











Newsletter 15th December 2023

Every lesson counts - your child must attend school every single day for the best chance of success!

 <p>HIGH ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL GETS YOUR CHILD'S LIFE OFF TO A <i>FLYING START!</i></p>	 <p>INCREASING ATTENDANCE BY JUST 5% CAN DOUBLE THE CHANCES OF GAINING GOOD QUALIFICATIONS</p>	 <p>MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR</p>	<p>GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL</p>  <p>Improves reading</p> <p><i>Writing</i> + MATHS SKILLS</p>
 <p>THERE ARE 175 DAYS A YEAR NOT SPENT IN SCHOOL</p> <p>PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHOPPING, HOLIDAYS AND APPOINTMENTS!</p>	 <p>100s 1000s OF SUBJECTS OF CLASSES</p> <p>ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES</p>	 <p>TURNING UP JUST 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO OVER 3 DAYS LOST IN THE YEAR!</p>	<p>MORE SCHOOL =</p>  <p>HIGHER GRADES INCREASED CONFIDENCE MORE FRIENDS BRIGHTER FUTURE</p>

Our best attending classes this week are:

1st Violet 98.5%

2nd Emerald 96.1%

3rd Topaz 96%

National Average attendance this week is 95%. Our attendance is continuing to improve! Well done for giving your children the very best start for their academic success!

Headteacher's Message



Dear Families

Thank you very much to all the parents and carers who came along to our family workshops for Years 1 and 2 this week. It was also wonderful to join families to watch the Nursery class Nativity performance on Friday.

Please remember to complete the Form <https://forms.office.com/e/h9nEiz65GD> if you are planning to attend the Singalongs on Monday or Wednesday next week. This will allow us to let people know if not enough seating will be available for any of the performances.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Jabeen at the end of the term as she moves onto a new opportunity. From January, Ochre class will be taught by Miss Nightingale who has been part of the Year 4 teaching team throughout this term. Next week, Miss Nightingale will be spending time getting to know her new class.

We also say farewell to Mr McIntosh at the end of term as he takes on an exciting new role at another setting. We wish him all the best for the future and I'm sure you will join me in saying that he has made a great contribution to Manor Park during his time as part of the staff team.

Miss Moorhouse, our Finance Officer, is moving into a new role within the Trust so will no longer be based in the school office after the Christmas holiday. We know that many of you have known Miss Moorhouse for many years, and she will be missed. We do hope that she will come back and visit us!

A small number of children have been bringing in snacks and sweets from home which contains nuts. We do have children and staff with allergies in school so it is really important that your child brings in nut-free food for their packed lunch and do not bring in other sweets or chocolates. The following items should not be brought into school:

- *Packs of nuts*

- *Peanut butter sandwiches*

- *Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts*

- *Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts*

- *Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)*

- *Cakes made with nuts*

Please remember that the last day of term for pupils is Thursday 21st December and there will be seasonal celebration parties in the afternoon of that day.

