



# The Manor CE Primary School

**Aspire, Believe, Achieve**

## Newsletter 13

10 December 2021

### Dates for the Diary

- 14 December – whole school to Pantomime at Hippodrome
- 15 December – Christmas Dinner in school
- 16 December – EYFS Nativity, 2pm
- 16 December – Class Christmas parties
- 17 December – 10.00 Christmas Service in Church
- 17 December – Term 2 ends
- 4 January Inset Day 3 (school closed)
- 5 January Term 3 starts

### 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

We've had a really busy week in school. It was wonderful having the KS1 Nativity to parents on Thursday – the production this year this was particularly special after such a long break from school productions and the children did a truly amazing job – we were all so proud of them!

The FOMS Christmas sale this morning was a huge success – the children loved doing all of their Christmas shopping and having their chosen gifts wrapped.

The FOMS Christmas Fair was enjoyed by everyone who attended and got everyone into the Christmas spirit – we will share with you the amount this event raised once it has been finalised, but a huge thank you to FOMS for organising such a successful and enjoyable event.

Next week is a really busy week in school – please do check all the arrangements below.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Flanagan

### Christmas Celebrations



Tuesday 14 December	<b>Whole school trip to Bristol Hippodrome</b> to watch Snow White	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packed lunch to be brought in/ ordered from the kitchen</li> <li><b>NO HOT MEALS ON THIS DATE</b></li> <li>• <b>We will return to school approx. 5.00pm – please collect children from normal exits at this time.</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday 15 December	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school today along with the rest of their normal school uniform if they wish (no donation needed).</li> </ul>
Thursday 16 December	<b>EYFS Nativity</b> - 2.00	2 tickets per child sent home
	<b>Class Christmas Parties</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y1-Y6 will have their Christmas parties in the afternoon</li> <li>• Reception class will have their Christmas party in the morning</li> </ul>	Children can wear their party clothes to school on this day. Children will be going out to play at break and lunchtime so please ensure they wear suitable clothes and footwear for this.

Friday 17 December	<b>KS2 Christmas Church Service</b> 10.00	<p>Each KS2 class will present a short Christmas presentation in church as part of our traditional Christmas Church service.</p> <p>All children (EYFS, KS1 and KS2 will attend, but only KS2 children will be presenting (as EYFS and KS1 have had their Christmas productions).</p> <p>All parents, carers and friends welcome to attend this service in Church.</p>
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### Reception 2022 reception applications

Please note: The closing date to apply for entry into primary school in September 2022 is 15 January 2022. This will be for any younger siblings born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018. It is important to apply on-time as siblings are not guaranteed a place at the older child's school and the school may fill up with on-time applications making it harder for late applicants.

Applications should be made to the local authority where the child lives; regardless of the location of the school they are requesting. For more information or for South Gloucestershire residents to apply on-line, parents can go to [www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions) . If you need help with the application process please telephone the contact centre on 01454 868008.

### Christmas Post

Our Year 6 children have been doing a great job of sorting and delivering the Christmas post this week. The final day for posting cards is Thursday 16th December. (Please makes sure the child's full name and class are on the envelope to help our Y6 Posties!)

### Europe Class



Pupils in Year 3 have been scientists this week when exploring magnets. First, we experimented with different materials, sorting them into whether they were magnetic or not magnetic. Then, we learnt that the earth is a giant magnet and found out how a compass works. We even had a go at magnetising needles and creating our own floating compass. Once we discovered that they pointed north we explored what would happen when we placed a magnet nearby. We found that the magnet repelled one end and attracted the other. We have also been looking at different mathematical strategies when adding and subtracting including using numberlines and partitioning. Finally, we have enjoyed Incarnation Day and learning all about The Holy Trinity and what this means for Christians.

### Antarctica Class



This week we have been focussing on pattern in our maths lessons, particularly repeating patterns. We have tried to apply this to our Christmas cards and even when making paper chains. As you can see from the photograph, this is quite tricky! We have worked hard on the last few sounds of the alphabet this week too and have also been learning about Octoblock and how we can make 8 in many different ways. It has been another busy week of learning and although Christmas has well and truly arrived at the Manor, we are still being 'the best that we can be' when we are learning in the classroom.

### Africa Class



Christmas has truly arrived in Year 2! We have enjoyed every second of practising and performing our incredible nativity shows this week. Thank you all so much for coming and supporting us- it was great to see so many faces. We also enjoyed our final practice of our songs with our singing teacher and particularly enjoyed learning actions to go alongside 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer'. **Next week is full of Christmassy fun so our usual Tuesday P.E lesson has been moved to Wednesday. Please could you ensure your child comes into school wearing their P.E kit on Wednesday instead of Tuesday (as well as Thursday like normal).** 😊

### Asia Class



This week, Year 4 have had their DT heads on! We have been using the hand-drills, saws and glue guns to create our very own Ancient Egyptian Shadufs. We then used our forest school session this week to build a nature inspired River Nile and placed our Shadufs on the sturdy banks to see if they worked! A great little project, lots of hard work. A very proud week for Year 4!

### South America Class



What a busy week in Year 6. In English this week, we have continued with our unit poetry. The children have rehearsed and performed a song/rap to the whole class. This took an enormous amount of courage and I was really impressed by the quality of the children singing and rapping. We definitely have some future music stars in our midst. Rapping helped the children create a rhythm when we began writing our own poems.

In maths, we have begun learning about percentages and focused on the importance of understanding 100% and the meaning of 'percent'.

Our DT project is progressing really well. We have completed the frame, axle, followers and selected a cam for our automata, giving an appropriate movement for our theme.

### Australia Class



Sing The Good News, Tell Everyone! We've got a class full of stars and they shine in Year One! 🎵 I am so immensely proud of all of Year One for their amazing Nativity this week. They have all worked so hard on it and they really shone like stars in the sky! I think we would all agree that their singing was breath-taking and there was not a dry eye in the hall. Thank you everyone for supplying such wonderful costumes - they looked incredible on stage and so incredibly cute! Alongside rehearsals this week we have been learning how to use Purple Mash. All children have learnt how to log on to our online platform and why it is so important to keep passwords a secret. We have also been learning how to tell the time to the hour and all about incarnation. It has been a jam packed week and next week will be the same with all the Christmas festivities going on. So have a wonderful weekend and I shall see you all on Monday. Take Care, Miss Hawkins

### North America Class



We have had another great week in Year 5 this week as we near the end of our Feel the Force Topic. In DT, we have learned about automata, designed our own and constructed the frame which required accurate measuring and careful cutting. Next week, we are planning on inserting the cams to get our mechanisms working.

We have finished off our letters to the Education Secretary in English which have discussed the importance of Science in our curriculum and have learned about many scientists and their amazing work.

**Next week, as the pantomime visit is on Tuesday, we will be doing PE on Wednesday again so please wear PE kits on Wednesday not Tuesday next week. We will also have our last swimming session so please remember to bring your swimming stuff!**

Next Friday morning, we will all be going to the Church for our Christmas service. We have been practising our poem in class and some of the children have learned their part brilliantly already. If your child is not feeling completely confident with their part yet, please take some time over the next week to practise more at home so they can impress us all in Church