



# The Manor CE Primary School

**Aspire, Believe, Achieve**

## Newsletter 26

1 April 2022

### Dates for the Diary

6 & 7 April – Parent/ Carer consultations

**8 April – Term 4 ends**

**25 April – Term 5 starts**

25 April – Year R National Child Measurement Programme (info sent 16/12/21)

27 April – Class photographs

**29 April – Inset Day**

W/C 9 May – Y6 SATS

W/C 16 May – Y6 Residential Trip

12 May – FOMS Disco

14 June -KS 1 Sports Day (morning)

15 June - KS 2 Sports Day (morning)

### INSET Days this academic year

Friday 29 April 2022

Monday 4 July 2022

It has been so good to have some parents in school this week. Year 1 parents attended a phonics workshop and Y4 parents attended a djembe drumming concert which was quite spectacular– the children gave an amazing performance! YR also went on a trip to the farm. Despite being such an incredibly cold day, they had a fabulous time – many thanks to all the parents who helped out on this trip. It certainly feels like things are getting back to normal!

I look forward to seeing you all at the parent and carer consultations next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Flanagan

### Covid update

We have now been issued with the updated Covid guidance which we must follow from today.

- children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend
- children with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, which is when they are most infectious

The guidance states:

The population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.



### Attendance

As a school we set high targets for our children's attendance as we know that regular consistent attendance makes a huge difference to learning:

If children are not in school they miss key parts of their learning.

Our current target for **all** children is **97%** - thank you for supporting us with this.

## Reminders

- Our school gates are open at **8:40am**, where a member of staff will welcome pupils into school. Gates close at **8:50am** (if you arrive after this time you will need to enter through the main school entrance).
- If a child is unwell, a telephone call message should be left on 01454 866555 before 9am on the first day of absence stating the reason the child can-not attend.
- We operate an **everyday** call system and if a reason for absence has not been communicated to the school office by 9:30 a.m a call/text to the parent or carer will be made. Every day calling is an effective measure that helps ensure children are safe.
- **We are unable to authorise any holiday in term time.**

There are a number of resources online for parents/carers to use in supporting their child to use the internet and online technology safely and appropriately. They can be used as a starting point to guide discussions at home or to refer to when seeking advice.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/be-smart-online/> & <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/young-people/resources-for-3-11s> are two recommended websites full advice and guidance.

If you would like any help accessing any of these resources, please speak to your class teacher.

**S SAFE** Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

**M MEET** Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

**A ACCEPTING** Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

**R RELIABLE** You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

**T TELL** Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**BE SMART WITH A HEART** Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

[WWW.CHILDNET.COM](http://WWW.CHILDNET.COM)

## Parent/Carer Consultations

Parent/carers consultations take place next week on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to all parents/carers who booked onto the online booking system – we look forward to seeing you all.

If you weren't able to book an appointment, please email your class teacher and they will let you know which slots are still available for you to meet and discuss your child's progress in their learning.

Mr Israel, in his role as SENCO, will also be available to meet with any parents who have concerns about their child relating to a special educational need. If you would like to meet with him on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, please email [manorsenco@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:manorsenco@sgmail.org.uk) to arrange a meeting slot.

# Supporting families in school holidays

## Holiday activities and food clubs funded by the Department for Education

Please see the link below for holiday activities and food clubs for children living in South Gloucestershire that are running in the Easter holidays.

[https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/supporting-families-in-school-holidays?utm\\_source=Headteacher+and+SouthGlosConnect+e-bulletin&utm\\_campaign=1dea7330be-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2019\\_01\\_10\\_11\\_32\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_8d0973d96a-1dea7330be-338568477#holiday-activities-and-food-clubs-funded-by-the-department-for-education](https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/supporting-families-in-school-holidays?utm_source=Headteacher+and+SouthGlosConnect+e-bulletin&utm_campaign=1dea7330be-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_01_10_11_32_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8d0973d96a-1dea7330be-338568477#holiday-activities-and-food-clubs-funded-by-the-department-for-education)

### Antarctica Class



Antarctica Class have had a fantastic week continuing their learning in comparing numbers (in Maths), writing about 'What The Ladybird Heard' in Literacy and reviewing all the sounds we have learnt this year, but the highlight of our week has been our visit to Grimsbury Farm yesterday! The children thoroughly enjoyed feeding and cuddling the animals, and even clearing up donkey droppings! We met lots of new Spring arrivals on our visit, including kids which were only one day old! The children were impeccably behaved and we are so very proud of them all – they were a credit to our school and were all shining like stars in the sky! Thank you to the parent helpers who braved the icy weather to accompany us, it was greatly appreciated.

