

# Manor Way Primary Academy

## Happy and Successful Learners



### School News 17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well what an incredible end to a fantastic term!

We have tried really hard to ensure that our children enjoyed Christmas festivities, despite working within guidelines, and we have seen many smiles during the festive fun over the last week!

Thank you for your very generous donations to the Black Country Foodbank and Monarch Mutts. Your generosity was overwhelming and the donations were gratefully received.

A big thank you goes to Father Christmas for spending a day with us and to Mrs Christmas, who also organised 230 bags of Reindeer dust for all the children. Thank you to the Friends of Manor Way for their support with the raffle, the Christmas fair and with the grotto. We simply couldn't do it without you all! Please have a look at the video that was sent to us by the elves that came to Manor Way! [Elf video](#)

Last week also saw us being thrilled and so very proud of the children who performed at the WAT conference and another big thank you to the parents who came to bring the children and watch the performance. There wasn't a dry eye in the ICC!

You will have now received your child's Autumn Learning overview and we hope that you find the learning overviews helpful in knowing where your child is with their learning and what they will be covering in their curriculum next term. The NTS test booklets have also been sent home and we hope that these will support you in understanding the gaps in your child's learning and where they are succeeding. Please remember that these booklets assess the whole year's curriculum and your children are only one third of the way through the year so there will be content that they are yet to cover. As always, if you have any questions please ask your class teacher.

We know that the current situation is ever changing and if there is any new guidance from the government or the Department for Education that will impact our school in January we will share this with you as soon as we can.

I wish you all a very safe, healthy and merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

**Lisa Buffery** - Executive Headteacher

**Gemma Fox** - Deputy Headteacher

## Our learning this week

**In Preschool**, the children have thoroughly enjoyed all the winter and Christmas activities that have been happening over the past two weeks! We have also been keeping an eye on Ralphie, our class Christmas elf! They have been working tirelessly learning the dance and songs for their very first nativity- well done all! Recently we have enjoyed getting crafty with sticks we have found in the forest, as well as making calendars and Christmas cards! The children were delighted to join in with Christmas lunch, topped off by a magical trip to see Santa in the grotto! We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing everyone in the new term! Have a well earned rest Preschool, I can't wait to hear about what you get up to! Best wishes from Miss Hurst and Mrs Hadley.



**In Reception**, the children have loved celebrating Christmas over the last two weeks. All the children performed fantastically in the Nativity, 'Lights, Camel, Action'. It was so magical to see Santa in the Grotto, sit by the fire and to drink hot chocolate. We all enjoyed the Christmas dinner, wearing our Christmas jumpers. The children looked amazing in their elf costumes too. We have been continuing to decorate our cards and calendars. For literacy we have been recapping all the phonics sounds we have learnt so far and in maths counting and recognising numbers to the big day! Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, looking forward to seeing you all in 2022! Best wishes from Mrs Whitmore, Mrs Mason and Mrs France.



**In Year 1**, we have had a fantastic time in the lead up to Christmas. We made Christmas scented tree decorations and sold them at the school fayre. We performed our Nativity play for our parents and were outstanding as angels and villagers! We have been busy making Christmas cards and advent calendars and have been doing some writing about Edgar the excitable dragon. In fact, we have worked so hard that we even had a visit from Father Christmas in the grotto. A well earned rest is now in order for the Wonderful Ones. Wishing all of the children and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy start to 2022!



**In Year 2,** this week we have had an amazing time! We enjoyed visiting Santa in his Grotto, dressing up as elves and coming to school in our Christmas jumpers and jeans! We also had a wonderful time singing Christmas carols. Also this week, we continued to write effective sentences for the story, 'The Building Boy' and we started our new Whole Class Reading text, 'The Dark'. In maths, we have been learning about pictograms, block graphs and tally charts. In our curriculum lessons, we have been drawing maps of our local area and learning about the continents and oceans. We can't believe how quickly the Autumn term has gone! We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing everyone in the new term. Take care.



**In Year 3,** we have had the most festive couple of weeks. We have loved finishing our DT projects, visiting Santa in his Grotto and rocking our Christmas jumpers whilst eating Christmas dinner. Oh and we couldn't forget the fantastic silent disco! We have loved publishing our narrative writing inspired by 'The Snowman and the Snowdog'. We focused on using similes and metaphors to make our work even more magical. Well done on an excellent Autumn term, Class 3! I wish you all a very merry christmas and a wonderful new year. I already can't wait to see you all in January!



**In Year 4,** we have enjoyed publishing and illustrating our Christmas poems this week. We have also been learning the short method of division. We have completed our Italy and Iceland theme by creating a presentation about where we would like to live and why and then showing these to the class. We also enjoyed our DT unit, where we made and sold marshmallow Christmas trees at the Christmas Fayre. They were very popular and delicious too! We have really enjoyed getting into the festive spirit in this last week of term and taking part in lots of fun activities. Have a fabulous Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year!



**In Year 5**, we have been writing away, publishing a narrative about a character pursuing their chosen careers. In maths, we have been learning about factors, multiples and mental strategies for multiplication and division. We had a very tasty experience learning about the moon phases in science. This week has been filled with crafty fun, making our wreaths for the Christmas fair and creating some beautiful calendars ready for the new year in art. Well done for a fantastic term, Class 5. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year – I can't wait to see you in 2022!



