



## Paying for Educational Visits

We are aware that for some families paying for school visits can be quite difficult. To make this easier we will be placing a cap of £25 per year on the price of trips, with the exception of the Year 5 residential trips. We will also be changing how money for trips is collected.

Each Monday morning in Breakfast Club our "Trip Payment Office" will be open. Money should be given in where it will be recorded and a receipt will be issued. You will be able to pay for trips in instalments and find out what money is owed.

**We will no longer take money for trips in classrooms or at the Office.** The only way to pay for trips will be through the Trip Payment Office in the Dining Room on Monday mornings from 8.30am - 9.00am.



All trips will have a closing date for the return of slips and money . Any child returning slips or bringing money after this date will not be permitted to go.

## DON'T FORGET BOOK WEEK

Fun Activities for this years Book Week:- 20th - 24th October

Be sure to stop the teachers during Book Week and ask them to read their poem to you. They should have one in their pocket at all times

Any Parents wanting to go to the Manor Library - without the children - please speak to Mrs Ash  
Everyone Welcome

Scholastic Books are coming. Please join in Friday October 17th to Wednesday October 22nd. Take the opportunity to buy for Christmas Presents!

**WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER MEN'S DAY** -This is a call for all children to bring a male member of the family into their class for Reading Time (9:00 - 9:30) . Tea and Toast will be served 8:30 - 8:45.

**FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER IS DRESSING UP DAY!!** Everyone connected with school will be dressing up as a character from a book. Parents and friends please join in and dress up with us.

## Book Sale AFTER HALF TERM BREAK...

Please bring in as many books - especially children' books for our Book Sale .  
Monday 10th November for 3 days.



# WHATS HAPPENING/HAPPENED IN SCHOOL

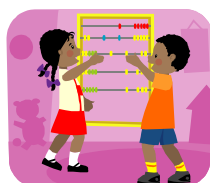


## Foundation Stage 1

We have now welcomed all our new Children and Families into the unit and the nursery is now full until January. Attendance has been very good and we now have a new member of staff, Mrs Ellis, who supports in the mornings. Mrs Ellis also supports our "Extended Day" children over lunch time. We apologise for finishing later than school in the afternoons but it is the only way we can deliver your child's full entitlement. We would appreciate it if you could wait until the end of session before collecting your children. The children really enjoy the last session which includes story time, singing, role play etc... Next term we will be thinking about ourselves and our families. We hope you have a good half term and look forward to seeing you on the 4th November.

## Foundation 2

It has been a very successful first half term in Foundation 2, we are currently learning about animal homes, this links to our traditional story of the little red hen. Children have been learning to retell the story using actions. Also linking to the story we have had fun making bread. We have also enjoyed making animal masks, exploring ice hands and particularly our visit to the library. I hope you have all had chance to see our ice hands display as the children were involved in great discussions. Currently in PE we are learning ball and movement skills. PE is on a Tuesday and Friday. Please remember to send your child with a change of clothes on these days. Friday is outdoor PE where children will require a white t-shirt, dark jogging bottoms and sensible footwear. Please continue to bring in any junk that you have. Thank you for your continued support. Any queries do not hesitate to ask.



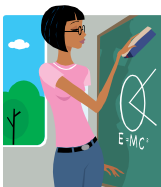
## Year 1

We are continuing to learn about ourselves including where we live and our local area. We have been describing ourselves and making comparisons between different people. We have been learning about different types of homes. Could you help your child to learn their home address. We have been reading the story of Goldilocks and The Three Bears and adding actions to encourage your child to retell the story to you. In maths we have focussed on addition and subtraction. Practise adding and taking away with numbers to 20

## Year 2



Next half term year 2 will be learning about the Great Fire of London. We are hoping to visit the Fire and Police Museum to look at some things from the past. Our art topic will be Aboriginal art. We are hoping to visit the local park to investigate using nature in our art work. We are looking at the religion of Christianity in the run up to Christmas. We will be baking and icing Christmas cookies so we will be asking for 50p again towards the end of term. As Autumn has arrived and the weather is getting colder please make sure that your child has an outdoor PE kit including jogging bottoms, a jumper and trainers.



## Year 3

Our visit to the Stone Centre was very successful. The children enjoyed themselves and learned more about rocks. Thank you to all the parents who gave their support to this visit. Y3AP have already been to Manor Top library, to see the

refurbishment, to hear about how to register and to look at the books that can be chosen. Y3DB will be visiting the library on November 4th. Next half term our History topic will include The Vikings. In Science we shall be learning about materials. Our Literacy work will include Myths and Legends and writing reports. Maths lessons will concentrate on number facts, understanding shape, measures and handling data. Once again we are grateful to all those parents who listen to their children read and help them with their homework. We look forward to meeting with parents on November 11th or 12th at Parents' Evening.