### Australia Class



Year one have had a week filled to capacity with fun tie dye madness! We have been learning all about capacity and volume in maths this week and have enjoyed exploring different capacities using water and macaroni! We have also started our prototypes for our tie dye ready for our t shirt designs next week. **Please can all children bring a white t shirt in on Monday so that they can complete their wonderful designs.** We will also be writing instruction texts to go alongside this project. Thank you to all that attended the phonics morning yesterday, we loved having you back in school! I am very much looking forward to seeing you all next week for parents evening!

Take care, Miss H :)

### Africa Class



Another brilliant week! We enjoyed our cricket session in the sunshine on Monday and worked hard on our accuracy when hitting a ball with the bat. We had a fabulous lesson from our singing teacher and tried our best singing a beautiful spring song (with actions)! In maths, we have been learning to tell the time on analogue clocks. Some of us are pushing ourselves to tell the time on our class clock at different times of the day- let's keep up this enthusiasm at home! We also began our DT work on tie-dye, using different techniques and colours to dye a piece of fabric.

**Next week, we will be dying t-shirts from home, so please remember to bring in a plain white t-shirt on Monday for your child to use for their final tie-dye piece.**

### Europe Class

We have a class full of historians in Year 3 this week! They are fully engrossed in learning about 1066 and The Battle of Hastings. They have been learning about the key figures involved and also discussing whether the tactics they used were good or not. They even had a go at considering how they would have deployed an army if they had been involved in the battle all those years ago. In maths, they have been learning all about adding and subtracting fractions. They have been using a variety of resources to help with this – even a cake! Following on from the learning in Science Week, the English this week has involved planning an explanation text about how rocks are formed. After revising the 3 main rocks and how they are formed, the class is ready to begin writing their non-fiction texts next.

### Asia Class



This week, Year 4 have been looking at the Geography side of the Battle of Hastings. We looked at Ordnance Survey maps of the area and compared how the land had changed from 1066 to modern day. We noticed a lot of

human geography features have been added in the centre of Hastings but that Senlac hill still remains pretty rural. The children loved putting their battle brains on and planning their own battle placements! You can see them working together to secretly plan an attack on their opposing team members! Finally, we really enjoyed showcasing our Djembe drumming skills to you all on Thursday! Thank you so much for coming to support us, it was lovely seeing so many faces back in school!

### North America



Another scientific week in Year 5!

We have looked at reversible and irreversible changes, learned more about how the states of matter change with H<sub>2</sub>O. From ice, to water, to water vapour and how these changes are created. We also investigated how to separate materials using tools such as tweezers, sieves and filters.

We have ended our week with an interesting salvation day where we have looked in more detail at the Easter Story and particularly the last supper and how this influenced the Christian communion service.

### South America

In Year 6 this week, we have been focussing on how precise vocabulary and language can be used to create atmosphere in a piece of writing. The children have used this to great effect putting it in to practise when starting their chiller stories. In maths, we have been learning about how to write co-ordinates and plot them in all four quadrants to draw shapes.

In topic, we devised investigations to explore the rate at which sugar dissolves in water. Each group chose a different variable to investigate. They were:

- The temperature of water
- The amount of water
- The number of stirs
- The amount of sugar
- Different types of sugar.

The results were fascinating!

### Information from South Gloucestershire Council

#### **Proposed travel improvements – Public Engagement and drop-in session dates**

Tell us what you think about proposed A432 and A4174 walking, cycling and bus travel improvements.

For further information on the proposals or to provide feedback, visit

<https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/YCSWW>

You can also get in touch with us if you have any questions or would like to request a paper copy of the proposals by emailing [transportservices@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:transportservices@southglos.gov.uk)

# **FOLLOW THE STORY OF EASTER**

**on Good Friday  
15th April at 10.30**

at an

**ALL-AGE  
FAMILY SERVICE**

**St Saviour's Church  
Coalpit Heath**

**with Hot Cross Buns**

