

4th November 2022



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break spent with families and friends. Everyone has returned to school refreshed and ready for another very busy half term, with a lot of exciting events and wonderful learning opportunities on the agenda.

We have really enjoyed welcoming prospective nursery and reception children and their families into school today for our open day. It was wonderful to see so many new families. Thank you for considering our school for your child. If any prospective parents require any additional information, do not hesitate to contact us. We have a limited number of nursery places still available for the remainder of this year. If you are interested in registering your child for a nursery place for this academic year, please contact us at admin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Our first PTA social event will be the return of the autumn discos which are always a very firm favourite with the children. These will be held next week on Tuesday 8th November for Reception and Key Stage 1 children, and on Thursday 10th November for Key Stage 2 children. Both discos will run straight from school with a finish time of 5.15pm. Key Stage 1 children will be dismissed from their classrooms and Reception and Key Stage 2 children will be able to be collected from the lower hall. Tickets are now on sale so please purchase these online if your child would like to join in the fun.

We were delighted to welcome parents into school for our face-to-face autumn parents' evenings. We have now closed the survey that we set up following these meetings which was to gauge views of parents on your preference for virtual or face to face meetings. The results of the survey were 81% preferring face to face parent consultation meetings and 19% remote meetings. Thank you to those parents who responded as we are always very keen to gain the views of parents in the ongoing life of the school. We have made the decision to offer a hybrid approach for our spring parent consultation meetings, with one to be a face-to-face evening and the other evening offering remote appointments. It is unfortunately not

Dates for the term

Tuesday 8th November

Flu Immunisations

Year R—6

Tuesday 8th November

PTA KS1 Disco

3.30pm to 5.15pm

Thursday 10th November

PTA KS2 Disco

3.30pm to 5.15pm

Friday 11th November

Class 5 Assembly

Class 22 Assembly

Monday 14th November

Coventry Blitz Theme Lunch

Friday 20th November

Dolymoch Trip Year 6

Christmas Bring and Buy Sale

Monday 28th November

2.00pm-4:30pm

Friday 2nd December

Class 16 Assembly

Class 23 Assembly

Monday 12th December

Class 3 Nativity

Tuesday 13th December

Class 4 Nativity

Wednesday 14th December

Class 5 Nativity

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possible to combine the two approaches on the same evening due to organisational issues. Following these meetings, we will once again survey parents to ascertain your views on your preference in meeting your child's teacher for subsequent meetings.

Flu immunisations are taking place on Tuesday for the whole school. Details and bookings for these have already been sent out, but do contact us if you need to do so about this.

We will continue to sell poppies and novelties every day on the playgrounds until Thursday November 10th in recognition of Remembrance Day which will take place on Friday 11th November when we will hold a 1 minute silence at 11am. Children may bring in money to purchase items, with all money going to the Royal British Legion.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and families of children in Classes 5 and 22 for their class assemblies on Friday 11th November. The assembly of Class 5 will be held in the upper hall with Class 22 in the lower hall, both starting at 9am. We hope to see you there as I know parents always thoroughly enjoy these special events.

AIP our school caterers, are working with us to offer themed lunches which relate to our curriculum and help to bring it to life for the children. We are having a WW 2 Blitz themed lunch on Monday 14th November to fit in with Remembrance Day and the history of our city. Meals are priced at £2.30 and the menu is attached. Please book a meal in the usual way if you would like your child to join in this event.

Finally, I am delighted to inform you that baby Charlie James Kerrigan made a very early entrance to the world on Tuesday. Mrs Kerrigan and baby are doing really well and will be coming into school to see us all before not too long. Congratulations to her and her husband at this very special time.

Have a lovely weekend. I know the children are particularly excited about bonfire night. Enjoy the festivities and stay safe.

My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

Dates for the term

Thursday 15th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch

Thursday 15th December

PTA Christmas Movie Night

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Self-sufficient

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Original

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Attitude

R

Resilient

Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade - Coventry Remembers
2022

Learning in Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning all about Diwali. We have learnt about patterns including Mehndi patterns and Rangoli patterns and we had a go at making our own Rangoli patterns using beads and coloured rice.



Learning in Reception

This week in Reception the children have been learning all about Diwali. We were excited to use salt dough to create our own diya lamps.



Learning in Year 1

On Thursday Year 1 launched their new topic 'The Wild Woods' with a trip to War Memorial Park. They spent time there exploring the signs of autumn and searching for nature's clues.



