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



Manor Park
Primary
School

Newsletter

25th September

2020

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

I sincerely hope you are all keeping safe and well. I am delighted to inform you that everything is continuing to go very well in school. SLT have spent a lot of time over the last four weeks monitoring learning in classes and books. Standards are extremely high, and in many year groups in line with expectations in previous years. We continue to be really impressed by the resilience and adaptability of all the children who are working so hard on their appropriate year group programmes of study. Staff are skilfully filling any gaps in learning that emerge, with excellent staff ratios to facilitate this. Our expectations remain very high and we are so proud of the children who are rising to this challenge. Please continue to support your child with any homework or activities sent home through Seesaw as this is greatly appreciated and impacts positively on your child's learning.

As most Key Stage 2 children are entering school on their own each morning and many are leaving independently, we are adjusting the pick-up timings slightly from next Monday to get children out of school a bit later to extend learning time in classes. Your morning arrangements will remain the same timings as you are currently following. The new afternoon timings will be:

Family Groupings	Time to enter KS1 gate for drop off	Time to enter KS1 gate for pick up
Wave 1 - Surname A - F	8.40 am	3.20 pm
Wave 2 - Surname G - L	8.45 am	3.25 pm
Wave 3 - Surname M - R	8.50 am	3.30 pm
Wave 4 - Surname S - Z	8.55 am	3.35 pm

Can all parents ensure that you adhere strictly to your allocated wave and arrive at school at your allocated time please. It is also essential that parents wear masks on site and maintain good social distancing. This will help the whole community to stay safe and limit any cross contamination.

The Key Stage 2 gate will be locked at 3.50 daily, with an expectation that all children and adults will be off site by 3.40 pm each day. We will monitor these new timings to ensure that there is enough time for parents and children to safely walk around the one-way system while socially distancing.

Class 16 are working really hard at home and all these staff and children are well, with none of them developing any COVID symptoms at all, which I am sure you will agree is the most important thing. We look forward to them re-joining us in school next Tuesday September 29th. Thank you to parents of children in this class for supporting us in following the Government self-isolation policy at very short notice.

Following nominations for the current parent governor vacancy, we have had two applications and we are now holding a ballot for all parents to vote for the parent that they would like to represent them. Details will be sent out shortly, along with ballot papers

We are continuing to welcome children back to our CHAMPS before and after school provision between 8.45 and 6pm, where children can join a year group bubble with an allocated member of staff. Please contact Mrs Buckley directly for details. We also have a limited number of nursery places offering full day and part time places for children from 2 years. Please contact Mrs Butlin or Mrs Bygrave if you would like details about nursery places and they will be happy to assist you.

Enjoy the weekend. My very best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor-Headteacher

# Spotlight on learning in school this week...

This week in Nursery, we have enjoyed exploring autumn through colour mixing activities and using all of our senses.

#### Nursery



## Year 2



This week, Year 2 have been playing to a beat using different instruments.

#### Year 4



This week, Year 4 have been practising their times tables on Maths Shed, Times Table Rock Stars and the MTC app.

### **EYEP**

This week, the children have visited the forest school to collect some autumn treasures!



#### Year R



To start off our new topic 'Conkers' we have been discussing autumn and the changes it brings. We took a trip to the forest school to find autumn objects and match them to our colour chart. We had lots of fun!

# Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been learning how to sketch. We have been sketching woodland animals. Aren't they fantastic!



# Year 3

Year 5



This week, our Year 3 scientists have been investigating how mold fossils are formed by using bread and jelly sweets to create fossil imprints.



Year 5 have been working in partners to answer SATs style questions. Some children have shared their methods with the rest of the class.

# Year 6





This week, Year 6 have been learning all about evacuation during WWII. Here is some of our amazing creative curriculum work.

# MANOR PARK NOTICES



There are a limited number of places available in some of our CHAMPS bubbles.

If you need to extend your child's day, with either breakfast, after school or a mixture of both, why not get in touch and see how we can help.

Please contact Mrs Buckley on 76501736 or at  $k\_buckley@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk$  for more information

#### **EPIC Camps - October Half Term 2020**

As EPIC Academy begins a phased return in offering our fun and educational services to all our customers, we are seeking your assistance. If you are interested in attending our holiday camps throughout October HT please can you complete this short survey.

Completing this survey will help us identify where there is a need for our holiday camps as well as your thoughts on attending holiday camps during the school holidays given the current situation we are in. With this in mind all of our holiday camps will be following government guidelines in relation to COVID-19.

Please note: if your desired school is not on our list it could mean that at the moment that specific school are not allowing external providers use of their school premises and this would be why it does not appear on the list.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EPIC\_Camp\_Oct2020





A warm welcome to our new chickens in our forest school.