be able to make a difference to the local community.



## Spotlight on: Our Environment

Manor Park Diner





# COVID-19 Keeping You Safe



For Covid-19 related matters contact: [covid@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:covid@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk)

Please email us immediately if your child or any member of your household is displaying any symptoms or has received a positive test

In your email, please provide the following information which we require to enable us to follow up any cases:

Who has symptoms in your household?

Who has had a test & what is the result

Exact date & timings of symptoms & testing

## Reminders

All parents are required to wear a face covering/ mask when on the school site & must adhere to the school one-way system.

All children must attend school everyday unless they are clinically extremely vulnerable, ill or they or a member of their household are displaying symptoms or have had a positive test. They must not attend school until a negative test is received.

School must be informed of their absence through the covid email, including evenings, weekends and holidays.

All staff will wear face coverings when outside of their classrooms.



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS



We have just had confirmation from the local authority that for each FSM child a payment of £30.00 will be made to each family who is in receipt of free school meals. This will cover the two weeks over the Christmas holiday. Payment will be made on the 16th December in the form of ASDA vouchers & will be given to eligible children.

Anne Coyle

School Business Manager

## Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant - 2 Vacancies

Salary scale pro rata term time only: Grade 1 which is £9.24 per hour.

Hours of work: 6.75 per week term time only.



We currently require two additional lunchtime supervisors. The role involves helping and supervising children during the lunch period. Our lunchtime supervisors play a very important part in ensuring the safety and well-being of the children at the school. This post is exempted under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and as such appointment to this post will be conditional upon the receipt of a satisfactory response to a check of police records via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment.

For an application form please email [admin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk)

Closing date for applications to be received Friday 11th December 2020



The CtTAMPS children have been very busy getting their Christmas on!

Early Years



Year 1 & 2



Year 3 & 4

Year 5 & 6



Limited spaces available  
Contact Mrs Buckley for more information