



Manorfield Primary and Nursery School
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Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful festive break and are feeling refreshed and ready for a brand-new term. It's always exciting to step into January with newfound energy and enthusiasm, and we're thrilled to see our pupils back, eager to dive into their learning.

As we settle back into our routines, we're buzzing with plans for the coming weeks. There's plenty going on, from exciting lessons in the classroom to fun after school activities that will help our children explore their interests.

We want to thank everyone for your continued support and we look forward to partnering with you throughout the term. Here's to a fantastic start to 2025, filled with new adventures, achievements and lots of learning! Let's make this term the best one yet!

FOMA

Huge thank you to Clare Stapley, Sarah Archer and all of the FOMA team for all their hard work! We could not have the amazing things we do at school to enrich the children's learning experiences without all of their hard work.

Over last term so much work went into things, such as:

Christmas fair, Lolly Fridays, Gingerbread House Competition, Tea towels, Tuck Shop etc. These made a profit of £2207.59!

Last term to benefit the children, FOMA money was spent on Christmas treats, the Panto and 16 iPads!

We are so grateful for all the work the FOMA does and would be grateful for any other support from other parents at such events! Being an active member of the team will get you reserved seats at any school events! (Active means helping at the majority of events!)

FOMA dates are:

Thursday 30th January—Parent Council meeting at 9am (everybody is welcome!)

Thursday 6th February—School Disco

Week beginning 24th March—Someone Special Shop

Week beginning 31st March—Easter event (details TBC)

Thank you also to Sarah Millman who has been volunteering her time supporting the staff to give some of our children taster sessions in gymnastics! SAS are running two gymnastics clubs on a Wednesday evening—please contact Sarah at sasgymnasticsclub@gmail.com if you like to sign your child up.

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school, so please triple check packed lunches. We have some children with severe nut allergies and must keep them safe. We have children with other allergies as well (such as dairy) so please chat to your children and remind them not to swap items of their lunch with each other (we will reinforce this at school!) as it could have quite serious consequences.

Thank you!

Bumblebees

Pre-school have really been enjoying our Music and Movement sessions! We go to the hall, take our shoes and socks off and start the session with a warm up. We move our bodies to some action songs before having lots of fun travelling along the apparatus in various ways. Our favourite part is often jumping onto the crash mats! It is definitely a popular time of the week and we have noticed a huge improvement in the children's independence with handling their shoes and socks. Well done Bumblebees!



Reception Caterpillars

Caterpillar class have had such a wonderful first term at school. It feels like they have been here forever! Our action packed term included learning about ourselves, our families and friends and we quickly moved on to learning about birthdays, toys and old and new transport. Our favourite week was when we discovered a note hanging from a tree from Scamper the squirrel who lives in our garden. Some of our resources had been had been going missing and it turns out, he had been taking them to eat! He asked us to write him letters and draw him pictures. Caterpillar class had such a lovely time making things for Scamper and at the end of the week, we had a visit from Mrs Jones, where the children loved showing off their writing and telling her all about our cheeky squirrel!

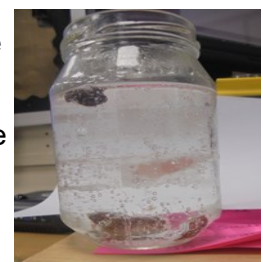


Year 1 Butterflies

Year 1 had an amazing time investigating and carrying out experiments during Science Week. The particularly enjoyed the more messy investigations like 'cornflour slime' and finding out how many cubes the boat they made would hold before sinking.

There was an air of awe and wonder in the classroom and plenty of wow's for experiments like the 'dancing raisins'.

This term we are really excited to be exploring the story 'The Three Little Pigs' / We have already had a taster of how mean the wolf is! We can't wait to explore different materials and design and build new houses for the Three Little Pigs.



Year 2 Tigers

Year 2 had an exciting start to our new half term with Science week. We investigated the properties of different materials and whether they were suitable for their uses. Everyone took part in different investigations to test their suitability.

