Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter

Aiming for Excellence

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Dear parents, carers and friends,

As we reach the end of our first term of the academic year, it feels hard to believe how much has been packed into just a few short weeks. The change in weather and the arrival of autumn this week, have brought a very different feel to school life compared to the warm summer days when our building works were taking place. Those projects already seem a long time ago but over this coming half term, we are looking forward to more painting inside the KS2 building taking place, our Sensory Pod being lifted into place and connected and the start of the footings for a covered way between the buildings to take place. Plans continue to progress for the exciting two-classroom extension at the rear of the Key Stage 1 building. We are currently being advised that the project remains on track for completion towards the end of the summer term, and we look forward to sharing further updates as the work develops.

This term has been filled with learning, growth and achievement across the school. Our children have approached their learning with enthusiasm and determination, making excellent progress both academically and personally. It has been particularly pleasing to hear so many positive conversations during recent Parents' Evenings. These meetings provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate successes, discuss next steps and strengthen the partnership between home and school that play such an important role in supporting every child to thrive.

As always, I would like to thank our families for their continued support, encouragement and engagement throughout the term. Whether it is supporting learning at home, attending school events or working alongside us to overcome challenges, your contribution makes a real difference to our school community. We wish all of our children, families and staff a restful and enjoyable week away from school and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another busy and successful term. Please remember that the first day back is an INSET day and so the children return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

Wishing you a lovely half term

Paul Medlicott

Mrs. Burgess

Today we will be saying farewell to Mrs. Burgess who has been working at the school as a Teaching Assistant for seven years. Mrs. Burgess has had many roles within the school in that time and supported many children. We would like to thank her for her dedication, commitment, kindness and compassion and wish her all the very best for the future.

Y5/6 Football News

The boys football team enjoyed giving the new kit its first run out against Alexander Hosea school. A huge thank you to Becky Meadowcroft for organising and supplying the kit, which is sponsored by Octopus energy. I'm sure you all agree it looks fantastic - we look forward to both the boys' and girls' teams wearing it this year! Congratulations to the boys who went through to the next round after winning 7 - 0!



Fleeces

As the weather gets colder, we would like to confirm that we are happy for children to wear Manorbrook embroidered fleeces in classes as an addition or alternative to school jumpers. However, pupils must still have a waterproof coat to wear outside at playtimes so that they do not end up wearing damp fleeces indoors.

Parent Pay

This is a polite reminder that ordering of pupil meals needs to be undertaken by parents at home and must be done before 8.00am on the day of the meal. Parent Pay allows booking of meals up to 3 weeks in advance, providing plenty of opportunity for parents to ensure that children's meals are booked in a timely manner, thank you.

Individual School Photographs

Tempest will be in school on Tuesday 10th November to take individual school photographs.



Anti-bullying Week 16th - 20th November
Featuring Odd Socks Day

The above week is national Anti-bullying Week. We will discuss this important subject in an assembly. The theme this year is 'Break the Silence'.

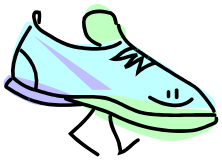
We will also be joining in with **Odd Socks day on Monday 16th November**, so please send your children into school in uniform but with 'odd socks' if you can. This is to signify that being different/ individual is something to be celebrated. Throughout the week the children will learn to identify bullying and to know what to do if they feel they are being bullied or worried. It may be helpful for you to know that we ask them to think of 'Five Trusted Adults', namely people they can go to for help or reassurance, not only in cases of bullying, but whenever they are upset, worried or unsure. They should all also know our anti-bullying rhyme, which is: "If you think you're being bullied, here's a simple rule; tell a friend or parent, or anyone

at school." this is displayed in every class and used in conjunction with the "Five Trusted Adults" messaging to remind them not to keep their worries to themselves

Road Safety

With the clocks going back on the 25th, this week, the children have completed the 'Be Bright Be Seen' sessions, watching and interacting with a presentation, delivered by a member of South Gloucestershire's Road Safety Team. The aim of these sessions is to help the children to make sensible decisions and keep themselves visible during the darker winter months.

Active Travel



We award the Strider prize to the class where there has been the most active travel during the week. This is awarded to either an Infant or Junior class (in line with Commendation Assembly).

This week's winners are Blackbirds with 82%
Last week's winners were Jackdaws with 92%

'Friends of Manorbrook' News

Quiz + Chips: Booking is also open for this old-favourite event – a great pub quiz, chippy takeaway and a well-stocked bar – on **Friday 20th November** from 7pm.

You can book tickets to this event at https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmanorbrook

Christmas Movie Night: this will be taking place on **Friday 27th November** - please save the date! To ensure we have plenty of tickets available, we will have 3 different events happening on the same night - one for Reception and Year 1, another for Years 2 and 3, and finally an event for Year 4 to Year 6. Please let your class rep know if you are able to help at any of these events, as we can't run events like this without your support.

Save the date: our **Christmas Fair** will be taking place on **Friday 11th December** from 6pm to 8pm. It is the perfect way to have some festive family fun, so keep the date free!

Please also make a note of these dates for your diary:

- **Donation day** - please bring in your donations for the fair in return for your child wearing non-school uniform on **Friday 4th December**.
- **Jolly jar day** - please send in your jolly jars (think party bag in a glass jar!) on **Monday 7th December**.

We will send out more information about how you can get involved in the fair after half term.

The next **FOM Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm** (for an 8pm start) at **The Ship Inn** (Thornbury Road, BS35 3LL). Come along and discuss events and fundraising over a drink. Everyone is welcome!

Cake sale: Thank you to the Year 4 and Year 5 bakers for their contributions to the cake sale. It raised a brilliant £218!

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Inset Days remaining – 2nd November, 4th January 2027, 25th March 2027, 30th April 2027

NOVEMBER		
Monday 2nd		**INSET DAY**
Tuesday 3rd		Children return to school
Thursday 5th	09.15	Prospective Parent Tours
Monday 9th	09.15	Prospective Parent Tours
Tuesday 10th		Individual Photographs
Wednesday 11th	13.30	Prospective Parent Tours
Tuesday 17th	09.15	Prospective Parent Tours
Friday 20th	19:00	FOM Quiz & Chips
Friday 27th		FOM Movie Night

DECEMBER		
Thursday 3rd	18:00	Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 8th		Choir at the Memory Cafe
Tuesday 8th	18:00	Nativity
Wednesday 9th	13:30	Nativity
Thursday 9th	18:00	Nativity
Friday 11th	18:00	FOM Christmas Fair
Friday 18th		Last day of term