

MANOR PARK NEWSLETTER



Love for God ~ Love for Each Other - Love for Learning

Monday, 15. January 2025

Dear families

Happy New Year to all of you and I hope that you had good start to the New Year.

The children have all returned beautifully behaved and have immersed themselves into their learning. Please follow us on social media to see updates on their learning. We have emailed you the curriculum letters and they can also be found on our website so you are aware what our focus is this term.

Mrs. Hill and the Eco team are excited to announce that our Manor Park Pantry is nearly open. We would like to thank Waitrose for their generous donations. Through this project we want to teach the children how to live our mission "Love for God, Love for each other and Love for Learning" and support our community through social action. We also focus on sustainability and how we as a school community can make a difference. If you are interested in the project or would like to be involved please speak to Mrs. Hill.

Premier Education have taken over the running of our Wrap around care and had a wonderful start. We are excited to be working with them. Dorset Council have granted us some money to enhance the provision further. Look out for our new sports and craft resources that will arrive shortly. If you have any feedback please come and see us.

We wish you all a happy and peaceful week.

Manor Park First School.



Save the Date



- 14. January Early Years Coffee Morning 9AM
- 31. January Fire Safety Talk in school
- 3. February Parent consultation SEND
- 4. February Parent consultation SEND
- 14. February 2.45 PM Open afternoon all classes
- 17. February Half term (whole week)
- 24. February Return to school
- 3. March Parents' evening 3.30 - 7.00
- 4. March Parent's evening 3.30 - 7.00
- 6. March World Book DAY
- 10. March British Science week (all week)
- 24. March YEAR 4 Residential (Mo, Tue, Wed)
- 4. April Open afternoon 2.45 PM



Manor Park's Pantry

Thank you all for your support with the Pantry idea. Mrs. Hill is in the last stages of preparations and we aim to open as soon as possible. We have received some very generous donations from our school community and Waitrose. If you can offer any support please speak to Mrs. Hill. Look out for further information.

#Love for each other



The Eco Club has been busy helping to stock our pantry.



Continue to use our recycling bin - it not only helps the environment but also raises money for the school.



Attendance Winners this week:

We are excited to announce that our attendance is improving. Please remember being in school on time and every day is making a difference to your child's personal, social and academic achievement.

Attendance Winners this week are...

Reception
Hazel Class: 92.6%
K.S.1
Elm Class: 97.8%
K.S.2
Beech Class: 99.5%



ONLINE SAFETY: ENGAGING WITH PARENTS

1. Videos

Video has become an essential part of the online experience and is the perfect medium for delivering a message quickly and efficiently. Of 600 parents asked, 85% told us that they prefer to learn about online safety via e-learning videos that they can access in the comfort of their own home.

Source: National Online Safety Parent Survey - November 2018



How can schools help parents?

Explain and inform

Many parents rely on schools to help keep them up to speed and help deal with online issues. Stay on top of online safety related news, including social media developments and new app releases, and share important updates with parents.

Communicate clearly

Effective communication is essential for building school-family partnerships. Make it easy for parents to access online safety information. Plan your communications to parents so that you don't have too many things going out on the same day and try different ways to involve them.

Involve children

Inviting pupils to get involved in sharing online safety information enables parents/carers to hear first-hand how children and young people feel about using technology, and what steps they take to stay safe.

MAKE IT ENGAGING

it doesn't matter HOW much effort you put into an assembly, presentation or newsletter etc, IF the content isn't ENGAGING, you'll quickly lose their ATTENTION.



2. Social Media

most parents are active on social media, either directly or indirectly via family members. Use social media tools to engage with your community about online safety, whether it's sharing relevant articles/information, asking questions or simply sharing best practice that your school is undertaking - Social media is great (when used in the right way).

3. Closed groups / chat apps

Closed groups on platforms such as Facebook and WhatsApp are ideal for sharing messages and updates on a regular basis, as well as reminding parents of online safety guidance and activities. When creating a group, it's worth considering rules and etiquette guides about what can be posted, and introduce processes for approving or restricting comments.

4. Posters and infographics

Sharing posters and infographics to parents via your website or social channels can make essential online safety information engaging and memorable. A well-designed infographic can catch the eye, break down complex information and present it in a way that is both relevant and understandable to your community.

7 fun ways to share key messages

While parents' evenings and meetings are a great way of informing Parents and carers about online safety, it can be difficult to get all parents physically into the school at the same time.



85% of parents say they prefer to learn about online safety via digital resources.

5. Email Newsletters

Email communication is great for sharing more in-depth information for parents to look at in one place. It's also a reliable way of knowing a message has been delivered (as you can track it). You can send monthly newsletters (or more frequent) updates to keep parents clued up on the latest emerging trends and news relating to the online world and evolving risks.

6. Blogs

A blog is a great way to develop a whole school culture of communication and allows parents to hear directly from school staff and pupils on topics including online safety and technology trends. Why not consider having a variety of authors, including staff, pupils and parents to form a balanced view. It may also be worth having a dedicated area on your school website to online safety.

7. Online learning

We typically see an engagement rate of 10% or less in in-person online safety sessions between school and their parents. Time is precious and accessibility is important - online training ticks most boxes when it comes to making information readily available to your entire community in a more engaging and interactive way.



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