



NEWSLETTER

Dates for your Diary Spring Term

- 14th February - 3.15 Reception Cake Sale
- 15th February - INSET Day
- **25th February - Children return after Half Term**
- 25th February - Reception Heights & Weights
- 26th February - February Floss
- 27th February - 6pm PTA Meeting
- 27th February - Reception Heights & Weights
- 28th February - Reception Heights & Weights
- 28th March Year 3 Performance
- 3rd April to 5th April 2019-Year 4 Hooke Court

**PLEASE NOTE ALL NEW EVENTS
ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN BOLD**

Free From Waste Friday

Thank you for all those who donated items for the 'Free From Waste Friday' event that Year 3 held last week. We managed to raise a staggering £80 which will be used to purchase eco-friendly items for the school.



Farewell Mr Balmforth, Mr Smith and Mrs Gough

Today we said goodbye to Mr Balmforth, Mr Smith and Mrs Gough as they all move onto pastures new. We wish them every success in their future careers.



Mrs Young's Baby News

There is some lovely news from Otter Class. Mrs Young will be welcoming a baby at the end of July. Mrs Young will continue as Year 3 class teacher until the end of the academic year when she will commence her Maternity Leave.



Maths Stay and Learn & Y2 Workshop Thank You

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the Maths Workshops this week and the Y2 Workshop on Monday. It was lovely to see you all there and we hope you found it helpful and informative.

TEAM POINT WINNERS

WELL DONE TO EARTH TEAM WHO HAVE WON THE TEAM POINTS THIS HALF TERM. AS A REWARD EARTH TEAM (RABBIT, HEDGEHOG, MEERKAT, TIGER AND PANDA CLASSES) CAN WEAR NON-UNIFORM ON FRIDAY 1ST MARCH.

School Attendance This Week

Attending school on a regular basis is a key to your child doing well at school and will set them up with good habits for later life and the working world. It will also give your child better opportunities to:

- Make lots of friends and feel included
- Learn new things and develop many skills
- Increase his/her confidence and self esteem
- Improve his/her social skills
- Achieve their potential and fulfil their aspirations

Attendance is regularly monitored by the school, any attendance below 90% is also monitored by County Officers. Please help us to keep our attendance rates as high as possible.

Whole School attendance is currently at 95.48% .

Reception - 94.55% Year 1 - 96.79 % Year 2 – 96.52 % Year 3 – 94.54 % Year 4 – 94.86%

Please remember that the school day begins at 8.50am.



Head Lice

Unfortunately we have had reports of head lice in Year 3. Please take the opportunity over half term to check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Remember that this treatment needs to be repeated to completely eradicate the problem. Using a nit comb on thoroughly conditioned hair regularly will help.

Chicken Pox

We have had several cases of chicken pox in school this week so please be vigilant, especially if your child has not had it or is in contact with vulnerable people and pregnant women.



PTA Meeting

The next PTA Meeting is on Wednesday 27th February at 6pm in the school studio.

Join us for our Spring Term PTA where we will be looking at events for the rest of the Spring Term. Come and have some nibbles and a glass of wine while we organise some fabulous fundraising events for our wonderful school.

Local Food Links



Parent Teacher News

PTA EVENT: The February Flossathon!
Manor Park First School are holding their first ever **Flossathon as a school fundraiser!**

Each class will be asked to 'Floss' for fifteen mins (Preschool and Reception 5 mins). We will start in Reception and PreSchool and pass the Floss along from class to class. We have worked out that if all the school community (children and staff) raise £5 in sponsorship the PTA could raise an epic £2500 from this event!

We would like to invite parents and carers to join us on 26/2/2019 for an end of day 'Floss' to start at 3pm on the Key Stage 1 Playground.

Gates will be open at 2.50pm

Thank you in advance for your support with this event!

You will find sponsorship forms in book bags today!!



What a fabulous start to the New Year! Local Food Links were delighted to be shortlisted as a South West Area Finalist in the Federation of Small Businesses Awards, Scale Up Business of the Year category, and are absolutely ecstatic to announce that they have WON! Chief Executive, Caroline Morgan, and Business Manager, Suzie King, attended the Awards Ceremony which took place at the Somerset County

Cricket Club in Taunton. Next stop, London for the National Finals which is being held at the Battersea Evolution on the 23rd May...watch this space! As many of you will know, they recently opened a new hub kitchen in Weymouth which has been supplying 15 additional schools since September 2018, taking the total number of schools they work with to 50. The Weymouth expansion has required a tremendous amount of hard work by the entire team and they would like to thank the Federation of Small Businesses for recognising this. Thank you to all the staff, schools and parent/carers for your ongoing support.

Local Food Links New Menu

In bookbags last week we sent home the new Local Food Links menu which they have uploaded on their website for the Spring Term. This is now available online for you to book your child's school lunches. Additional hard copies are available from the school office.



The deadline for ordering for the first week back after half term is Monday 18th February.

Parking

We understand that parking can be an issue at busy times but please be considerate of others and the areas you park in as we have recently had some complaints from the surrounding residential areas that driveways are being blocked during school drop off and pick up times. Unfortunately this has happened again this week where a resident was unable to get their car off their driveway for 2-3 hours.



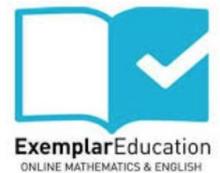
Book Fair

The book fair will be with us this year from the 27th February - 4th March. Every class will have the opportunity to visit the book fair during the school day. It will also be open for parents/carers to purchase books at the end of the school day during these dates.



Exemplar Education

In bookbags this week there was an envelope with a leaflet from Exemplar Education. We would be grateful if you could complete and return the form, even if you are not interested as the school receives a donation for every reply returned to school. Forms need to be returned to the school office by **Monday 25th February** as we have been given a few extra days!



NB The school does not endorse the service.

Carrier Bags

Please send your children to school with a carrier bag on the first day back from half term (Monday 25th February) to take home their books from the last academic year.
Thank you

And finally from Mrs Pallister

It has been a really good half term with lots of activities and events for children and families alike. As always we are all so busy that the weeks have flown by. The hard work continues though for me this half term holiday as true to our school value of 'Resilience' I am trying very hard to learn how to 'Floss', much to the exasperation of my own children who are trying very hard to teach me. Our other school values and our vision have been seen in abundance throughout the half term and I have been shown some beautiful home learning linking to these. I wish you and your families a restful half term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on the 25th February. Enjoy!

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