

School News 2nd February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had a great weekend and we hope that any children and families that are unwell are recovering quickly.

We are looking forward to Parents' Evening on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th February and thank you for booking your appointment. If you haven't booked your appointment please book via ParentMail. We have taken the decision to move to a virtual Parents' Evening at this current time due to the number of cases across school and the local community over the past few weeks. You will receive further information about joining the virtual Parents' Evening before the end of this week.

We are looking forward to the Grand Opening of the Early Years Area very soon and we can't wait to invite our Reception and Nursery parents into the area to see the children playing. They absolutely love it!

Have a wonderful week and if you are celebrating Chinese New Year very soon then we wish you a Happy New Year!

Lisa Buffery - Executive Headteacher

Gemma Fox - Deputy Headteacher

Staffing



Congratulations to Miss Brown who will be moving to Tenterfields Primary to take up a new Administration Role. Her last day at Manor Way will be 17th February, although she will be popping over to enable the smooth transition of our new receptionist.

We wish Miss Brown the best of luck in her new role.

Mrs Jeavons will be starting as Receptionist from 14th February and we look forward to welcoming her to Manor Way.

Hello All. I have worked part time at a Stourbridge Primary School for the last 7 years and I am looking forward to coming to Manor Way Primary Academy. I live with my husband, 2 children and black Labrador Tilly. I like spending time with my family, watching movies, being in my garden and walking.





Mrs Hadley will be leaving her teaching assistant role at the end of this week to move into supply teaching. We wish her all the best for her future career and thank her for all her hard work while being at Manor Way.

We are pleased to welcome our new Teaching Assistant starting with us on 1st February, her name is Mrs Smith and she will be working in school Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She is a highly experienced teaching assistant and a trained Forest School Leader. Look out for the Forest School after school club coming shortly!

My name is Mrs Smith, I have been a teaching assistant in primary schools for almost 30 years. I have four children and eight grandchildren. I enjoy a lot of hobbies and love being creative. There is nothing I enjoy more than being with children and teaching them new skills. I am really looking forward to being a part of the Manor way team and getting to know all the children.



Celebrating Success

Praise Certificates were awarded to the following children. A huge well done to them all for working hard on their ASPIRE Character Virtues!

  Praise Certificates- Friday 21st January  		
R	Evie W	For being responsible in all areas of the classroom, looking after our equipment
Year 1	Charlie C	For being very responsible when taking on roles in the classroom
Year 2	Owen H	For being a responsible member of the class and a superb role model for his peers
Year 3	Harry C	For being a responsible member of the class
Year 4	Maya Y	Responsible attitude to her writing
Year 5	Kabir M	For being a responsible member of the class and a role model at all times
Year 6	James P	For being responsible and setting an excellent example to his peers

  Praise Certificates- Friday 28th January  		
Year 1	Noah B	Being resilient coming to a new school and adapting to new routines and friendships so well
Year 2	Theo H	A resilient attitude towards his writing
Year 3	Lily-Rose P	A resilient attitude across all lessons
Year 4	Esther J	Resilient attitude towards her learning
Year 5	Charlie J	Showing resilience when finding the area of non-rectilinear shapes
Year 6	Riley P	Being resilient when tackling tricky, multi-step problems

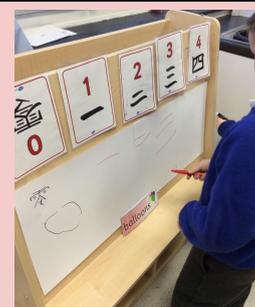
Hot Chocolate Friday

Hot Chocolate Friday awards are given to celebrate pupils who are always displaying the right attitude and behaviour. The following children received these awards during the last two weeks:

Hot Chocolate Friday!	
Reception	Harrison
Year 1	Dominic & Ayla
Year 2	Lino & Matthew
Year 3	Hope
Year 4	Holly & Scarlett
Year 5	Sophie M & Lottie
Year 6	Jared & Zainab

Our learning this week

In Preschool, we have been learning all about space! Inspired by our Whole Class Reading "Whatever Next!". We started our week by designing our very own rockets, and some children set to work building their rockets with recycled materials. Preschool have been working in collaboration with each other to support one another with tasks such as dressing into role play costumes! We look forward to seeing you next week!



In Reception, we have been learning all about bears, inspired by our new whole class reading book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We have been on a bear hunt in the forest area and in maths, added the compare bears onto a ten frame. For phonics we learnt the phase 3 sounds ur, ow, oi, ear, oo (moon), oo(book), ar, or. We hope that all the children who have not been in school are on the mend and will look forward to seeing them next week.