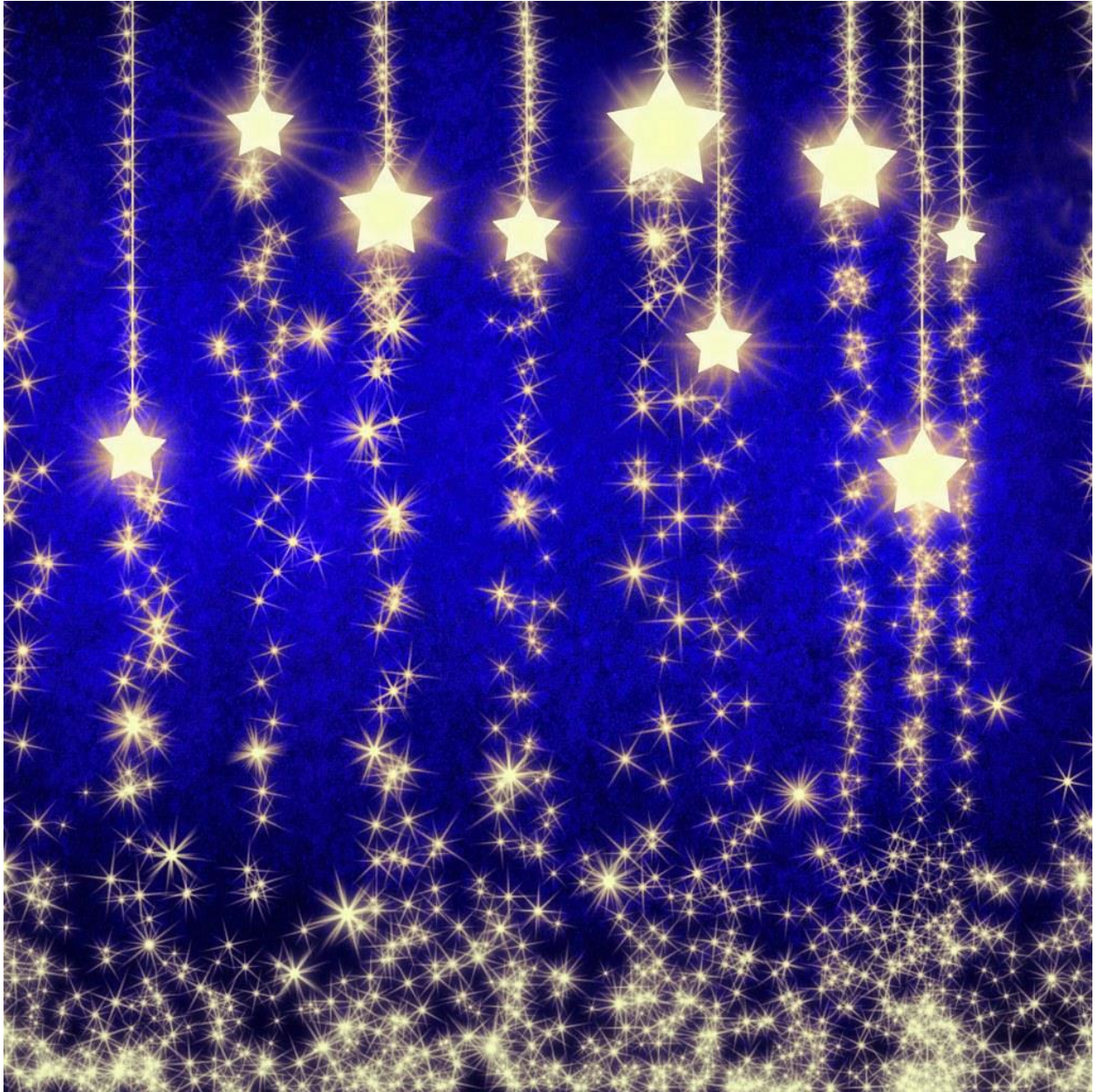
All children return to school on Monday 8th January 2024.

We hope that you have a wonderful holiday once it comes!

Kind regards,

Ms Chapman

Stars of Manor Park



STAR OF THE WEEK!

These children were especially chosen because they have shown our school value of Gratitude amazingly this week!

Nursery Tommy

Indigo Arlen

Violet Omar

Gold Aleema

Copper Maisam

Aqua Abdimalik

Turquoise Haider

Crimson Yaqub

Cerise Ibrahim M

Bronze Hamzah

Ochre Ahmed

Ruby Qaswa

Topaz Anaya

Teal Myles

Emerald Fatimah

A big well done to you all!

All children are put into 'Houses' for collective awards for great work. Children earn points for their house and the winners are announced each week in assembly!



House points collected this week!

1st Edwards 800

2nd Aston 710

3rd Lightwood 690

4th Berners-Lee 650

Well done Edwards House!!

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Thinking of a career in teaching?

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REAch Teach
Get into Teaching Event



Manor Park Primary Academy



Friday, December 1



9am



12 noon



Have you ever thought about a career in teaching, but didn't know enough about it? ✨

Come to our Open Day to find out more! 🙌

Our open day will explore what a career in teaching could offer you. Come along and discover more about becoming a teacher.

