



The Manor CE Primary School

Aspire, Believe, Achieve

Newsletter 6

27th November 2020

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 4th December - Christmas Cards can be brought into school
- Friday 11th December - Christmas Cards can be brought into school
- Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper day (suggested £2 donation)
- Wednesday 16th December – Children can wear their Christmas jumpers again today
- Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 16th December – Virtual pantomime
- Friday 18th December Term 2 ends
- Monday 4th January –Inset (no children in school)
- Tuesday 5th January – Start of Term 2 for children

As we move further into the term we are grateful for your ongoing support as we continue to manage the additional restrictions in place due to the ongoing pandemic – the increasing numbers of parents / carers wearing masks and maintaining a good social distance at drop-off and collection times is greatly appreciated. We've had some really lovely feedback reading the parent/carers consultations that have taken place this week – if you didn't manage to meet with your child's class teacher this week please email the class email address to make an appointment . We now have just three weeks left until the end of term and the Christmas break – although we won't be able to have all the traditional Christmas celebrations that take place at The Manor we have plenty of festive fun planned for the children – please do check all the information about this below (we will endeavour to send out text reminders about it all).

Best wishes,
Amanda Flanagan

Christmas Festivities

Friday 4th December



• Christmas cards

With the current restrictions that are in place, we have put in place a system that will reduce the risk of transmission within our school. With this in mind, if children would like to send cards, can we ask that they are brought in on one of two dates: Friday 4th or Friday 11th December. Teachers will collect these in a box where they will be left in isolation for 72 hours, before being given out at the end of the school day the following Monday. Please ensure all cards have the recipient's Christian and surname on the front of the envelope, along with the class they are in.

Monday 7th December

Christmas cards

Cards that were sent in on Friday will be sent home tonight.

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- **Christmas Jumper Day**

Children can wear Christmas jumpers in school in aid of Save the Children – suggested donation £2

Monday 14th December

- **Christmas cards**

Cards that were sent in on Friday will be sent home tonight.

Wednesday 16th December



- **Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers in School Again Today**
- **Virtual School Panto**
- **Christmas Dinner – please order through ParentPay**



Thursday 17th December



- **Christmas Parties**

Classes will be holding their individual Christmas parties

Friday 18th December

Term Ends

Our Door Step Food Bank is now up and running! Please contribute if possible or take if needed!



Antarctica Class

Antarctica class have been thinking about Christmas this week and Miss Gifford helped them write little notes to Santa. They have also been thinking about others and not just themselves. After talking about how thankful they are to those who help them, they decided that they would like to bake gingerbread biscuits to all the lovely workers at Southmead hospital. So next week we will be busy baking and decorating and we hope to deliver the biscuits to the Jolly Hog food van at Southmead hospital. What a kind gesture!



Australia Class

Year 1 have had an exciting week exploring their new text 'Grandad's Island' in English. They have really enjoyed the book and even had a surprise visit from 'Grandad'! It has been lovely to speak to so many parents and carers this week to talk about how brilliantly Year 1 have settled in.



Africa Class

Year 2 have been continuing their topic work this week by learning about the incredible Mary Seacole. We learnt about Mary's determination to become a nurse and how, after being turned down to join Florence Nightingale's nursing team nine times due to her heritage, paid for her own boat ticket to the Crimea. Mary spent all of her money on setting up the 'British Hotel' for wounded soldiers and was known as Mother Seacole because of her caring nature. The children were impressed by Mary's heroism and shocked that she had not been recognised sooner. We created our own portraits of Mother Seacole inspired by Andy Warhol's Pop Art. We thoroughly enjoyed talking to you all in parents' evening and are proud with how well the class are doing. Keep up the reading at home!



South America

It was such a pleasure to catch up with so many parents during the parents' evenings this week. I was able to share how proud I am of the children and the progress they are making. Thank you for your continued support.

