



# The Manor CE Primary School

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## **Newsletter 23**

11 March 2022

### Dates for the Diary

- 17 March – Maths workshop (YR)
- 18 March – Red Nose Day (see below)
- 22 March – Y6 Residential Trip meeting
- 31 March – Phonics workshop (Y1)
- 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)
- 12 May – FOMS Disco
- 14 June -KS 1 Sports Day (morning)
- 15 June - KS 2 Sports Day (morning)

### INSET Days this academic year

~~Thursday 2 September 2021~~  
~~Monday 1 November 2021~~  
~~Tuesday 4 January 2022~~  
Friday 29 April 2022  
Monday 4 July 2022

Another week has flown by at The Manor and classes are now well-immersed in their new topics. Next week sees the return of whole school assemblies taking place in the hall. This is something we have really missed and are all looking forward to. Father Malcolm will be joining us for the first time next week to meet everyone and lead an assembly as Reverend Lunt has now retired from his position at St Saviours – we do look forward to Father Malcolm joining us and becoming part of Team Manor. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Whitfield has joined our teaching team - she will be teaching RE to our KS2 classes when covering teacher's non-contact time. Mrs Whitfield has already made a great impression on the children and we are incredibly pleased to welcome her to this role.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Mrs Flanagan

### School meal choices

The current issue with ordering meals on ParentPay is unfortunately completely out of our hands. We do hope the current situation won't last too much longer and we will let you know you as soon as they are up and running as usual!

In the meantime, to help with the ordering of meals all children will come home tonight with menus for the next four weeks (up to Easter) and you will be able to choose the meals required. It would really help us (and the kitchen staff) if you could complete these and return them with your children to the class teacher on Monday. Please ensure your child's name and year group is written at the top of the form. Meals will still need to be paid for via ParentPay (please do not send cash in).

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

### Red Nose Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March



To mark Red Nose Day this year, children can wear a red nose to school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March alongside their **normal school uniform** if they wish and bring a donation in of a coin in aid of this charity.

### Antarctica Class



It's been a fun week in Antarctica Class. We have been learning about farm animals and what their purpose is on the farm. We have also been taking away in maths and some of us are now beginning to know the subtraction facts for number bonds to five and ten! In Literacy we have been exploring the story Jack and the jelly beanstalk and have been retelling the story through story maps. But what have been the best parts of this week according to Mrs Kelly? Seeing the class have so much fun dancing! There has been a lot of dancing both in the classroom and outside on the little stage and it has been great seeing everyone take part. It has been a really happy week!

### Australia Class

This week we have been learning about Brazil in our topic lessons. We have drawn the flag and learnt about the different countries that surround this amazing country. We were particularly interested in Deepest Darkest Peru as that is where Paddington is from and Colombia is where Encanto is set! Thank you to everyone for sending in reading records everyday. We are trying really hard at the moment to read with children at every available moment so having reading records in school has been super helpful!

#### **Date for your diary**

**31<sup>st</sup> March at 9:15am**

I will be holding a phonic workshop for Year One parents to attend. We will be going through The Manor phonic structure and phonics in Year 1. You will be given the chance to take part in a phonic lesson with your child (which they are super excited about!). We will also go through the phonic screening test and how best to support phonics and reading at school. If you are able to attend please email me at: [Australiaclass@gmail.org.uk](mailto:Australiaclass@gmail.org.uk)

**I will be supplying biscuits!**

**All the best,**

**Miss Hawkins**

### Africa Class



We have had another fabulous week in Year 2! We have been carrying on writing about The Building Boy in English and have been using lots of emerald power to persevere when we find new things tricky. As geographers, we have been learning all about Brazil. We can find the country on a map, as well as knowing some of the countries that surround it. We have also been thinking about ways the country is both similar and different to England. On Thursday, we had our first session with our singing teacher! She taught us lots of fun voice warm ups as well as teaching us songs to perform to the class- we were all so brave and gave it a go! **Please continue to bring in shoeboxes (or something similar) on Monday so we can create different animal habitats.**

### Europe Class



What a busy week! Year 3 have been working hard completing assessments this week and have also continued to learn about column addition in maths. We are thoroughly engaged in the English unit this term. We have been thinking carefully about vocabulary to use in our writing and have been putting this into practise when writing the story of The Blue Umbrella. Our topic focus this week has been computing. Using Purple Mash we have been learning about touch typing and spending lots of time practising. We learnt subject specific vocabulary such as the home keys and how to use each finger to type accurately. It has been lots of fun!

### Asia Class

This week Year 4 have been using a tremendous amount of emerald power! We have been doing some assessments and every single child has blown Miss Spencer away with how much knowledge they have retained. A great effort, I am so proud!

We have also been using Purple Mash to learn how to design logos on the computer, a challenging aspect at first but now the children can instruct an avatar to write letters! Let's keep that emerald light shining guys! What a fantastic week 😊

### North America



Another great week in Year Five this week. We began with a fantastic cricket session with Molly where we improved our batting and fielding skills. In Science, we used our observation and prediction skills to watch dancing raisins and learn about the differences between solids, liquids and gases.

In English, we have realised the power of words while building tension to create an unsettled feeling in our readers. The children have all shone with Sapphire and Ruby power this week. Well done North America!

### South America

In Year 6 this week, we have continued our narrative writing using 'Hansel and Gretel'. The children have enjoyed acting out short scenes, taking on the roles of the characters with a focus on the dialogue and how they might behave. In maths this week, we have focussed on negative numbers and what happens to the numbers when adding and subtracting. We have just begun learning about algebra and will continue with it next week. In topic we have been learning about Solids, Liquids and Gases and have set up an evaporation investigation.

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**\*FREE courses for Adults - January – July 2022**



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## **\*FREE Course:**

### **Understanding Children's Challenging Behaviour**



This 4 week course is designed for parents/carers who want to support their children by understanding the reasons for challenging behaviour and develop parenting skills to respond when it occurs.

You will be able to discuss areas of difficulty and develop positive parenting strategies to support your child, which will:

- help you understand why your child might behave in a challenging way and
- explore ways to promote positive communication within families.

<b>Where:</b>	Poole Court, Yate (behind Morrison's)
<b>When:</b>	Every Thursday for 4 weeks starting 17 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Time:</b>	1 – 3pm
<b>Contact to book:</b>	Sam – email: <a href="mailto:samantha.jones1@southglos.gov.uk">samantha.jones1@southglos.gov.uk</a> / Tel: 07768 293842

\*For adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications. ESOL and accredited employability courses MAY be subject to fees unless you are on low income and/or means-tested benefits. Please ring for further information

## \*FREE Course: Intro to Children's Online World



This **\*FREE 4 week** course is designed for any parent or guardian who wants to learn how to keep their children safe online. You will learn about the different types of online dangers that exist and the online places where they can occur

Where:	Poole Court, Yate Town Council (behind Morrison's)
How long:	4 weeks
Starts:	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> <u>March, 10</u> – 12pm
Contact to book your place	Sam – email: <a href="mailto:samantha.jones1@southglos.gov.uk">samantha.jones1@southglos.gov.uk</a> / Tel: 07768 293842

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