



Manor Primary School

'Learning Together, Achieving Our Best'

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Thank you very much for your patience this week when our driveway has been out of use. As you are probably aware, a very large branch fell off a tree and we had to be sure of the tree's safety before we could allow people to go near it. The tree has now been safely pollarded and the driveway is back in use.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th Sep—Individual school photos

Wednesday 20th Sep— 'Meet the Team' evening—
Year 1/2 - 3pm; Year 3/4 - 3.45pm; Year 5/6 - 4.30pm

Tuesday 26th Sep—European Day of Languages

Friday 30th Sep—10-11.15am, Macmillan Coffee Morning - all families are invited to join us.

No Nuts Policy

Please note that we have a pupil with a severe nut allergy. Please ensure that all food sent into school, including all snacks and lunches, is nut-free.

School Development Plan

We have recently completed our School Development Plan for the year ahead. This identifies the main areas that we will be focusing on to ensure that we continue to provide the best possible education for our children. These priorities are informed by a wide range of evidence which includes the feedback that has been given through parent and pupil questionnaires. Our priorities this year will be:

Priority 1 – To improve and refine children's basic skills (e.g. handwriting, spelling, times tables etc.)

Priority 2 – To encourage and support children's love of reading, both within and beyond the classroom.

Core Priority 3 – To continue developing children's access to learning outdoors.

Core Priority 4 – To continue developing children's achievement of mastery — i.e. ensuring that they develop a deep understanding of skills and topics in all areas and can apply this depth of learning across the curriculum.

Guinea Pig Hutch Needed

We need a new outdoor hutch and run for our guinea pig, Spike. If anyone has anything suitable that they would like to get rid of (or knows of anything) we would be very grateful to hear from you.

One Way System and Road Safety

Please can we remind parents, and inform new parents who are unaware, that an unofficial one-way system operates in Manor Drive during the morning and afternoon drop off and collection times—in at the top entrance to the road and out at the bottom. We would be very grateful if all parents could adhere to this as it significantly eases traffic flow and congestion.

Traffic outside school remains a real issue. Please could parents try not to park in Manor Way or Manor Close at the beginning and end of the day, and when arriving and leaving drive no faster than 10mph (i.e. dead slow) in order to keep our children safe.

Clubs

A clubs letter has been sent home with the children this week and is available on the website—please ensure that this is returned by Monday. Some clubs are limited in numbers but please assume your child has a place unless you hear differently. Please remember that clubs will run for 8 weeks this term—weeks commencing 18th Sep, 25th Sep, 2 Oct, 9 Oct, 30th Oct, 6th, 13th & 20th Nov.

Well done to Robins & Dormice who have won the attendance shield with an attendance rate of 100%

Congratulations to Willow - this week's winners of the House Points cup with 81 house points.

Well done to this week's Gold Certificate winners — Lily-Grace (Hares) and Isla (Badgers)



Forthcoming 'Theme for the Week'

Celebrating democracy—what is democracy, why is it important and where do we see this in school?

