



Manor Way Primary Academy

Happy and successful learners

School News 7th September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We were excited to see all the children on Tuesday and we have had a fantastic week settling in and learning new routines. Our new children in Preschool and Reception have amazed us with how well they have come in and risen to the challenge of school and the full days. All our Mini's and Reception children should be very proud of themselves, they have been superstars and I think they will sleep well tonight!

We would also like to welcome the other new children who have joined our Manor Way family: They are Romeo in class 6, Cameron in class 2, Leighton in class 5 and Frankie in class 1. They have all made lots of friends and settled in brilliantly.

We have reminded ourselves about The Manor Way and our ASPIRE learning behaviours this week and our school aim, to be the best that we can be. We have also had our elections for the Junior Leadership Team roles and we would like to congratulate all the children who applied for roles and were elected.

Finally, we would like to thank Mrs Grinham and her sons for coming into school in the holiday and painting the picnic tables and the walls and fences to brighten up the outside lunch area, Everyone agrees that it looks fantastic.

Welcome Mrs Hutchinson



We are pleased to welcome Mrs Hutchinson to the Manor Way family who will be the new teaching assistant teaching in year 5 each morning. Mrs Hutchinson is a qualified teacher and has already worked with us leading on the fantastic Aboriginal art project across school. We are thrilled that she is bringing her experience and expertise to Manor Way.

Our Learning this Week...

Manor Way Minis

It has been delightful to meet all of the new children this week, especially to see their characters begin to shine! The children have enjoyed exploring their new classroom and have eagerly investigated the different areas of learning; the construction, role play and dinosaur small world, proved to be very popular! Both myself, Mrs Drew and Mrs Mason will continue to support the children to settle into Preschool and most importantly have lots of fun along the way. Have a lovely weekend and see you next week for more adventures!

Reception News

What a fantastic start to Manor Way Primary School we have had in Class R! The children have settled brilliantly into school and looked super smart in their new uniform. They have been great in the dining hall too, choosing what to have for dinner and carrying the trays or grab bags on their own. All the children will be very tired after stopping all day on Thursday and Friday, so may need a few early nights, along with Mrs France and Mrs Whitmore! Have a wonderful rest at the weekend and see you for more fun on Monday.



In **Year 1** we have had a wonderful start to the new school year! All the children look very smart and grown up. This week we have focused on learning behaviours and ensuring that we are always being the best that we can be. We have also been assigned job roles within the class, chosen a book from the library, drawn a picture of ourselves, read the story, 'Have you filled a bucket today?' and decorated our own buckets.

In **Year 2** we have had a great start to the term! The children have settled in well into their new classroom and have given themselves new monitor roles. We have had our first trip to the library and have started our new class reader - 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl.

In **Year 3** we have had a fantastic start to the term. I have been so impressed with how hard the children have worked this week! We have enjoyed visiting the library and finding our way around our new classroom. We have also begun our class reader, Beowulf, and we have noticed some interesting new vocabulary that we can borrow for our own writing!

In **Year 4** we have settled really well into our new class. We have learned that independence is important for learning, and we have also visited the library. We have begun our class novel, 'Across the Roman Wall', which is a fiction book based on our 'Romans' topic. We are already learning new vocabulary to use in our own writing!

In **Year 5**, we to have settled really well into life in upper key stage two. We have been getting to grips with the expectations for being in year 5 and beginning to learn some of the times tables and spellings. We have also visited the library. We will begin our topic on Ancient Greece next week and look at important artefacts.



In **Year 6**, we have had a fabulous start to the year and even welcomed a new member! We have really focused on how we can show ASPIRE learning behaviours in our classroom using a range of challenging activities and have started to think about our Ancient Egyptian topic. We're already hooked on our class novel 'The Red Pyramid' by Rick Riordan and we're learning some great vocabulary from it. Please note, due to availability of the sports coaches, Year 6 PE will now take place on a Wednesday and Friday.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 11th September taking individual and sibling photographs during the school day. There is an opportunity for families, who are free on Tuesday, to come in with their children before the start of school from 8-8.50am to have photographs taken. Preschool parents are welcome to bring children in at 9am if you would like a photograph. As this is early on at the start of term and short notice we have also requested a further date this half term for family portraits and Preschool photos and we will share this with you, with plenty of notice, as soon as the photographers confirm with us.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 16th October and Wednesday 17th, from 3.45pm. Booking information will come via ParentMail and you will be able to book from 17th September 2018.

Money

Please can we remind parents that if children are bringing money into school that it is in a named, labelled and sealed envelope. Thank you.

After School Clubs

We have planned the clubs for this year based on feedback received and also added new clubs both before and after school based on children's requests. Clubs will start the week beginning 10th September.

