



Manor Primary School

'Learning Together, Achieving Our Best'

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Happy New Year to all our children and families—we hope you had an enjoyable Christmas. Welcome back to school for the new term! Please look out for your Spring Term Curriculum letters also being sent home and available on the website today.

Diary Dates for the Half Term (please note that separate letters will be sent home for many of the events listed below)

Friday 13th Jan—Y3/4 Anglo-Saxon workshop morning with Steve Manning.

Wednesday 1st February—Year 1 visual screening

Thursday 9th February—Open Day (all parents will be invited to come into school, either during the day or after school, to experience the children’s learning and look at their work).

Monday 13th Feb—Friday 17th Feb—Half Term

Monday 20th February—Non-pupil day

Tuesday 21st February—Return to school

DATE CHANGE—please note that next half-term, the date for the Easter Tea has changed from Friday 31st March to Thursday 30th March.

Holiday dates for the academic year 2017-18 will be published on our website within the next two weeks.

Milk Cartons Needed!

The Dormice and Robins classes would be very grateful for donations of washed and clean 4 pint plastic milk cartons, which they intend to use to build an igloo! If you are able to donate any please drop to the classrooms or at main reception. Thank you!

Requesting Absence

As you will be aware, we are only able to authorise school absences under exceptional circumstances. All requests must be made using the S2 form, which is available from reception. This includes absences for half days, which count as a school session.

There have been a few instances lately where parents have arrived to collect their children from school early. Unfortunately, this causes extra work for the office staff and disruption in the classroom, in addition to the fact that the child is missing learning. Please note again that we are only able to facilitate this under exceptional circumstances such as a medical or dental appointment for the child. Under such circumstances please advise us in advance and bring proof of the appointment such as a letter or appointment card.

Please note that this advice has been given to us by the school’s Education Welfare Officer, who monitors our children’s attendance and any patterns of absence on a regular basis.

New children

We would like to welcome the new children who have joined us this term—Emily (Hedgehogs), Nikita (Bats), Oliver (Dormice) and Owen (Otters). We hope they will all be very happy with us here at Manor.

Well done to Hares who have won the attendance shield with an attendance rate of 98.3%

Congratulations to Beech for winning the House Points Cup with 67 house points.

Forthcoming 'Theme for the Week'

New Year’s Resolutions—why do we make them and how can we make sure we keep them?

