



October Newsletter



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Manor Field Infant & Nursery School

October Half Term

Head Teacher's Message

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our children, staff and families for their continued hard work and support.

It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm for learning across the school. Our new little ones in the Ladybird Nursery have settled and our new children coming into Reception look like they have always been here.

This half term has also provided many opportunities for our school community to come together. Whether through parents events, fundraising activities or everyday interactions at the school gate or classroom door, we greatly value the strong partnership we share with our families. Your support plays a vital role in helping our children thrive.

As we move into the next half term, we look forward to a number of exciting opportunities and events, as well as continuing our focus on providing the very best learning experiences for every child.

Mrs Hollis will be moving into her new role as Family Support Advisor and will be joining me at the gate in the mornings. This is an exciting time for Manor Field to have a dedicated member of staff who can help, support or just chat, give Mrs Hollis a call or email and she will get back to you. With this move we will be welcoming back Mrs Washington, who in recent years has been at our federated school - Aslacton Primary. I know everyone will make her feel welcome. She will be supporting Badger class.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable half term break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another successful term.

Important Dates



Last Day of Half Term



School Reopens



Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week



Flu Vaccinations



Parents Evening



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Children In Need Day- Wear something spotty





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Around the School

Ladybirds

The children have settled wonderfully into nursery routines and are becoming increasingly confident as they explore and find their way around all the different areas of our classroom. Our All About Me theme has given us a lovely opportunity to talk about the special people and pets in our lives helping the children share their experiences and learn about each other. We have also been exploring the beautiful story of 'Owl Babies', which has provided a wonderful focus for talking and recognising how we feel, and understanding that it is ok to miss our special people. It has been a lovely start to our Nursery journey, and we are so proud of how well the children are growing in confidence, independence and friendships !

Squirrels

Reception children have settled in brilliantly to school life. This half term has been all about getting to know each other, sharing, turn taking and learning routines. We began the term by learning about ourselves and our friends. We have had great fun exploring the story 'Lost' by Mariajo Illustrajo, all about a polar bear who finds himself lost in the city! The polar bear meets a little girl who becomes his friend and helps him to get back home. We had the important task of writing some instructions to help him to get back home to the North Pole. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting few weeks after half term.

Fox

Fox Class have had a fantastic start to the year ! Our core story has been 'Lost' by Mariajo Illustrajo, which is about a polar bear who gets lost in the city. We wrote instruction sentences to help him get home to the North Pole. In Science we learnt about our senses. We particularly enjoyed the 'taste' lesson as we got to try lots of different foods, although many decided that they didn't like the sour taste of lime.

Children have also had a great time during Stay Safe Week, as we met a paramedic, police officer and firefighter. We also learnt more about online safety and road safety in this week. We hope you all have a lovely half term !

Badger

Badger Class have enjoyed two new core stories this half term and produced some great writing. We have had a focus on handwriting and can already see the children making progress in this area.

The children have really enjoyed learning about toys from the past in history and about different types of animals in science. We have also planted some bulbs ready for spring and learnt about caring for plants. In music we have had great fun learning about pulse and rhythm by playing along to different pop songs.





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Christmas at Manor Field

Christmas Event dates for Manor Field :

Tues
8th Dec

Fox and Badger Christmas Performance
Dress Rehearsal 9.15am

Weds
9th Dec

Fox and Badger Christmas Performance
to **Badger Class Parents** 9.15am

Thurs
10th
Dec

Fox and Badger Christmas Performance
to **Fox Class Parents** 9.15am

Fri
11th
Dec

Squirrel and Fox cubs Christmas Performance
to **Reception Parents** 9.15am

Tues
15th
Dec

Ladybird Nursery Christmas Event
Details to follow

Weds
16th
Dec

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Fri
18th
Dec

Class Christmas Parties / Last Day of Term

Christmas Performances: Each child will be allocated 2 tickets. We are unable to allow any extra guests. Please do not bring younger siblings to the performances. If you are unable to secure child care and need to bring younger siblings, you are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal for your child.



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Attendance Information

Every school day counts!

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: 97%

This half term's attendance: 90.3%

Class with the best attendance: Badger

Minutes lost this half term due to
lateness: 367