We are trialling two new morning clubs; Multi skills for Years 1 and 2 and Dance for Years 1 - 3 which will start at 8:00am. In the morning, pupils can come in their PE kit with their school uniform in their bag. Alternatively, they can come in their uniform and change into their PE kit. Please bring children through the front door and hand over to the coach to sign them in.

In order to allocate your child's space for their chosen club, please fill out the online consent form which was sent out on Thursday 6th September. Alternatively, you can call the school office and speak to Miss Moretto. Please note that spaces are limited to 20 per club and they will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If your child is not allocated a space they will be added to the waiting list and we will contact you when one becomes available. Please let us know, if for any reason, your child cannot continue with the club so we can offer the space to someone else.

| Day | Club | When | Year Group | Cost |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|-------|
| Monday | Football | After school | Yr 1 - 2 | £3.00 |
| Tuesday | Multi Skills | Before school (8am - 8:45am) | Yr 1 - 2 | £2.00 |
| | Athletics | After school | KS2 | £2.00 |
| | Dodgeball | Afterschool | KS2 | £3.00 |
| Wednesday | Netball | After school | KS2 | £2.00 |
| | Musical Theatre | After school | Yr 2 - 6 | £2.00 |
| Thursday | Running Club | Lunchtime | Yr 3 | FREE |
| | Gymnastics | Lunchtime | KS1 | FREE |
| | Football | After school | KS2 | £3.00 |
| | Tennis | After school | Yr 3 - 4 | £2.00 |
| Friday | Dance | Before school (8am - 8:45am) | Yr 1 - 3 | £2.00 |
| | Fencing | After school | KS2 | £2.00 |
| | Gymnastics | After school | KS2 | £2.00 |

Contacts

New safeguarding guidelines now require schools to have at least two emergency contacts per child on our system. Thank you for sending these in. Please can you inform school if there are any changes to these contacts.

Communication

If you would like to talk to anyone at school there is a member of staff on the playground from 8.30am in the morning and teachers are available on the playground after school. Alternatively, you can phone the office or email: information@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk and enter the staff members name in the subject. Your email will be passed on. Thank you.

Praise Assembly New Time - 9.30am

A reminder that Praise assembly is now on Friday mornings at 9.30am.

Attendance Week ending Friday 7th September 2018

Reception: 98.85%

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 96.64%

Year 3: 97.40%
 Year 4: 97.91%
 Year 5: 99.07%
 Year 6: 99.16%

Well done and congratulations to **Year 1** for receiving the 'Attendance Trophy' this week.

Attendance

Attendance this week has been superb and everyone has been coming into class on time and ready to learn. A reminder for new parents that the school doors open at **8:45am** for children to hang their coats up and sort out their bags and books. The playground door this year will close at **8.50am**. The register is taken from 8:50 am. We ask that children arrive on time to ensure a positive start to their learning.

Children who arrive late after the gates are closed are asked to go to the school office, with their parents, to sign in with Miss Moretto and organise lunch arrangements.

Please can you phone the office before 9.30am if your child is ill.

Children who achieve 100% attendance will be awarded an attendance award each term. We understand that 100% attendance is not always possible, as children can be ill, however we will talk with parents if attendance falls below 96%, to understand how we can support you and your child in improving attendance.

| If your attendance over the school year is | You will miss this many sessions | and this many lessons |
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| 95% | 10 | 50 |
| 90% | 19 | 95 |
| 85% | 29 | 145 |
| 80% | 39 | 195 |
| 75% | 49 | 245 |
| 70% | 58 | 290 |

Dates for your Diary

| Dates | Event |
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| 11th September | Academy Photography in school |
| 14th September | Mastery Sessions Begin at Windsor (Y6) |
| 1st October | Astley Burf residential Year 5 |
| 9th October | Swimming Year 5 starts (9 weeks) |
| 16th October | Parents' Evening 3.45 - 6.45pm Open Day for new Reception children 2019 starting at 9.30am |
| 17th October | Open Day for new Reception children 2019 starting at 9.30am Parents' Evening 3.45 - 6.45pm |
| 19th October | FMW Glow in the Dark Disco Times TBC |
| 25th October | Break Up for half term |
| 5th November | School Opens |
| 9th November | Remembrance Day |
| 5th December | Christmas Lunch TBC |
| 7th December | INSET DAY |

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| 14th December | FMW Christmas Fair pm |
| 18th December | Christmas Hat making |
| 19th December | Christmas Dinner |
| 20th December | Christmas Party |
| 21st December | Break Up Learning Reviews go home |
| 7th January 2019 | INSET DAY |
| 8th January 2018 | School Opens |

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)