The Manor CE Primary School

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Newsletter 7

4th December 2020

Dates for the Diary

- **Friday 11th December** - Christmas Cards can be brought into school
- **Friday 11th December** - Christmas Jumper day (suggested £2 donation)
- **Wednesday 16th December** – Children can wear their Christmas jumpers again today
- **Wednesday 16th December** – Christmas Dinner – please order by Fri 11 Dec.
- **Thursday 17th December** – Christmas Parties in class – children can wear their own Christmas party clothes
- **Friday 18th December** Term 2 ends – Christmas jumpers can be worn again if you wish.
- **Monday 4th January** –Inset (no children in school)
- **Tuesday 5th January** – Start of Term 2 for children

Christmas has really arrived in school this week! Classrooms are decorated, the central learning zone adorned with twinkling lights, and some classes have even had naughty elves join them! Team Manor are determined to ensure that the children have a really magical time in the lead up to Christmas (there may also be some special events we will be sharing virtually with you at the end of term as a lovely Christmas surprise!)

Please book Christmas dinner by Friday 11th if your child would like this – Christmas dinner will be served to children in their classroom bubbles on Wednesday 16th December and is sure to be a fun-filled lunchtime!

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers on Friday 11th December for Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day –suggested donation £2.

Class Christmas parties will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 17 December – children can wear their Christmas party clothes to school on this day. Children will be out for normal break and lunchtime play on the playground on this day so please ensure clothing and footwear is suitable for outdoor play. FOMS have kindly donated funds to each class to cover the cost of treats on these afternoons.

Finally – children can also wear their Christmas jumpers on the last day of term.

Have a lovely week,

Amanda Flanagan

Letters to Santa

It's nearly Christmas, and we know you want to make sure that your letter to Santa Claus gets to him. We've just received the message opposite from Father Christmas himself – he's as excited about Christmas as we are! Please remember, as Santa says: get your letter posted by Friday 11th December.

Dear boys and girls,

Christmas is a very exciting but busy time for me.

The elves are making toys

The reindeer are practising their sleigh runs

And I'm busy preparing my list of who's been good this year.

I will be getting my sleigh ready for the long journey on Christmas Eve and in between I will try to reply to as many of you as possible.

Please send your letters to:

Santa/Father Christmas
Santa's Grotto
Reindeerland
XM4 5HQ

Africa Class

This week in Y2 we have been practicing division and multiplication and writing our own version of the 'Bear & The Hare' stories using amazing descriptive language. We've been practicing for our Christmas performances, as well as learning all about the Nativity and what Jesus' birth means to Christians in R.E. In forest school, we had lots of fun creating paint out of mud and using it on leaves and trees around the forest school area. We also had hot chocolate and biscuits!

Antarctica Class

This week we have been learning all about The Gingerbread Man.
We have made and decorated gingerbread men for the NHS and retold the story in lots of ways.

Europe Class

This week Year 3 have been learning all about North America. We have been focusing on The Grand Canyon after our helicopter ride down the Colorado River. Next week we are going to be doing some crafting and need cardboard, if you have any cardboard boxes lying around at home that you do not want please send them. Well done Year 3 for a great week, I'm really proud of you all.

North America

Another week gone and the decorations are up! In Maths, we have been working with decimals to 3 decimal places: writing, reading and ordering them. In English, we have been looking at car showrooms, watching advertisements for cars including a Porsche advert and stacking sentences to build on a piece of writing. In topic, we have been learning about the Roman legacy namely roads and more work on Roman numerals as well as identifying continents and other key features of our world.

South America Class

Christmas has arrived in Year 6! We have decorated the classroom and made our own paper chains which look amazing. We are enjoying seeing who is selected from the advent truck each day and we are making a real effort to be extra kind to them on that day!

In English this week, we have finished off our invented meeting tales and have loved being given the freedom to write about characters and settings of our choice. We have also been learning about angles in Maths and World maps in our Geography sessions.

Please continue to read regularly at home with your children - they are never too old to be read with and to! If you need any book suggestions - let me know.

Mrs Sweet

Australia Class

What an exciting week in Year 1! Not only did the Christmas decorations appear overnight but Year 1 have also been visited by their cheeky elf, Dave! Dave has been getting up to all sorts of mischief this week such as covering our Christmas tree with toilet roll. We can't wait to see what he will get up to next. We have been learning more about Mary Seacole this week and we also looked at the similarities and differences between Victorian and modern hospitals and medicines. We were shocked to discover they used blood sucking leeches to cure lots of illnesses in Victorian times. We also continued to write about Grandad's Island. We used role play to pretend we were on the deck of the ship and then discussed what we would see and hear. We then used our ideas in our writing later in the week. Thank you to everyone who has brought in a tin can so far. If you are yet to bring one in, then please could they be in school by Wednesday 9th at the latest. Thank you.

Asia Class

This week, Year 4 have been working extremely hard showcasing all of their knowledge in our assessment week. I am immensely proud of all their efforts and proud to see them using lots of Diamond, Ruby and Emerald Power to encourage their classmates to shine like stars in the sky. After working so hard, we went on an adventure to the Amazon Rainforest! Here we learnt all about deforestation and its effect on the world. The children were shocked and even related it to local environments being taken down to build houses. Then, we used our incredible sketching skills to really focus on portraying texture in our 'Extinct Animal' art work!

Cars and kids don't mix
A polite request...
Please park away from our school!

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WINTER ART AND
WRITING COMPETITION

Prizes to be won

4-6 years olds
- Create a festive picture. You can use any materials you want!
- Write a poem or short story of no more than 150 words.

7-10 years olds
- Create a festive picture. You can use any materials you want!
- Write a short story of no more than 500 words.

11-14 years olds
- Create a festive picture. You can use any materials you want!
- Write a short story of no more than 500 words.

Unleash your creativity

How to enter:

Email your entries to cu@uwe.ac.uk — be sure we can see it clearly.

The deadline for entries is Sunday 13th December 2020 at 8pm.

Children's University members will be able to earn Learning Credits for their submission. You do not have to be a member of Children's University to submit an entry.

There will be a winner from each category, chosen by UWE Bristol Faculty of Arts, Creative Industries & Education staff.

The winners will receive a £20 book token & be announced on our Twitter pages & UWE Bristol social media channels (with permission).

The winning entries will be published in our next Children's University Newsletter & on our Twitter Page   @BSGChildrensUni

We can't wait to see your work!