



Learning Together, Success Forever
Headteacher's Newsletter
Autumn 1

September 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready for the year ahead. Many thanks for the lovely cards, gifts, emails and good wishes which were sent in at the end of last term; they were very much appreciated by all the staff.

A particularly warm welcome to the new families that have joined Manor Park Infant School & Nursery. Our new children are settling in well.

We have had a fantastic first few weeks back and the children have all made a positive start back to school life. They look fantastic in their smart, clean uniforms. My sincere thanks to parents/carers for supporting the school's high standards.

This is the first of my termly newsletters which will be published on our website. The newsletter is a key source of communication and information which will enable parents to plan out the school term. Being a large infant school, life is always busy here with lots of exciting events already planned for the year ahead. The list of dates in the newsletter hopefully gives enough notice for events which may require further planning.

As always, if you have any other queries or questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or to our friendly office staff who will do their very best to be of help and assistance. My door is always open so please feel free to contact me at any point to make an appointment. We regularly update school news on the website so please look there for new information.

Miss Stefanie Hanson
Headteacher

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS- Mrs Castle

Welcome back to everyone at Manor Park. I would like to thank all of the staff, parents and carers for their efforts in getting the new academic year off to a fantastic start. It was wonderful to see how calm and welcoming the atmosphere was on the playground on the first day. This came down to the preparation done both at school and at home, to ensure the children arrived well prepared and ready start the new year.

Autumn is always a very busy term in a school and there are lots of things to look forward to. I hope to see many of you at the events we have planned. Myself and the other governors will be visiting the school regularly to see how the school is running and to offer our support where we can. We are in the process of updating the governor section on the school website, so soon you will be able to find out more about each of us and our role within the school. If you should ever wish to speak to me, you can contact me either through the school office or by email scastle@manorpark.notts.sch.uk

Mrs Sarah Castle
Chair of Governors

WELCOME

We welcome Mr James Mannion as Year 1 Teacher. I am sure you will all welcome him to our school.

GOVERNING BODY

I am pleased to inform you of our current Governing body.

Sarah Castle	Chair of Governors
Victoria Gilmore	Vice Chair
Dorothy Finch	Co-opted Governor
Tina Evans	Co-opted Governor
Julia Morris	Staff Governor
Christie Taylor	Local Authority Governor
Adam Godfrey	Parent Governor
Jenny Alexander-Brown	Parent Governor

TEACHING STAFF 2023-24

Miss Stefanie Hanson	Headteacher
Mr Tim Fennell	Deputy Headteacher
Mrs Rachel Bower	SENCO
Nursery (Foundation 1) Team	
Mrs Helen Dolby	Nursery Lead
Miss Emma Jones	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Suzanne Bell	Care Assistant
Mrs Liana Summerfield	Care Assistant
Foundation 2 Team	
Mr Tim Fennell	Teacher
Mrs Charlotte Revy	Teacher
Mrs Tina Evans	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Jan Page	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Michaela Sharpe	Care Assistant
Years 1 & 2 (Key Stage 1) Team	
Mrs Julia Morris (Y1)	Teacher
Mr James Mannion (Y1)	Teacher
Miss Hannah James (Y2)	Teacher
Mrs Rachel Bower (Y2)	Teacher
Mrs Fiona Thompson	Teaching Assistant
Miss Sophie O'Brien	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Leanne Brookes	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Liana Summerfield	Forest Schools

KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN

SEPTEMBER

Monday 25 th September	Partake Theatre Company in school – Years 1 & 2
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OCTOBER

Monday 2 nd October	Individual and Family Photographs in school from 8:15am
Monday 9 th October	Life Education Bus in school
Tuesday 10 th October	Harvest Festival – See below for details
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th October	Learning Reviews
Friday 20 th October	Last day at school before half term holiday
23 rd October – 3 rd November	Half term holiday

NOVEMBER

Monday 6 th November	Start back to school
W/C Monday 6 th November	Reading Week – See below for details

DECEMBER

Friday 1 st December	Calverton Christmas Lights Switch On – Manor Park Performance
Monday 4 th December	Pantomime in school
Tuesday 5 th December	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 5 th December	White Post Farm Trip - Nursery
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11 th December	Nursery Nativity Performance
Monday 11 th December	Brackenhurst Trip - Foals
Tuesday 12 th December	Brackenhurst Trip - Cubs
Wednesday 13 th December	Meerkats & Hummingbirds Nativity Performance – 9.30am
Thursday 14 th December	Falcons & Koalas Nativity Performance – 9.30am
Monday 18 th December	Cubs & Foals Nativity Performance – 9.30am
Thurs 21 st & Fri 22 nd December	Inset Days
Mon 25 th Dec – Weds 3 rd Dec	School Holidays

INSET DAYS FOR 2023/24

- 21st December 2023
- 22nd December 2023
- 28th March 2024
- 26th July 2024

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Parents/Carers/Family members may come along to the Methodist Church to watch their child perform at the following times on Tuesday 10th October –

- 9:30am - F2 (Cubs & Foals)
- 10:15am for Y1 (Meerkats & Hummingbirds)
- 11:00am for Y2 (Falcons & Koalas)

READING WEEK

During reading week parents/carers are invited into school at the allocated times to read with their child/ren in class. Times are as follows -

- Mon 6th & Tues 7th November – Nursery – 2.45pm
- Tuesday 7th November – Foals, Cubs & Meerkats – 8.45am
- Wednesday 8th November – Hummingbirds – 8.45am
- Thursday 9th November – Koalas – 8.45am
- Friday 10th November – Falcons – 8.45am

NAME LABELS

Please ensure all items of clothing, including shoes & coats, are labelled with your child's name. When items occasionally go missing it is extremely difficult to identify them without a name inside.

JEWELLERY

We have a number of children in school with very expensive jewellery. Please can we remind you of our jewellery policy on the school website. One small pair of stud earrings is the only jewellery permitted. Please do not send your children in any other jewellery. We will remove the jewellery and return to the adult who collects at the end of the day.

WATER BOTTLES

We are a healthy school, this means we encourage the children to drink water throughout the school day. Please do not send juice or fizzy drinks in school water bottles. These will be emptied and refilled with water.

LUNCH BOXES

Polite reminder – As we are a healthy school, we ask that all children who bring a lunch box have a healthy lunch provided and portion sizes are appropriate for the child.

WRAPAROUND CARE

Reminder that our wraparound care is situated onsite in the portacabin and is provided by JPAC. Please see website for details.

www.jpacschoolclubs.co.uk

BEHAVIOUR TOWER

We are still using our behaviour tower in all classrooms. The tower is based on our school values.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Please note that the school keeps strictly to Nottinghamshire County Council Policies regarding extended holidays:

1. Parents need to apply to the school for any leave
2. The school will only permit leave under **exceptional** circumstances
3. School will now enforce a fine for all holidays taken

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This newsletter is also available on the school website.