



Manor Primary School

'Learning Together, Achieving Our Best'

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Thank you to all those who came along to our Open Day this week. It was lovely to see so many parents and family members around school and experiencing the children's learning. We hope that you found this an enjoyable and informative experience.

All parents should have received a copy of our 'Mastery Policy'. This gives important information about our approach to teaching and explains how we work with children to ensure that their knowledge and understanding of concepts are deep and secure. If you have not received this, it is available on our website.

Diary Dates

Monday 20th February—Non-pupil day

Tuesday 21st February—Return to school

Tuesday 21st Feb—NSPCC visiting for a 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assembly & KS2 workshops

Wednesday 22 Feb, 2.30—Stoats assembly, parents/families welcome

Change of Menu—Thursday 23rd February

Please note there will be a change to the usual menu on the first Thursday back after half term—please see the menu on the reverse of this newsletter.

Book Week—advance notice!

Please remember that we are celebrating World Book Day with a Book Week from 27th Feb-3rd March. On Thurs 2nd March, children may come to school dressed as a book character. You may wish to start thinking about their costumes, but please do not go to any great expense; items from home/charity shops are perfectly adequate! We will also be asking the children to bring a new/good quality second-hand children's book as a donation on the Thursday. These will be used for a book sale the following day to raise money for the Friends.

Gym & Dance Show letter

Two letters have been sent home with the children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 who are taking part in the ICC Gym and Dance Show on 7th March. The first letter was about purchasing tickets and the second letter about general information, including costumes. If your child is taking part and you have not seen either of these letters, please find them on the website.

Lost Property

Please note that from next half-term, we will be operating a different system with regards to lost property. Any unnamed items that are found will be put into a central box in main reception. This box will be emptied every Friday and the contents displayed outside at the end of the day. Any items that remain unclaimed after this will be disposed of. Children and parents may ask at reception to look through the box during the week if they have lost something.

Please remember that we would not have an issue with lost property if all items brought to school were suitably named! This includes all items of clothing, book bags, lunch boxes, bottles etc. There are various websites available which sell laundry-safe, stick on labels—something that you may wish to invest in. Permanent markers are another option, but do need to be 'topped up'. Items that are named are easily reunited with their owner—those that are unnamed are rarely reclaimed.

Well done to Foxes who have won the attendance shield for the second week with attendance of 98.8%
Congratulations to Beech for winning the House Points Cup with 145 house points.

Well done to this week's winners of Gold Certificates—
Freya & Roxy (Hares), James & Lewis (Foxes), Megan & Ava (Hedgehogs), Ronnie & Hollie (Squirrels)

Forthcoming 'Theme for the Week'

Keeping Safe

