



# MANOR PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER



20th October 2023

Welcome to this bumper edition of the newsletter. There is so much news to share with you this week!

### Early Finish 22/12/23



As is customary, we will be closing school at **1.30pm on Friday 22nd** December.

### Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open once again during parents' evenings, from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. There is a lovely selection of books. The more books we sell, the more free books we get for school. Thank you for all the support and spending so far.



### Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the EYFS and KS1 parents/carers who met with their child's teachers this week. KS2 consultations are on Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th.

### Sports Clubs/SCAMPS

If your child is booked into a sports club after half term, please note that they finish at **4.15pm**. If they are booked into session 2 at SCAMPS, we will collect them from the sports club.

### Lunch Time Changes

Following discussions with staff, children and parents, we have made a few changes to our lunch times.

Instead of watching stories, the children are now listening to relaxing music and being encouraged to have a *quiet* chat with their friends while eating.

We have also trialled having a KS1 class in the hall to eat, rather than staying in their classrooms. These changes seem to be working well so far! We will be working on moving more classes into the hall for their lunch over the coming weeks.

### Colder, Wet Weather

The colder, wet weather is certainly here now! Please ensure the children have joggers and a spare pair of socks/tights in their PE kits. Let's avoid soggy feet! Thank you!



### Walk to School

Our A\*STARS sheriffs will be encouraging children to walk, cycle or scoot to school next week as we will be taking part in the Walsall travel survey.

## Christmas Plays

We are very excited to announce that Christmas plays will be taking place in December this year. There will be 4 productions, with year groups working together. I am sure they will enjoy every moment and we cannot wait to see our stars of the future shining bright.

The dates for the plays are listed below. We will finalise the times and add them to next week's newsletter.

These will be ticketed events with 2 tickets available per family. You will be able to book through SchoolCloud. An email will be sent out with the link when the bookings go 'live', which will be shortly after half term.



### Nursery + Reception:

- Tuesday 12th, morning
- Wednesday 13th, morning

### Year 1 + Year 2:

- Thursday 14th, morning
- Friday 15th, afternoon

### Year 3 + Year 4:

- Tuesday 19th, afternoon
- Tuesday 19th, after school

### Year 5 + Year 6:

- Thursday 14th, afternoon
- Thursday 14th, after school

## Parking & Driving

What else can I say? Please park considerately on the roads surrounding school. Residents are still finding their drives blocked. Please also drive cautiously. There have been reports of parent/carers having near misses.

## Governors' Election

We have been thrilled with the interest in the role of Parent Governor. Thank you to all those nominated! You should have received an email with the personal statements of the candidates. A named envelope containing a ballot paper went out on Thursday. Don't forget to return your vote by Friday 27th October!

## Important Dates

### Parents' Evenings

24th & 25th October: Y3-Y6

### Parent Governor Elections

27th October - final day of voting!

### Half Term

30th October - 3rd November

### Flu Vaccinations

- Friday 10th November
- Friday 8th December

### Early Finish

School closes for the Christmas holidays at 1.30pm on Friday 22nd December.

### INSET Day

Monday 8th January