In class this week, the children have completed a set of past SATs papers and have faced this with enthusiasm and great perseverance. I will share their results with them next week and they will be able to bring these home to share with you too. We have also been focusing on History and Geography this week and have been considering the legacy that The Romans left behind after the invasion of Britain. Ask your children to tell you all about the Roman Roads and the importance of them. We have also been looking at the countries and capital cities in the UK and identifying the difference between The UK, Great Britain and The British Isles.

Please can you ensure that all children are sent every day with a water bottle and a school jumper (including PE days). We need to keep the windows open at all times to provide adequate ventilation, and therefore jumpers in class are needed as the days turn colder.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Sweet

North America

Another productive week in Year 5! In Maths, we have cracked multiplying by 2 digit numbers! Hooray! We have also been learning about Roman numerals and how numbers can be written by using them. In English we have been writing our own invention of a rebirth story. The children have displayed such fantastic Sapphire Power – it was needed for a week of writing! Our sculptures have finally dried out and will be making their way home very soon. Please continue practising KIRFs – the children are becoming so confident with them and keep up the reading.

Asia Class

This week Year 4 have been investigating shape. We started by showing our understanding of squares by using peg boards and ensuring our shapes had equal size sides. This then allowed us to investigate further quadrilaterals and begin to sort them based on their shared properties. We were even introduced to irregular quadrilaterals! We have also been putting our computing skills to the test through creating algorithms that instruct the computer to move our computer game characters, this was so much fun. We especially loved playing around with the underwater creatures. Finally, we have been working really hard at inventing our own settings for our Quest Tales, we have moved away from the snowy forest of Narnia and have tried to use lots of high level vocabulary expanded noun phrases to describe our new chosen settings. Miss Spencer was so pleased she even put 3 of us on the WOW! Work Wall. A huge well done to: Lily, Phyllis and Noah B!

Europe Class



We have had a brilliant week in Europe Class. We have started to learn all about North America and Native American tribes. We have also started coding which is now set as a 2do on all of their Purple Mash profiles if they wish to practice at home. Next week, we are starting our next writing unit based around the text 'The Secret of Black Rock'. Thank you to all of you who have sent in your home learning & reading records. If you are yet to do this, please can I have them as soon as possible so I am able to look at what the children are achieving at home.

Homework Books

Thank you to all the children who brought in their home learning and reading records today. We will be sending these home again once the children's effort in their amazing home learning has been celebrated!



After-school club

The new arrangements for after-school club start next and we are delighted that we have bookings for every evening. We do ask that you book a place by the Friday of the previous week if you need a place via ParentPay (but if your arrangements change and you suddenly need a place please ring the office and we should be able to provide a space.)



Social Distancing Reminder

Please can we remind parents to maintain social distancing whilst on the playground. Please ensure drop off and collections are as swift as possible to allow space for other parents. We also encourage parents and carers to wear a mask whilst on the school site.



It's getting colder!

We have noticed this week that many children are still coming into school wearing thin jackets (or even without a coat at all).

It is becoming increasingly colder on the playground so please ensure your child comes to school with a thicker winter coat. We also encourage children to bring in hats and gloves when it becomes frosty.

Thank you







WINTER ART AND WRITING COMPETITION

Prizes to be won!

- 4-6 years olds**
 - Create a festive picture. You can use any materials you want!
 - Write a poem or short story of no more than 150 words.
- 7-10 years olds**
 - Create a festive picture. You can use any materials you want!
 - Write a short story of no more than 500 words.
- 11-14 years olds**
 - Create a festive picture. You can use any materials you want!
 - Write a short story of no more than 500 words.

How to enter:

Email your entries to cu@uwe.ac.uk – be sure we can see it clearly.

The deadline for entries is Sunday 13th December 2020 at 8pm.

Children's University members will be able to earn Learning Credits for their submission. You do not have to be a member of Children's University to submit an entry.

There will be a winner from each category, chosen by UWE Bristol Faculty of Arts, Creative Industries & Education staff.

The winners will receive a £20 book token & be announced on our Twitter pages & UWE Bristol social media channels (with permission).

The winning entries will be published in our next Children's University Newsletter & on our Twitter Page [@BSGChildrensUni](https://twitter.com/BSGChildrensUni)

We can't wait to see your work!