**In Year 6**, we have worked tirelessly at the start of the week completing some of our final tasks including our superb non-chronological reports all about the Amazon Rainforest. I have also really enjoyed hearing our presentations about how we can help conserve rainforests for the future. For maths, I have been really pleased with how we have identified nets of 3D shapes and learnt to use a protractor to measure angles accurately. In addition, we have had great fun visiting Santa's grotto and taking part in National Elf Service Day too. I can't believe just how swiftly the Autumn term has gone- blink and you will have missed it! Thank you for all of your support this term and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



## Attendance

Whole School Attendance from 6th–9th December: 94.85%	
Reception	85.33%
Year 1	90.83%
Year 2	97.90%
Year 3	97.81%
Year 4	99.57%
Year 5	97.03%
Year 6	95.26%



**Well done and congratulations to Year 4 for receiving the Attendance Trophy last week!**

## Class Dojo

The teachers and staff at Manor Way Primary Academy wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Just to let you know that the staff will be offline on Class Dojo from 4.30pm today for a well earned break and will be back online at 9am on Tuesday 4th January.

If you have a family emergency, covid related incident or a safeguarding issue then please Class dojo Miss Buffery direct.

## Elfie Winner

The winner of who's Elfie was Harrison B. A big congratulation to all of you who had the correct answers.

## Black Country Foodbank

[Black Country Foodbank](#) vouchers help vulnerable individuals and families in crisis, through the provision of 3 days emergency food supplies, while a longer-term solution is developed. The services they provide have an enormous impact on the people who use them, giving them an important breathing space at a time of great need. If you would like to find out more then click on the link above.

Manor Way can distribute vouchers and if you or anyone you know needs support please ask at Reception.

## National Elf Service Day

On Thursday we held National Elf day and supported both the Black Country Foodbank and Monarch Mutts. We would like to thank all of you for your generosity.





## Friends of Manor Way Christmas Fair

The Friends of Manor Way are pleased to announce that the Christmas Fair and raffle raised £576, this is an amazing amount when you consider that there were no parents attending.

Friends of Manor Way would like to thank all parents who sent in donations for the fair and to the volunteers who gave up their Friday afternoon to help.

## School Applications

We are offering Reception Open Days for all prospective parents on the following date:

**Thursday 13th January 10- 11am**

If your child already attends the Manor Way Preschool and you would like to learn more about the Reception Class at Manor Way you are welcome to visit us for our open day on 13th January. (This is also open to new families). **If you would like to join us for a visit please contact the school office to let us know.** Please note that sadly attendance at our Preschool does not guarantee a place here for Reception and you will still need to follow the usual application process detailed in the links below.

[Primary Link](#)- Applications open now

## Christmas Holiday Events in the Local Area

We have been made aware of some events taking place in the local area during the holidays to share with you. Please carry out your own safety and suitability checks.

### Moseley Old Hall- [Christmas Story Telling](#)- Saturday 18th Dec

Join us for a Christmas storytelling and 17th century games session in the Hall. Gather around the fire in the Garden Parlour and listen to a magical festive tale. End your experience with a special Christmas gift. Normal admission costs also apply.

### Wolverhampton Art Gallery- [A range of activities](#)

### Himley Hall & Park- [Himley's Magical Christmas Portal](#)- Thursday 16th- Sunday 19th Dec

Himley's magical  
**Christmas portal**

SHOWS FROM THU 16 - SUN 19 DECEMBER AT HIMLEY HALL

includes  
Large screen interactive Christmas show,  
festive food market,  
entertainment and vintage funfair

THE 1:1 DIET  
by Oakdale Health Hub  
Dudley

Tickets from £5. **BOOK NOW** at [www.himleyhallandpark.co.uk](http://www.himleyhallandpark.co.uk)

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**SHOW TIMES:**

THURSDAY 16TH  
4:30PM, 5:30PM, 6:30PM

FRIDAY 17TH  
4:30PM, 5:30PM, 6:30PM, 7:30PM

SATURDAY 18TH AND SUNDAY 19TH  
10AM, 11AM, 12PM, 1PM, 2:30PM, 3:30PM,  
4:30PM, 5:30PM, 6:30PM

Times and dates correct at time of printing

Tickets from £5. **BOOK NOW** at [www.himleyhallandpark.co.uk](http://www.himleyhallandpark.co.uk)

## DIARY DATES

<b>Wed 5th Jan 22</b>	School reopens to pupils
<b>Thurs 13th Jan</b>	10-11am Reception Open Day- contact office to book
<b>Sat 15th Jan</b>	Applications close for Reception 2022- <a href="#">Primary Link</a>
<b>Thurs 20th Jan</b>	Jolly January Lunch

## TERM DATES

### 2021- 2022 Spring Term Dates

Term Starts: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Half Term: Monday 21st February- Friday 25th February 2022

Term Ends: Friday 8th April 2022

### 2021- 2022 Summer Term Dates

Term Starts: Monday 25th April 2022

Half Term: Monday 30th May- Friday 3rd June 2022

Term Ends: Thursday 21st July 2022 (pick up 1pm)

## **2022- 2023 Autumn Term Dates**

Term Starts: Monday 5th September 2022

Half Term: Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October 2022

Term End Friday 16th December 2022

## **Inset Days 2021- 2022**

**Tuesday 4th January 2022**

(Monday 2nd May- May Day Bank Holiday)

Monday 27th June 2022 TBC

(Friday 22nd July 2022 Extra Bank Holiday)