



Manor Way Primary Academy

Happy and successful learners

School News 20th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful year of fun, learning, friendships, hardwork and successes! We are so proud of all the children at Manor way and we wish you all a fantastic and happy summer. We look forward to welcoming children and their families back on Tuesday 4th September .

Miss Buffery

Saying a Fond Farewell



We would like to wish a fond farewell to Mrs Hingley and Mrs Hipwood who are both retiring this year. We would like to thank them for their hard work, energy, enthusiasm and care for the children they have looked after during their time at Manor Way. We wish them all the very best and many good times in their retirement. We have heard talk of cruises, shopping, family time and much more. All this, alongside coming back to see us at Manor Way as often as they can!

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Awards

Last Friday we had an amazing assembly performed to us by our wonderful Year 6, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Hipwood. The Mayor and Mayoress of Dudley came to watch and present the awards after the assembly, and they were very impressed. It was a joy to watch our year 6 and it was a very emotional afternoon. After the production, we had an afternoon tea with scones and all gathered ourselves after a very emotional afternoon. The awards presented were:

Services to School Award

Head & Deputy Head Boy & Girl – Charlie, Ethan, Olivia & Jemima - This is a new award to recognise the work of our Junior Leadership Team who have worked hard all year to represent school and be excellent ambassadors. They have demonstrated great teamwork and have been excellent role models for our school and our pupils.

Beverley Thould-Evans Trophy - Caitlin - In memory of a much loved teacher who died whilst working at Manor Way - This is given to somebody who has been a great role model for others and who has set a good example in terms of their behaviour and how they treat others. Caitlin has shown this all year; she has made the right choices and been a 'model' pupil. A special mention is needed for her lunchtime monitor role; she has been extremely reliable all year.

Merit Trophy - Freya - Given in recognition of working hard and being a responsible member of school. Freya has always been a reliable and efficient hall monitor, carrying out her role sensibly and with pride. Freya has been a responsible monitor this year and has shown a mature and helpful attitude towards her jobs in school.

Music Trophy - Olivia & Kieron- Both of these pupils have shown dedication and commitment towards playing their instruments and have shown that practice reaps its own rewards!

Victor Ludorum Trophy - Jensen & Kariss - In recognition of sporting achievement, sportsmanship and teamwork. Jensen and Kariss have been excellent sporting ambassadors for our school and have proved themselves to be great all-rounders!

Endeavour Trophy - Imogen F - Given in recognition of trying hard and never giving up, even when faced with a challenge. Imogen has worked very hard this year, both academically and personally and has achieved targets through sheer tenacity. She is an inspiration to others.

Creative Arts Trophy - Anna & Georgia - Throughout the year Anna has produced some superb artwork, and has always taken great care to complete her work to a high standard, showing attention to detail. Her confidence has grown immeasurably this year, and she took on a speaking role in the end of year production, listening to directions and trying her very best! Georgia has continued to travel the globe with her dance achievements, securing a role in the stage show 'Matilda'.

Magic Penny Award - Madison & Jayden - Given in memory of Bethany Austin who was a much loved pupil at Manor Way. 'Magic Penny' was her favourite song and this award keeps her memory always in our hearts at Manor Way. - This is in recognition of being a good and kind friend. Madison and Jayden have always shown themselves to be kind towards others and conscious of others' feelings too; both are great examples of what a friend should look like.

Politeness and Helpfulness - Jake Jeffs & Jyun Richardson - Throughout their time at Manor Way, Jake and Jyun have been shining examples of what good manners should look like. They have consistently been polite, helpful and taken their role as monitors seriously.

Ambassador Trophy - Callum - This trophy was donated by Mrs Betteridge last year on her retirement. - Callum has always been an excellent role model, representing our school at various events and can always be relied upon to meet visitors in school with a smile and a polite and helpful manner in class. Callum has always been helpful, offering assistance to peers and staff alike when necessary. Callum has always been reliable when carrying out tasks, taking his hall monitor role and Junior Site Team role seriously.

It goes without saying that we are extremely proud of all of the Year 6 children and their achievements this year. They have been wonderful all year and we shall miss them very much indeed. There have been a few tears shed by children, teachers and parents alike.

Year 6 Leavers' Celebration Sleepover

On Friday Year 6 all went home to change and then came back to school for their sleepover. We had fish and chips, we had archery lessons, we had a fire building session, we had a hoodie awards session, we had singing round the campfire, we had ice creams, we had a film, we had hot chocolate, we had breakfast made by our team of parents, we had dodgeball, we had music, we had a slideshow but just like last year we did not have any sleep! The last year 6 pupil dropped off to sleep at 4.00am and then the first one woke up at 5.30am!! Despite the lack of sleep we had a brilliant time and we would like to thank the parents, who came to school to serve breakfast at 7.30am, and also the PTA for kindly ice creams for the campfire.

We would like to wish our wonderful year 6 all the very best in their next adventure. Although we will miss them very much we know that they are ready to go and achieve great things at secondary school and we look forward to their visits in the future to share their successes.



100% Attendance Awards for the School Year 2017/18

These children have achieved 100% attendance for the whole school year, a huge achievement and a positive impact on their learning and outcomes! Well done:

- Year 1 Sophie
- Year 2 Madison
- Year 3 Ezra and Ellie
- Year 4 Lily, Sophie, Chloe and Ryan
- Year 5 Bradley, Chloe, Romeo
- Year 6 Luke, Charlie, Jemima, Caitlin



Attendance for the School Year 2017 -2018

Overall: 96%

- Reception: 93.91%
- Year 1: 96.10%
- Year 2: 94.88%
- Year 3: 97.17%
- Year 4: 97.54%
- Year 5: 96.81%
- Year 6: 95.75%

Well done and congratulations to **Year 5**

Praise Assembly Change of Time

Please note that from September, Praise Assembly will move to Friday mornings at 9am.