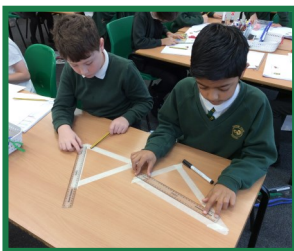
Learning in Year 2

This week in science we have learnt what it means to be alive, dead or never alive. We then went outside and found things that we could categorise into these groups!



Learning in Year 3

This week the children in Year 3 have been walking around the classroom and looking for magnetic and non-magnetic items.



Learning in Year 4

This week the year 4 children have been working out the perimeter of different shapes. We used our rulers and metre sticks to complete a range of different activities.

Learning in Year 5

In Year 5 we have been using different methods & techniques to separate different solids and liquids. The children have been having fantastic discussions using scientific language to explain the changes within the mixtures & predicting which method would be best for each.



Learning in Year 6

In Year 6 we have been learning about propaganda. We have explored the reasons behind its use in World War Two and created our own persuasive posters that could have been used during this monumental time in history.



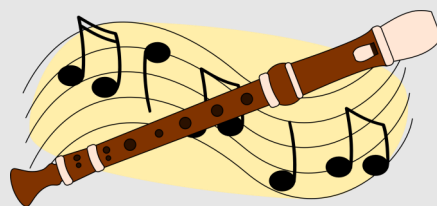
Manor Park University

This week the children in the Art Attack course have been creating 'me trees'.



Recorder Club

Well done to all those who attended the first meeting of the Manor Park Recorder Club on Wednesday after school. Pupils worked really hard on their first three notes and we hope parents will encourage them to practise on the instruments they have taken home. Don't forget to bring your recorders again next Wednesday.



Tag Rugby Tournament

Last half term, a team of boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 took part in a tag rugby tournament at the Alan Higgs centre to celebrate the beginning of the Rugby League World Cup. The team played 5 games; winning 3, drawing 1 and eventually losing in the final. The team played brilliantly, showing amazing skill, teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done!



Job Vacancy

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

Salary scale pro rata term time only:

Grade 1 which is £9.50 per hour (21/22 pay scales)

Hours of work:

5 per week term time only.

11:45 - 12:45 or 12:00 - 13:00

Application forms and details are available from the school office and must be returned to the school by Monday 28th November 9:00am.

Interviews - TBC upon receipt of application form

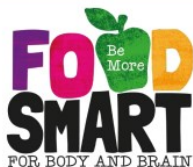
One Night in November

Anniversary of the Coventry Blitz
Choose from
Beef and Potato Stew with Dumplings or
Swede and Carrot Stew with Dumplings

Served with
Mashed Potato
Broccoli
War time Root Vegetables

Followed by
Ersatz Chocolate Cookie Or
Coventry God Cake

Monday 14th November



Please note this meal will be booked for all KS1 children and any child who normally has a school meal.

If your child normally brings a packed lunch, then please book and make payment on Pay 360, it's listed under Events.

The cost per meal for pupils in Year 3 and above is £2.30

COVENTRY WARM HUB



ABOUT THE WARM HUB

This winter, some of the most vulnerable people will be forced to make incredibly difficult decisions between heat, food, and accommodation. At the Warm Hub people are able to charge their mobile devices, enjoy some hot soup and snacks, play games, chat with people, and enjoy a short respite from their circumstances. The Warm Hub is a casual space which is run by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints as a free community service.

EVERY THURSDAY FROM 10AM - 2PM
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
RIVERSIDE CLOSE, CV3 4AT

Starting
10th
November

Do you have a query about Special Educational Needs?



Come and talk informally to the SENDIASS team
FREE Tea and Coffee available! No appointment required!

My child keeps getting sent home early: is that right?

I'm 18 now, what are my rights in education and support?

What's an EHC Plan and should my daughter get one?

My child is struggling at school, what can I do?

SENDIASS Drop-in Session

Harmony Family Hub
Clifton Street, Hillfields, Coventry, CV1 5GR
Thursday 10th November 2022
Drop in between 9.30am – 11.30am

For further information please contact us on Tel: 024 7669 4307 or e-mail: iass@coventry.gov.uk



DOES YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS?
HOW ARE YOU DOING?

Get in touch with us to book a place at our Coffee Morning. Meet other parents in a similar situation. Share with others in a friendly, non-judgemental environment, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS.

COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2022
(10:00AM - 12:00PM)

To book your place or for further information contact:
SEND Information Advice and Support Service
Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk

Venue: Metropolis Restaurant
Upstairs Community Room,
Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RU