In Year 1, we have continued learning about our new class text, 'Grandad's Island,' through drama and role play. We have taken a voyage on the sea and have had a visit from 'Grandad' who showed us some of the treasures from his attic. In maths, we have been learning about numbers to 50 and we are beginning to learn about place value. We finished our ASPIRE topic by designing and making puppets which represent an ASPIRE characteristic or learning skill. They were fantastic!



In Year 2, this week we have planned and written our own versions of 'The Building Boy' story; we have worked very hard on these and produced some excellent writing. In maths, we have begun our new unit on 'Time'. In science, we have been learning about 'habitats'. In our curriculum lessons, we have thought about what we would like to be when we grow up. In whole class reading, we have continued to read and enjoy 'The Hodgeheg'.

In Year 3, we have had a super week! We have published our instructions for 'How to grow a strong mind'. In maths, we have been exploring how to multiply and divide by 10,100 and 1000. In curriculum, we have been learning 'The Cup Song'. At first we found it quite challenging but we have persevered and we are beginning to master it. In whole class reading, we have started our new book 'Goth Girl'. Our predictions have been decided, we wonder who will be correct!

In Year 4, we have been using time graphs to answer questions and understand data. We have also been looking at multiplication patterns, focusing on the seven and nine times tables. In our English lessons, we have begun a new unit of work, The Whale. We carried out research onto different types of whales and also investigated the main character in the story, by looking at the contents of her rucksack to see what clues this held for us. We have been enjoying reading our whole class text, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and are looking forward to finding out what will happen next in the adventure!

In Year 5, we have calculated the perimeter and area of rectangle, rectilinear and even non-rectilinear shapes. We are all now engrossed in, and, very much enjoying our whole class reading book, Who Let the Gods out. In our ASPIRE topic, we have been looking at what qualifications we will need to pursue our future career aspirations and have also had a go at writing a CV! We have written some very official sounding sentences for a balanced argument about screen use and are almost ready to start writing a balanced argument about school times independently.



In Year 6, this week I have been delighted with how we have calculated the area and perimeter of 2D shapes - this can be really tricky but we have all shown great resilience! In addition, our Graveyard Book stories are drawing to a conclusion now and I am really excited to finish them off. In particular, I have been really impressed with how everyone has used direct speech to show character dialogue. As well as this, in Class 6 we had great fun drawing pictures of ourselves in 1, 5 and 10 years time. We then had to explain how our ASPIRE character virtues and learner skills will help us achieve these aspirations. Well done Class 6 on another great week at Manor Way!



National Storytelling Week

This week is National Storytelling Week.

To celebrate, we will be running a storytelling competition with a £25 book voucher up for grabs! You can find out more [here](#).

We can't wait to hear your stories! Please make sure you've sent them in to us by Monday 7th February.



Covid Guidance

The government has updated their guidance and you can access the information [here](#). Please can you contact the office if your child is positive and self isolating and also if they are testing daily with an LFD as there is a positive case in the house. Please be assured that we have updated our risk assessment and are continuing to work hard to follow guidance and to reduce transmission and keep our children and families safe.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance from 17th-21st January: 89.3%		
Reception	93.1%	 <p>Well done and congratulations to Year 2 for receiving the Attendance Trophy last week!</p>
Year 1	92.5%	
Year 2	95.2%	
Year 3	90.0%	
Year 4	72.1%	
Year 5	89.6%	
Year 6	92.7%	

Holiday taken during term time

Our [school attendance policy](#) states that:

Halesowen schools cannot grant leave of absence for family holidays, unless it is deemed truly exceptional circumstance. This applies to siblings who attend different Halesowen schools.

Healthy eating: Food Scanner App (Public Health England)

The NHS Food Scanner app brings food labels to life and helps you make healthier choices. Simply scan the barcode to see how much sugar, saturated fat and salt is in your food and drink then choose one of the healthier swap suggestions.

The app is part of a healthy eating campaign and the 'scan, swipe, swap' take-home pack has plenty of resources to help encourage children to build healthier habits for life.

Find the resources [here](#).

Manor Way Activity Club- Feb half term

The Manor Way Activity Club will be running 21st-25th February. Please contact Trudy Fowkes on 07746 592 589 for more information and to book places.

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.

Preschool Applications

We have places available in our Preschool for September starters.

To apply, or for more information, please contact the school office on:

information@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk.

DIARY DATES

Mon 7th Feb	Deadline for National Storytelling Week entries (see above)
Tues 8th Feb	Parents' Evening from 3.40pm- sign up via ParentMail
Thurs 10th Feb	Parents Evening from 3.40pm- sign up via ParentMail
7-11th March	Yr6 Mock SATs week
5th May	School Closed Election Day
9th-13th May	Yr6 SATs Week
8th-12th June	Yr 1 Phonics Screening Week

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)

Thursday 5th May 22 Election Day

Monday 27th June 2022 TBC

(Friday 22nd July 2022 Extra Bank Holiday)