We also had a visit from the fire service who introduced our new Great Fire of London topic with information as to why the houses burnt so quickly. The children discussed what they would do if there was a fire and then they role played calling '999'. Everyone was left feeling excited to learn more about our new topic!



Year 3 Monkeys

We have had a busy start to this half term, kicking it off with Science Week where we investigated forces and magnetic objects as well as having an opportunity to make our own slime. Since then we have begun our new topic of rocks with a link to fossils. We were lucky enough to make our own fossils, which we are going to use in a number of our science lessons. We are all very excited to learn about rocks, volcanoes and earthquakes.

Year 4 Giraffes

Wow, what an amazing start to the Spring term! Year 4 have been getting stuck into lots of exciting work about teeth and digestion. We have made teeth models, investigated the effects on different liquids on teeth using eggs and even recreated the digestive system process.

Year 4 have already shown great enthusiasm for this term's topic, 'Walk like and Egyptian' through sharing their Egyptian knowledge and asking interesting questions. We look forward to learning lots more in the following week.



Year 5 Leopards

It's hard to believe we are only in our second week of the Spring term considering how much has been packed into it already! We kicked this term off with a fantastic science week; looking at materials and their properties. We have sifted, evaporated, conducted, magnetised and heated various materials as well as creating our own lava lamps and making slime! No time to rest though, as rehearsals for our Shakespeare performance have begun in earnest, props are being collated, costumes created and lines learnt. We are very much looking forward to working with Delight and the Guildford Shakespeare Company again this year and are excited to see them perform A Midsummers Night's Dream to us this week to hopefully inspire and excite ideas for our own performance!



Year 6 Lions

Year 6 started the Spring Term with an exciting Science Week learning all about Light. We made periscopes, completed experiments for refraction, created colour wheels and investigated shadows. We also took part in two workshops at the end of the week with the Gatwick STEM Centre and Thermo Fisher.



This half term, Year 6 will continue the topic of Light with a geographical focus on the Northern Lights which links to our class text Northern Lights by Philip Pullman. In English, we will be retelling part of this thrilling fantasy narrative. Year 6 will continue to revise the four areas of calculation in Maths and also cover various aspects of Shape. We look forward to another busy half term of hard work.

Art

The Art Studio once again is back full steam ahead with some exciting projects for the Spring term.

Year 2 are learning once again blending skills and doing a 'flaming' good job with their Fire of London theme!

Year 3 are learning an exciting portraiture technique.

Year 4 are knee deep in their Egyptian project and are creating some impressive chalk artwork.

Year 6 are learning about collage artist Shannon Rankin and exploring map art using craft knives!



Remembering Harrison

On the 21st October Harrison lost his battle with Cancer and our hearts all broke open wide. We grieve as a school, we grieve as individuals but mostly our hearts go out to Corina and Mike, his mum and dad. No parent should ever lose a child. Harrison was a committed, funny and special member of Manorfield who will never be forgotten and we will continue to remember him in a variety of ways in the future.

Sunday 23rd of March would have been Harrison's 11th birthday and to honour him the Manorfield Staff and his mum and dad will be walking 14 miles across the north downs and Ms Mulligan will be running the Brighton Marathon on the 6th April in order to raise money for the wonderful hospice that cared for him during his last few months. The work they do for children and families is just amazing but they get limited funding and we want to help as much as we can to help others in Harrison's situation. While writing this letter our fundraising stands at £7,014, 70%. We have raised our target to £10,000. We have even had donations from Steve Coogan of a £1000!



It costs **£10 million** a year to run Shooting Stars Children's Hospices.

Just **30%** of our funding comes from the government, so we rely on our supporter's generosity to keep the service running.

£1,500 could fund one night of emergency respite care.

£2,000 could cover the cost of heating the hydrotherapy pool for three months.

