

Manor Field Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Friday 5th October 2018

Dear Parents /Carers,

The summer holidays seem a distant memory now and the children are settled into their new classes. We have been observing the teaching in all of our trust schools and have been delighted with the quality of learning that the children are experiencing. Our parent evenings are coming up next week, so please make sure you have made an appointment with your child's/children's class teacher.

The Trust grows from strength to strength. The majority of the money we receive to run our schools is generated by pupil numbers and we do our best to make sure that the majority of that money is spent on your children's education. I work across all three and so does our Special Needs Co-ordinator Diane Bainbridge. This means that we are able to put even more money back into your school pot for good quality teachers. We are always available to talk to if you need us and if you let the school office know they will contact us where ever we are and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Our teachers across the trust work together behind the scenes, planning and co-ordinating subject areas and special events and keeping up to date with the ever changing world of education.

Each of our larger schools has a Head of School and Aslacton Primary, has a Lead Teacher. These are people you need to talk to regarding day to day matters. I am in contact with all three schools every day and spend as much time in school as possible. If you are at all concerned about any other issues or would like to talk to me about the Trust, please let me know and I can talk to you over the phone or arrange to meet you.

Kind regards,

Alex Lightbown  
CEO/Executive Head Teacher

**Dates for your diary:**

**Beech Learning cafe:**

Tuesday 9th October

**Parents Evening:**

Wednesday 10th and  
Thursday 11th October

**Beech Class cake stall:**

Friday 12th October

**Extra Zumba Club for**

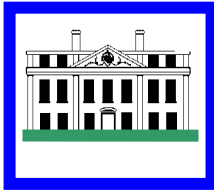
**members:** Monday 15th  
October

**Cauliflower cards:** Design  
order forms must be  
returned by Wednesday  
17th October.

**Maths parent curriculum  
meeting:** Wednesday 17th  
October in the school hall

**PTA Spooky Family**

**Bingo:** Friday 26th  
October in Long Stratton  
Village Hall. Please  
purchase tickets from a PTA  
member



### PTA Christmas Cards

Each year PTA organise a fundraising event where children can design and make a Christmas picture in school which is then sent off to be made into Christmas cards and gift tags. These are available for parents to order and are a lovely personal way of sending Christmas wishes.

This year Cauliflower Cards are changing the ordering process, if you wish to order Christmas cards from them, you need to do so online at home. Card designs will be sent home during the week beginning 8th October. If you wish to purchase them, please follow the online instructions on the sheet. Your child's order will have a unique order number on, as well as the school code and website address.

If you choose to purchase your child's Christmas card online, please send the artwork form back into school in your child's book bag by **Wednesday 17th October**. This will allow us enough time to send the designs off to be printed into cards. Please ensure that artwork sheets are kept flat and returned in book bags so the design is not spoilt. **Please note; if you order your child's cards online and do not return the card design order form to us, then the cards will not be printed and you will still be charged.**

### Online Safety and VLE

Thank you to those parents who attended the curriculum meeting for online safety. The following links were discussed at the meeting.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> - a very helpful website that shows the coverage of online safety in school which has a parent section to help with online safety at home.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> - a very helpful website that reviews apps and websites that your child may wish to access. Guidelines are given for suitability and conversations you can have with your child to help to keep them safe when using them.

Our Virtual Learning Environment – DB Primary has been introduced to the Year 2's. This is an excellent resources to use and children may be asked to complete activities for homework. The best way to log on is through the portal on our school website.

<http://manorfield.corvuseducation.com/> - select the children drop down box and DB primary is the first link. The children will have been given their username and password.

### Flu Vaccinations

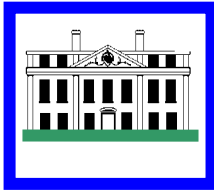
Flu Vaccinations will once again be taking place in school. Letters regarding this will be sent out after half term.

### Parking

If you drive to school, please ensure you park safely and with consideration to pedestrians, other road users and our neighbours. If possible, please consider walking to school or parking a distance away and then walking the rest of the journey to reduce congestion around the school. The fewer cars, the safer it is for our children! Thank you.

### Parent Curriculum meetings

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October there will be a curriculum meeting held for Mathematics. This session will cover how Mathematics is taught, including approaches to Calculation. It will be held in the hall from 9.15am.



### PTA Cake stalls

During the academic year we invite children from each class to bake a cake or something savoury e.g. cheese straws, sausage rolls and bring these to school on a Friday (please put on the table outside the office) to sell at their cake stall. This year, cake stalls will take place in the school hall at 2.30pm and with the help of the PTA members pupils will sell the cakes, to parents, carers and younger siblings. **Beech class** will hold their cake stall on **Friday 12th October**. All money raised will go directly to the class and the children will be involved in deciding how to spend the monies raised.

### Wanted

Since forming the Trust in March 2017 we have established a Board of Trustees and Local Governing Bodies for our schools. The Trustees work at a strategic level and the Local Governors work more directly with the schools, monitoring the Teaching and Learning as well as other aspects of school life. We are looking for more people from the community to join our Local Governors.

We meet every half term and there is an opportunity for governors to come into school and to see the wonderful learning experiences that we provide for our children.

If you know of someone who might be interested in the role of Local Governor, it could be someone who works part-time or possibly someone who is recently retired, please let them know that we are actively seeking new people to join us.

Telephone: 01508 530356

Email: [office@manorfield.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@manorfield.norfolk.sch.uk)

### Zumba Club

There will be no Zumba club on Thursday 11th October due to parents evening taking place. Instead, Mrs Kirk will run an extra Zumba club on Monday 15th October for those who are part of the group. Please let her know if your child will be attending the extra session. Thank you.

### Books for School

Last term we took part in the Archant token collection for school sports equipment. This year they are running a token collection called 'Books for School'. Tokens will begin to appear shortly on all Archant newspapers including the EDP, EADT, Diss Mercury and the Evening News, please help us to win some fantastic book resources for our school by collecting the tokens and hand them into the office.

### Birthday Collective Worship for Reception, Year 1 & 2

On **Friday 12th October** at 1.15pm in the school hall, we will be celebrating birthdays that fall between **7th October and 13th October**. Please come and join us if your child has a birthday within these dates.

### Head Teacher awards

Archie for his fantastic independent writing in our English lessons.

Spencer for his excellent independent writing.

Jessica for an excellent Big Write.

Aleisha for her excellent Big Write about a forest setting.