School Day Times

A reminder that the register is taken at 8.50am. The doors are opened from 8.45am to allow the children to walk to class and organise their belongings. **From September, the playground door and the playground gate will shut at 8:50am. Any latecomers will need to sign in at the front office.**

Summer Holiday Home Learning - Dojo Challenge

Please look out for your home learning challenges included in your child's report. It is an opportunity for your child to start earning dojos before they start school.

Water Bottles

Last year, Sandvik kindly donated water bottles for the children to keep them hydrated in class. We are trying to secure donations again to provide water bottles. Until we do, please send your child with a named, plastic bottle with water in it, preferably not too large. These bottles are for the classroom and we only allow water in the classrooms and childrens' drawers. Children who have sandwiches leave their lunch drink on the trolley in the morning with their lunchbox. Water is provided for children who have dinners and they can purchase a drink with their dinner if required.

Autumn Term Clubs (with some new additions!)

Please see below for the clubs that are going to run in the autumn term. There are some new ones to look out for such as fencing, athletics, musical theatre and multi skills.

We have reached capacity, after school, as we only have one hall, therefore in order to increase opportunities for KS1 children to have more clubs, we are trialling some morning clubs which will start at 8am - 8.45am for Year 1 and 2. Children can come in their uniform and change into their PE kit at school, or the other way round, depending on what works best for your child. Let's give it a go and see what happens!

We are sending out club information and consent forms to all parents and carers via Parentmail in the next few days. There is a limit of 20 children and then a waiting list is held. Clubs will start the week beginning 10th September. This year due to budget limitations there will be a charge for all clubs. We will confirm club lists during the first week back with parents.

Day	Club	Time	Year Group	Cost
Monday	Football	After school 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Yr 1 - 2	£3.00
Tuesday	Multi Skills	Before school 8am - 8:45am	Yr 1 - 2	£2.50
	Tag Rugby	After school 3.30pm - 4.30pm	KS2	£3.00
	Netball	After school 3.30pm - 4.30pm	KS2	£2.50
	Dodgeball	After school 3.30pm - 4.30pm	KS2	£3.00

Wednesday	Athletics	After school 3.30pm - 4.30pm	KS2	£2.50
	Musical Theatre	After school 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Yr 2 - 6	£2.50
Thursday	Running Club	Lunchtime	KS2	FREE
	Gymnastics	Lunchtime	KS1	FREE
	Football	After school 3.30pm - 4.30pm	KS2	£3.00
Friday	Dance	Before school (8am - 8:45am)	Yr 1 - 3	£2.50
	Fencing	After school 3.30pm - 4.30pm	KS2	£2.50
	Gymnastics	After school 3.30pm - 4.30pm	KS2	£3.00

Swimming

Please note, Halesowen Swimming Baths have advised us that they will be closed for the first 3 weeks of the new term due to them having asbestos removed from the building.

Swimming will begin on 2nd October for Year 4 until 11th December 2018, assuming the works at the baths have run to schedule.

Year 4 2nd October 2018 - 11th December 2018
Year 5 8th January 2019 - 19th March 2019
Year 3 26th March 2019 - 18th June 2019

Swimming at Leisure Centres

Dudley Council has agreed that children will be able to swim for free at leisure centres in Dudley, Stourbridge and Halesowen over the summer holidays. The offer will be on at Dudley Leisure Centre, Halesowen Leisure Centre and Crystal Leisure Centre in Stourbridge during public swimming times. Children including and up to the age of 16 who are residents in the Dudley borough are eligible.

Registration must be completed in advance and parents can sign their children up from Tuesday 17th July at www.freeswimindudley.co.uk. They will then be issued with a QR code which can be scanned every time they visit one of the leisure centres. The offer will be on from Saturday 21st July – Sunday 2nd September 2018. Families without access to a computer or internet can sign up at any of the borough's libraries. This is an exciting offer that can help youngsters keep fit, enjoy safe swimming and combat boredom over the six-week break.

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Event
3rd September	INSET DAY
4th September	Term starts for children for Reception to Year 6. Doors open at 8.45am, register is at 8.50am Reception 8:45am - 11:45am Preschool Stay & Play session 9am - 10am
5th September	Preschool start date. Morning session 8:45am and afternoon session 12:30pm Reception 8:45am - 1:00pm
6th September	Reception full day

2018 Summer Term Dates

Term Ends: Friday 20th July 2018

2018 Autumn Term Dates

Term Starts: Monday 03 September 2018

Half Term: Monday 29 October 2018 to Friday 2 November 2018

Term Ends: Friday 21 December 2018

2019 Spring Term Dates

Term Starts: Monday 07 January 2019

Half Term: Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019

Term Ends: Friday 12 April 2019

2019 Summer Term Dates

Term Starts: Monday 29 April 2019

Half Term: Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019

Term Ends: Monday 22 July 2019

Teacher Days 2018 -2019

Monday September 3rd 2018

Friday 7th December 2018

Monday 7th January 2019

Friday 24th May 2019

Monday 24th June 2019

Monday 22nd July last day of term 2019

(Election Day TBC 2nd or 3rd May 2019)