



Mansel Messenger

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Mansel Park Primary & Nursery School, Culver Close, SOUTHAMPTON. SO16 9HZ

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the first Newsletter of this academic year and a warm welcome to all of our new families who are joining us and all who are already part of our Mansel Park family. We are looking forward to continuing to build strong relationships that focus on making the very best provision for the children within our care. We usually try to send letters out via ParentMail and all correspondence can be viewed on our school website. This year we have 91.8% of parents signed up for ScoPay. Please do make sure if your details change that you amend your account accordingly.

This is an exciting year ahead. I am trying to organise a raft of exciting trips for our children over the coming year. This will range from an exciting residential surfing and adventure trip to Cornwall for our intrepid Year 6's, through to a theatre trip to London for our younger junior children and maybe even an adventure to The Tower of London! KS1 children will explore more local castles, maybe visit the zoo and visits farms. News to follow on these once I have coordinated with venues. All very exciting. Thank you again for trusting us to make a difference to your children. We are aiming for adventure, nurture and academic excellence as we move through this year. If you know of any other families who may benefit from our passion for education, please do let them know our contact details.

THE PASSING OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The children in our school have been writing letters to His Majesty King Charles III to share with him our sympathy and condolences on the passing of his mother, wishing him well for his reign as our country's new monarch, and outlining their hopes for the future as they grow up in the new Carolean era.

We also reminded the children of the book and mug they received to mark the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee earlier this year and amongst other commemorations we watched the Paddington Bear 'Marmalade Sandwich' video, to show the Queen's remarkable sense of humour and fun.

Art Skills Week

The children at Mansel Park Primary School are very excited about their upcoming Art Skills week. Towards the end of this half term, each year group will be exploring and developing essential art and DT skills that will support them with their learning throughout the year. This is a brilliant opportunity for children to be creative and demonstrate any skills that they have already learned and are going to be able to apply across a variety of different outcomes. The skills they will be enhancing will support future units from designing photo-frames to moulding clay, this week is sure to be one the children will enjoy and remember throughout their primary school experience.

Curriculum and Enrichment

House Competitions

Knowledge

Times Tables – This half terms competition is focusing on our times table knowledge. We are very impressed with how excited the children are for this, and their super times table knowledge.

Charity

Shoe Box Appeal

We are once again supporting The Rotary Club Shoebox Scheme for the children of Eastern Europe. If you would like to support this please send into school a shoebox filled with such items as: toys, clothing, games, books, pens, pencils etc... they need not be new as long as they are in good condition. Due to the increased difficulty in sourcing empty show boxes, the Rotary Club will be providing standard sized boxes which will be available from the school office for a voluntary donation of £2. Before filling your shoebox please cover the box and lid separately with festive paper and secure with a single elastic band. Please return boxes to school by Monday, 17th October.



Sport

Cross Country – the sports competition this half term will be cross country, which the children will complete in the PE lessons.

Celebration Assesmbly

Every Friday at our school we hold our celebration assembly where we celebrate the children's weekly achievements. In the assembly, we congratulate our Star of the Week pupils who have had a fantastic week!

So far our Star of the Week pupils have been:

| w/c 12/9/22 | w/c 19/9/22 | w/c 26/9/22 |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Serenity | Neveah | Daniel |
| Peyton | Evie-Rayne | Jeremy |
| Ronnie | Koban | Cailtin |
| Billie-Jo | Layla | Kiera |
| Sienna | Lylah | Jemma |
| Isla | Keadyn | Kayden-Lee |
| Mathew | Tehillah | Frasier |
| Cody | Hope-Lily | Eve-Jean |
| Lillie-Pearl | Erisa | Ozair |
| Evie | Tehillah | Mia-Rose |
| Jasmine | Harley | Jocie |
| Riley | Luke | Sonny |
| Alfie | Kaleb | Jayden |
| Eddie | Layla-Mae | Aaryn |
| Wyatt | Tyler | Harry |

Postcard Heroes

This year, we have also started sending out personalised MPPS Postcards to pupils have who have stood out to our teachers for going the extra mile. This could be working extra hard in class, performing a friendly gesture, or showing a good attitude to work! Well done to any pupils who received a postcard!

Our Postcard Heroes so far have been:

| Week 1 – 12/9/22 | Week 2 – 19/9/22 |
|------------------|------------------|
| Tallulah | Lillie-Anne |
| Corbyn | Phoebe |
| Rohen | Jeremy |
| Abella | Teddy |
| Leon | |

After School Clubs

It has been fantastic to welcome back our afterschool clubs. Clubs will be running throughout the academic year on a termly basis. We have allocated every child a space within one or more of their chosen clubs following submission of the form in either term 1 or term 2.

We have tried to provide an opportunity for all children to take part in a club, with a minimum of one child's choice in order to be fair. We have organised a waiting list for oversubscribed clubs.

