

Half Term ending Friday 21st October 2022

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# Head Teacher's Message

We have had a busy and productive half term and I hope everyone had some R & R over the past week.

I would like to make you aware of our new Behaviour Policy has been written, in line with our strategies. Please see our website for the full version and appendices.

#### The Rationale for the new policy is:

Our approach to managing pupils' behaviour is firmly rooted in a positive ethos. Praise, encouragement and reward, linked to high quality teaching and learning, makes school an interesting, exciting and safe place in which to learn. The school aims to provide an environment which feels safe and is free from bullying and intimidation for children, staff and visitors, where all people, living things and property are treated with respect and care. The intention of this policy is to ensure that the school's expectations on behaviour, rewards and sanctions are clearly and easily understood by all. This will help to ensure consistency and fairness in the implementation of the system by staff and be easily explained to children, parents and governors. Staff are involved in formulating this policy and will receive annual training on how to implement it and any updates. New/ visiting staff will receive this training as part of their induction. Our Behaviour policy is designed to recognise, promote and celebrate the fact that most children behave appropriately and make good choices most of the time.

#### **Expectations**

At our schools we have six learning behaviours underpinning our practice. These learning behaviours are promoted through our use of **Class Dojo**. These are –

We are **respectful** – we treat each other with kindness and listen when others are speaking, we respect the views of others, even if they are different from our own. We look after our school and our environment.

We are **responsible** - we understand our choices and actions have consequences.

We are **ready** to learn – we have the equipment we need and we show good learning behaviours.

We are **reflective** – we think about what we are doing and make changes where we need to.

We are **resilient**—we keep on going, even when there is a challenge.

We are **resourceful** -we use all the skills we have been taught to help ourselves and each other.

We also have 5 school rules - We have condensed them to 5 for easy recall and promotion.

- 1. Be kind
- 2. Follow instructions
- 3. Listen to others
- 4. Walk quietly around school
- 5. Line up smartly

Next term we are looking forward to new core stories, learning festive and Christmas songs as well as practising our first Christmas plays since the pandemic.

Hope you had a great half term break . Mrs Haines

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## **Around the School**

### **EYFS**

The children in EYFS have all settled in really well this half term. They are developing their friendships and independence and have picked up our classroom rules and routines well.

We have been amazed at how quickly Reception children have picked up our phonics and how ready they are to read.

This half term our core story has been The Everywhere Bear. The children have been very engaged in our activities related to this including talking, drawing and writing about the story.

The children have also developed a strong understanding of number through our daily maths sessions based on Numberblocks. They have proved very good at subitising.

Ladybird children have mixed with the other children and accessed our activities well with increasing independence. They have enjoyed their phonics lessons, exploring sounds through the environment and with instruments.

We look forward to another busy half term!











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### **Key Stage One**

Key Stage have had a brilliant start to the school year and are looking forward to what next half term brings. This half term we have enjoyed sharing our first core story of the year, Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann. We have learnt facts about polar bears, written letters from the perspective of the main characters, taken part in debates and created posters persuading people to make better choices to help climate change. In Art we have enjoyed developing our understanding of colour mixing to make secondary colours, tints and tones. We then applied what we have learnt to recreate illustrations from Leaf. We have also been painting in computing! We have used a drawing app on the iPads to create our own artwork inspired by artists such as Kandinsky, Seurat and Matisse. Alongside all of our learning in the classroom, Badgers, Foxes and Otters have also enjoyed taking part in their Forest School days. What a busy half term it has been!





















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### **Halloween Lunch**

The children had a special Halloween lunch today and below are some photo's of the fantastic decorations. Thank you so much Sue and Holly!















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## Information

#### **PTA News**

- **Bag2School** second-hand clothing collection is on Thursday 3rd November at 9.00am. Leaflets with more information have been sent home this week.
- The **5p challenge** will end on Wednesday 30th November, with the winning class announced on Friday 2nd December.
- We will be running 'Elfridges' again this year. Order forms will be sent home on Monday 31st October to be returned by Friday 18th November. Pictures of gifts available will be on our Facebook page over the coming weeks.
- There will be a **non-uniform** day on Friday 2nd December in exchange for a tombola prize for the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd December.
- Christmas raffle tickets will be sent home on Friday 25th November to be returned by Friday 9th December. The draw will take place on Friday 9th December in the morning. Pictures of the prizes available will be on our Facebook page.
- At the beginning of December, the PTA have organised and purchased a surprise for the children to enjoy.

#### **Children in Need**

We will be raising money for Children in Need on Friday 18th November. More details will follow. Our JustGiving page is open for donations, please click on the following link: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/manorfield2

#### Cauliflower Christmas Cards

The children's designs have now been sent away for printing and we are expecting delivery to us week beginning 28th November.

#### Flu Immunisations

The school nursing team will be in school on Wednesday 9th November to administer the flu vaccine available to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 .Please follow the link below to opt in or opt out:

https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2022/norfolk

#### **AJS School Photographs**

School photographs will be taking place on Tuesday 22nd November. If you have a child who does not attend Manor Field but you would like a sibling photograph, please come to the school office at 8.55am on the day. If you do not wish for your child to have a photograph taken, please email the school office by Friday 18th November.

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# Save the date!

October	
Monday 24th—Friday 28th	Half Term
Monday 31st	Return to school after Half Term
November	
Thursday 3rd	Bag2School collection
Wednesday 9th	Flu immunisations
Friday 18th	Children in Need (more info to follow)
Tuesday 22nd	Individual/sibling photos
Tuesday 24th	Open afternoon 3.15pm—4.00pm for Reception 2023 children
December	
Friday 2nd	Non-uniform Day in exchange for a tombola prize
Saturday 3rd	PTA Christmas Fayre
Thursday 8th	Flu immunisation—catch up clinic
Wednesday 14th	Christmas lunch and Save the Children "Christmas Jumper Day"
Friday 16th	Last day of term
Monday 19th December—Tuesday 3rd January— Christmas Holidays	
January	
Wednesday 4th	Return to school after Christmas Holidays
February	
Monday 13th—Friday 18th	Half Term

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## **Attendance**

There is room for improvement to be made with pupil attendance at school. It is a legal requirement that your child attends school everyday unless they are genuinely unwell. **IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON, YOU MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL ON EACH DAY OF ABSENCE** before 9.00am. In most cases there are very simple explanations for absence, but if you do not tell us, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

### Our attendance:

Attendance target: 96%

Last half term's attendance: 92.37%

Class with the best attendance: Squirrel with 96%

Minutes lost this half term due to lateness: 343

#### Punctuality – School starts at 8.55am

Every minute counts! If your child is 5 minutes late each day, they are missing:

25 minutes of learning a week

315 minutes of learning a term

3 whole days off school a year

#### Attendance Facts:

- Attendance of 95% for the year equals 10 days that your child has been absent, that is 2 full school weeks of your child's learning missed for that year.
- Attendance of 90% for the year equals 19 days that your child has been absent, that is almost 4 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 85% for the year equals 29 days that your child has been absent per, that is almost 6 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 80% for the year equals 38 days absent per year that is over 7 school weeks missed.

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