### Year 4

We are now coming to the end of our India topic, and we hope your children have enjoyed the work.

Thank you for your continued support in helping children learn their times tables, spelling and helping with their reading. Next term we are starting a new history topic. We will be learning about the lives of children in World War II. As part of this topic we will be going on a trip to Eden Camp and we hope your children will enjoy this.

### Year 5

In Science this term we have been learning about "Keeping Healthy". We have found out about the importance of eating a balanced diet and exercise. We have been doing some exercises outside to see the effect that this has on our pulse rate. Which exercise do you think would make your pulse go fastest? Ask us and we can tell you! We all really enjoyed our trip to the Victorian Classroom. The dressing up was fun, though being a Victorian school child might not have been so much fun! We hope you liked the photos of us in our classrooms. On



Friday 24th October we can come to school dressed up as a book character for World Book Day. We are also going to Manor Library to find out more about what the library can offer us. Could you please make sure that your children are practicing their spelling every evening. It would also be appreciated if you could help your child practice their times tables. If they are bored at home perhaps you could give them a practice spellings or tables test!! Thank you for your continued help and support. The Y5 Pupils. This was written by Amy Rushby (5LT), Tina Wright (5LT) and Austin Dickson (5DH)

### Year 6



In literacy we have been looking at Greek Myths like Perseus and Medusa. We have been retelling them and converting them into play scripts. After our trip to Weston Park Museum, we decided to build a Parthenon outside the Y6 classrooms. It is not quite finished yet as you might see. If you come upstairs, outside the Y6 classrooms you will see all our work inside our Parthenon. In ICT we have been researching the Ancient Greek Olympics, after we gathered together all our information we began to make leaflets using Word. Did you know which sports were in the Ancient Olympics? Next week is book week. We will be visiting the library at Manor Top. On Wednesday we would like as many Dads, Grandads and Uncles as possible to come and read with us for "Men's Day" from 9am - 10am. During book week we are going to dress up as a book character. Our teachers have to carry their favourite poem around with them which they will have to read to us when we ask! We have enjoyed our first half term back! Written by Summer Windle, Kyle Gooderham and Aidan Milnes.

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**REMINDER** - Please be aware that **PETS** are not allowed on School premises at any time. Thank you.

Dear Parents / Carers

We are noticing that some children are being allowed to play around the cars in the car park.

May we remind you that this is a very dangerous place to play and ask that you keep your child close to you when coming through the main gates.



### Message from the Inclusion Team

- Thank You to parents/carers for collecting Sainsbury's Vouchers. We managed to purchase a Smoothie Maker, Cooking Utensils and Playground Equipment.
- We are now collecting Morrison's "Lets Grow" vouchers.
- Jeans for Genes day raised an amazing £292.25 - a big Thank you to everyone.

### Help us to keep our School looking Nice

We endeavour to keep the school looking presentable . But we need your help. By ensuring your children do not play on the grassed area at the front of the school.  
Thank You.

### Lost Property

Have you lost anything in School ? YES.



Then have you been to the office to check the lost property box or spoken to the Building Supervisor Mr Wilson. We have a variety of things handed in all the time, however we are unable to keep them forever ..... So we will be displaying everything we have in the Dining Room at Breakfast Club the first week back after Half Term. Please come and take a look. Any items not claimed will be disposed of at the end of the week. Thank You.



### PLEASE HELP

.... We are in desperate need of spare clothes for all our Key Stage 1 Children.. If you have any children's clothes that you do not need anymore. Trousers, Skirts, Tops, Jumpers and underwear etc., that are in clean, reasonable condition we would be very grateful. These will be used for children who may need an emergency change of clothes. Thank You.



### IRRESPONSIBLE PARKING

We have received a number of complaints from local residents about parents who are parking in an irresponsible manner. This is a Police matter and will be treated as such.



Are you in the Christmas Sprit if the answer is yes and you don't want to put up your Christmas lights just yet. Why not join our Parent Group and help us get ready for Christmas. We need help with making

costumes and scenery for the Christmas Play, we also need ideas for raising funds for our Christmas Parties. And it



wouldn't be Christmas

without us making Mince Pies and Truffles and these are just a few things we desperately need your help with. Our Parents Group

gets together every Tuesday and Thursday morning (9am -10am) Tea & Coffee as well as a chat. **EVERYONE WELCOME.** For any additional information you can always give Mrs Squiers a call on 0114 2502760.