Please can I remind **all parents** that after school clubs finish at **4:30pm promptly**. Thank you.

Allergies

We have a number of children and staff with severe nut allergies. With this in mind, we do not have any nuts or nut products at snack time or in packed lunches. These include peanut butter, Nutella or Pesto (which contains Pine nuts). These can be a major cause of anaphylactic shock in some adults and children. Your care and support in this is greatly appreciated.



Uniform

A big thank you to all parents who have sent their children in the correct uniform. Our children are looking very smart. Uniform is an important part of our culture and our children certainly look very proud to be part of the MPPS family.

We politely ask parents **not** to send their children to school wearing unsuitable shoes, eg trainers or boots – warm/welly boots can be worn at playtimes but sensible shoes inside please. School is very well heated, making boot wearing indoors, all day inappropriate. Please also ensure the current PE kit is available - clothes/sportswear with slogans, popstars or football club logos are not for school. Thank you.

A Polite Reminder – P.E kit

Whilst the majority of parents make sure that their children have bought in their P.E. kits, there have still been a number of children that have not bought them into school. During P.E. and after school clubs it is very important for reasons of hygiene and safety that children have a change of clothing. We wouldn't want any of our children to miss out on the fun.

The P.E. days for each year group is as follows:

Monday: Year 1

Thursday: Year 5

Tuesday: Year 2

Friday: Years R and 6

Wednesday: Years 3 & 4

Pupils are required to bring plimsolls or black trainers and a pair of navy blue or black shorts, black tracksuit bottoms to school in a drawstring bag, clearly marked with their name on. Please also ensure that hair is tied

up or children are sent in with hair bands so they are able to do so. With regards to P.E. t-shirts, children are encouraged to wear their house colours:

Determination – Yellow

Perseverance – Blue

Positivity – Green

Resilience - Red

Sportswear with large branding including football kits are not part of our uniform policy or suitable for P.E. Children may wear navy blue or black tracksuits for outdoor games in cold weather. If you have any further questions or queries regarding P.E or P.E kit, please make contact with the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Start and end of the day

At the start of the day children can enter the building from 8.20am for an 8.30am start to our day.

In order to ensure the safe handover of children at the end of the day, please put in writing any alternative adult you give permission to, to collect your child/children and give to the school office. Teachers will be teaching and may not remember slips of paper and new instructions.

School meals

We encourage all of our children to have a hot school dinner, whether they are infants or juniors.

We have worked very closely with the school council, children and our caterers to ensure that the food offered is home cooked and delicious. We regularly chop meals off the menu and add new tastier options. All of our teachers eat a school dinner. We have a third 'Jacket potato with filling' option for those who do not like our meat or vegetarian option. I can assure you that our cooks are wonderful and I look forward to a school dinner every day! Please do consider this as a filling option to support your child's learning in the afternoon. The menu is available on our website at <https://www.manselpark.net/school-menu/>.

If your child is going to arrive late to school and they wish to have a cooked meal at lunchtime, we would be grateful if you could let the office know in advance by telephone. Unfortunately, if your child arrives after 9.30am, and we have not been notified, your child will receive a "spare" meal. Always best to be on time, or phone ahead. Thank you.

Safety Reminder!

We ask that children or adults do not ride bikes and scooters on the school playgrounds.

We again politely remind you that dogs are not permitted on the school site – this includes being held in arms. Thank you.

School Messages

As ours is a large and busy school, please note that the office cannot guarantee that messages received after 3.00pm will be delivered in time for the end of the school day. Please plan as far in advance as you can, as we want to keep our children safe and last minute messages can be lost in the melee of the end of day.



Day Closures 22-23

Our teachers and support staff have disaggregated training and therefore school will be closed on Thursday, 20th and Friday, 21st October this term. In the summer term it will be - Thursday, 25th and Friday, 26th May.

Mansel Park Nursery

Are you looking for childcare for your 2, 3 or 4 year old?

Mansel Park Nursery has availability for both 15 and 30 hour funding requirements.

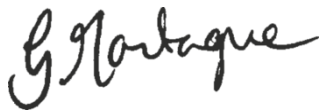
Please complete an enquiry form on the school website or contact the school for more information.

We look forward to welcoming you to our newly refurbished Nursery.

Dates for your Diary

- Monday, 10th October – Flu Vaccinations
- Friday, 21st October – Staff Inset Day– Disaggregated
- 24th to 28th October – Half Term
- Tuesday, 1st November – School Photos (Individual and Family)
- w/c 7th November – Year 6 Swimming Lessons
- Wednesday, 9th November – Teddy Bear Hospital Visit Year R
- w/c 14th November – Year 5 Swimming Lessons
- w/c 21st November – Year 4 Swimming Lessons
- Tuesday 22nd November – Monday 28th November - Scholastic Book Fair
- w/c 10th July – Year 6 Residential to Skern Lodge

Best wishes



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