

MANOR PARK NEWSLETTER

Love for God - Love for Each Other - Love for Learning

Friday 15th March 2024



Dear parents and carers

Another busy week at Manor Park First School. Year 4 children showed their Love for each other and learning during their amazing concert. Parents, teachers and pupils thoroughly enjoyed it and we are very proud of their achievements.

Our Year 3/4 Rugby team shone at Dorchester Rugby club on Wednesday and showed great sportsman ship and attitude. Well done.

Our Preschool is going from strength to strength and therefore we have decided to expand our provision. Please look out for letters about the changes after Easter in terms of pick up and drop off.

We have noticed that not all children are reading at home. Please read below how you can help your child.

We are looking forward to another exciting week next week when our Year 4's are going of to residential.

Many thanks
Tamara Sterck

Online Safety

Off of the back of our Online safety lessons, there have been some excellent discussions particularly around gaming and the suitability of age appropriate games for Primary School aged children. Children love to game online, but need to be aware that not all games are suitable for them. We would like to encourage healthy discussions with children at home around the topic of being safe online. Please find attached to this newsletter a top tips sheet about talking to your children about being safe online.



Save the Date



Monday 18th March - Wednesday 20th March
Y4 Hooke Court

Thursday 21st March
Pre-school cake sale

Wednesday 27th March
Easter Service

Wednesday 27th March - 2pm
Pre-School Easter Crafts with Parents

Thursday 28th March
Open Afternoon - come and celebrate our work

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April
Easter Holiday

Monday 15th April
First Day of Summer Term

Tuesday 16th April - 9am
RSE Parents Meeting

Thursday 18th April - 6pm
RSE Parents Meeting

Wednesday 22nd May
Diversity Mel Workshops

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Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.



The classes with the highest attendance this week are:



**Robin
Octopus
Owl**



Reading at home - we need your help!

Reading with your child every day is a simple yet powerful activity. Not only is it a lovely time to connect with your child and be part of their learning, but it's also incredibly beneficial for them. Short, daily reading sessions at home support the teaching of reading that we do in school and they are the best thing that you can do to support your child's learning.

Through our tracking of reading at home we know that, as a school average, only around 50% of pupils are reading 4 or more times a week at the moment and in some classes this is as low as 37%.

We need your help to improve this statistic! Please read at least 4 times each week with your child and make a note in their reading record.

* Short sessions - even 5 minutes makes a difference.

* Write the date and pages read so we know that you have read with them.

* Bring their book and reading record into school every day.

* Your child's teacher is keeping a tally of how many times they've read and children love being awarded reading badges for every 50 reads.

If you have any questions about reading at home, or need support to make this happen, please see your child's teacher and we can help you.

Our Early Years team are looking for some kitchen role play equipment and would very much appreciate any donations.



Pre-School Cake Sale

From Tuesday 19th March please can we ask you to send in cake donations for our cake sale on Thursday 21st March at the end of the school day.

Cakes will be sold at 50p.

Thank you!



ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

