



Manor Farm Community Infant School

September 2023 Newsletter

School Motto

**'Together We
Grow'**

Message from Mrs Woodhead:

It has been wonderful to welcome all of our families as we start a new school year together.

We have been delighted with how well our new children are settling into EYFS and how the children are transitioning to year 1 and 2.

A new app has been launched with the aim of improving communication. It will be used to share information as well as sending reminders and updates. There have been a few teething problems so please bear with us for the next week. The office will continue to send out emails as well so please keep an eye on your inbox.

Thank you to the parents who attended Meet The Teacher meetings this week. A copy of the meeting notes will be emailed to you separately and added to the app.

Kind regards

Janice Woodhead

Dates for this term

Thursday 21st September—EYFS (Oak and Ash) Parent Information Evening 7pm-8pm

Friday 29th September—Macmillan coffee morning—9.15am, further information will follow from Friends

Monday 16th November—Flu Vaccination Clinic, further information will follow

Thursday 19th October—Autumn Assembly—whole school (Crèche available) 1.30pm

Friday 20th October—Autumn Assembly - whole school 9.15am

Friday 20th October—End of term

w/c 23rd October—Half term Holiday

Monday 30th November—Children return to school

Wednesday 8th November—Parent Teacher Consultations (more information to follow)

Thursday 9th November—Parent Teacher Consultations (more information to follow)

Wednesday 15th November—Open Morning for Prospective new pupils 9.30am

Wednesday 22nd November—Individual School Photographs

Thursday 30th November—Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9.30am

Saturday 2nd December—Friends of Manor Farm Schools Christmas Fayre

w/c 11th December—Activity Week

Wednesday 13th December—Christmas Performance 1.30pm—whole school

Thursday 14th December—Christmas Performance 9.15am—whole school (Crèche available)

Tuesday 19th December—Christmas Parties

Tuesday 19th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 19th December—End of term

HEALTHY EATING

We would like to take this opportunity to remind/inform you about the importance of providing your child with fruit and water each day. The children's learning benefits greatly from a nutritious and healthy morning snack followed by lunch and access to water throughout the day. Thank you to the parents who ensure that their child has a piece of fresh fruit or veg. Please send the fruit prepared and of a manageable size for your child. Alternatives such as dried fruit or fruit purees are acceptable for lunch but not for the morning snack as we are promoting eating of fresh produce at this time. All the children are encouraged to bring in a drink of still water in a clear bottle with a sports cap style lid and no bigger than 500ml in size. They have access to this during the day and are all encouraged to take a drink. Please ensure all fruit pots and water bottles are named to avoid confusion.

LUNCHES AND NUT ALLERGIES

You are no doubt aware of the growing known cases of allergies and conditions affecting children. We have a number of children across the school who have life-threatening nut allergies. Therefore the school meals are all nut free.

Regarding packed lunches from home, your help in managing this threat would be very much appreciated. It would alleviate the threat to our nut allergic children if you would avoid inclusion in your child's packed lunch of obvious items such as peanut butter, packets of nuts or other foodstuffs with a high nut content. We appreciate that many modern foods contain nut traces making it impossible to eliminate the presence of nuts entirely. Should you have difficulty with this suggestion please let us know to enable us to make alternative arrangements in the interest of the allergic children.

May we also remind you to order your child's school lunch before the 9am deadline. If you have lost your School Grid logon please contact the school office.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT

If your circumstances have changed over the last few months, and you think you might now be entitled to pupil premium, please get in touch with the School Office. More information about the criteria for entitlement can be found at the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/buckinghamshire>

GENTLE REMINDERS

CROSSING PATROLLER

Our lovely lollipop lady, Rita would like to remind all families that are crossing Rose Avenue by the school to cross safely with her. The children have all met Rita in assembly today and listened to the importance of road safety.

SAFETY

Please can we remind all parents not to park in front of the gate at drop off in the morning as we all have a responsibility to keep each other safe.

ABSENCE PROCEDURES

Please remember that if your child is unwell you must call the school office on the first day of absence. If this is not possible please email the school office at admin@manorfarm-inf.bucks.sch.uk. If no notification is received the absence will be marked as unauthorised and you will receive a phone call or possible home visit if contact cannot be made.

JEWELLERY, EARRINGS, HAIRBANDS, BOWS and NAIL VARNISH

A reminder that children **must not** wear jewellery including any earrings to school at any time. This is in the interest of children's hygiene and safety. If *sleepers* need to be worn for a period of six weeks then we suggest that ears are pierced at the beginning of the summer holiday, alternatively they must be covered for the remaining six weeks and then removed during the school day. Please also remove nail varnish as this is not part of school uniform. Hairbands and bows should only be school colours please.

MILK

If you would like to subscribe to the subsidised school milk programme so that your child gets 1/3rd of a pint of milk each day. Please visit the Cool Milk website and follow the instructions to subscribe. Milk is provided free of charge for the under 5's but parents are able to continue this by paying a small amount after their child's 5th birthday if they wish to.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We have a large amount of good quality second hand uniform that is charged at £1.00 an item. If you require any items please let the office know.