Our hydrotherapy pools are a safe space for families to create special memories. The pool also provides physical benefits helping muscle tone and strength, and enabling mobility that is not possible out of the water.

£5,000 could pay for three months support for a family, providing essential guidance on pain management, family and sibling support, and anticipatory grief.




FEBRUARY GYMNASTICS CAMP AT MANORFIELD SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 19TH 9:00-12:00
£20 PER CHILD
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS & NON MEMBERS!
100% BOOKING FEES WILL BE DONATED TO SHOOTING STARS HOSPICE IN MEMORY OF HARRISON
Book in now
sasgymnasticsclub@gmail.com



Some of us have already started on our practice walks/runs, we very much feel Harrison is with us on our walks spurring us on and having a good giggle at us!

Please consider donating to this wonderful Hospice! Can you help us get to £10,000 and make Harrison proud!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/manorfield-school-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



Reminders

Communication

Just a little reminder that when you need to talk to teachers, please don't try and have conversations first thing in the morning (unless it's urgent!) This is a time when an adult stands at the door in order to greet the children to prepare them for the day ahead! If you need to talk to teachers please send a Studybugs message and they will get back to you at a convenient time. Thank you for your understanding.

Respect and Conduct

All the adults in school work very hard and I know we do not always get everything right but we are always trying to do our best for the children. We are happy to have feedback or questions but sometimes staff get rude comments, shouted at or abuse. This is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. If you are rude to the staff in our school you will be banned from the premises. Please be kind, manners do not cost anything.

Punctuality

We appear to have an influx of children arriving late for school and coming through the school office. It is essential that children arrive promptly to school in order to set them up for a day of learning and it is also disruptive for the rest of the class. The school gate closes at 8.50am, children arriving after this time and coming through the office will now have to be signed in on the late register in the office.

Further to the message sent home this week, we are seeing more and more children being collected late at the end of the school day. The school day finishes at 3.10pm and you must be here to collect your child on time. We are keeping a note of the children who are consistently being collected late and if this happens more than 3 times in a term, your child will be put in to after school club and you will be charged for the session.

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children all look very smart upon their return to school. Please be reminded that on your child's PE day, they should come in school PE kit. This is plain navy or black shorts/joggers/leggings, a plain white t-shirt and trainers. Please do not wear trainers on non PE days.

Children are allowed to wear one set of small stud earrings. These must be removed for PE.

Please ensure hair is tied back with a hairband. No bows or fancy hair clips please. Please make sure when you have your child's haircut that they do not have any lines or shapes shaved in to it. The full school uniform policy can be found on our website.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle into school everyday. It is essential that the children remain hydrated throughout the day. These can be refilled in school as they also take their bottles in to the lunch hall with them.

Tuck Shop

Our wonderful Parent Council are continuing to run the Tuck Shop for children in Years 1 to 6.

It is on a Friday breaktime and items are available for 50p each. Children are limited to 2 items each. Where possible, please can you send your children with the correct change.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 21st January	Extra Choir rehearsals after school
Thursday 30th January	Parent Council meeting at 9am
Tuesday 4th February	Extra Choir rehearsals after school
Thursday 6th February	Year 6 Junior Citizen trip
Thursday 6th February	School Disco (KS1 4-4.45pm, KS2 5-6pm)
Friday 7th February	Year 4 boys football tournament at Yattendon 3pm
Thursday 13th February	Year 5 Shakespeare Performance 6pm
Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February	Half Term
Tuesday 25th February	Extra Choir rehearsals after school
Wednesday 26th February—Friday 28th February	Residential trip to Marchants Hill
Wednesday 5th March	Parents evening
Friday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 14th March	Year 5/6 Hockey tournament at Yattendon
Monday 24th March—Friday 28th March	Someone Special Shop (during school hours)
Monday 24th March—Friday 4th April	Year 4 Intensive Swimming Course (every day 1pm)
Friday 4th April	School finishes at 1.30 for end of term
Tuesday 22nd April	Start of Summer term

Leave of Absence

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.