REAch Teach
Postgraduate ITT programme

Lots more photos uploaded! Please follow us on 'X'





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Manor Park Primary Academy · 20h

Many thanks to parents and carers who came along to our Autism Awareness Coffee Morning on Wednesday! Fantastic feedback and suggestions

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Many thanks to Mrs Howarth and all of the children who visited the gallery eastsideprojects.org to celebrate their film project





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Manor Park Primary Academy ... · 3d

More of our amazing new school
councillors elected last week!

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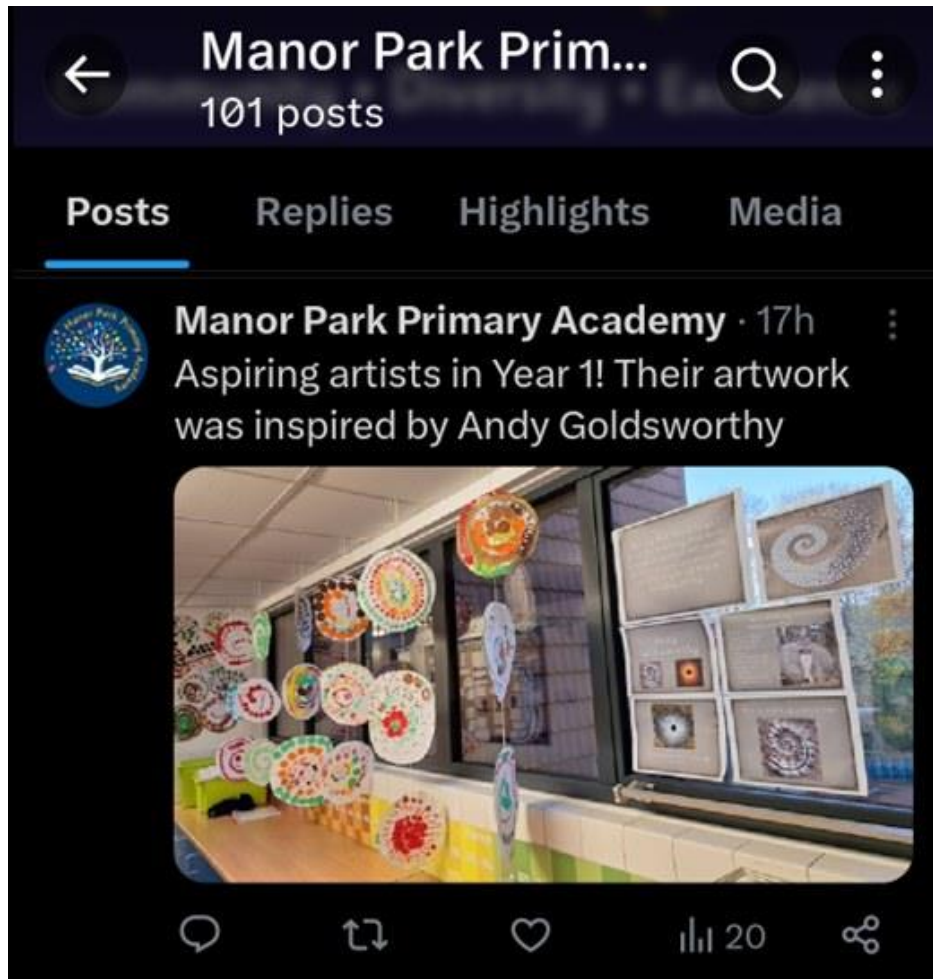
Ready for Children in Need with matching spots, yellow and Pudsey costumes!

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Thank you so much to those of you who have given us a follow!

Please head to @MPA_Primary

or click

https://twitter.com/MPA_Primary?t=0jffDwMic-nOEGXl2gPdIA&s=03

to find daily updates about the amazing things your children are doing at school!

Attendance Procedures and Autumn and Winter Illness



As we approach Autumn and the weather changes, illnesses such as colds and flu come become more common.

We can often feel worse in the morning and if your child is feeling unwell but can come into school, please make sure that they do.

*Please call 0121 327 1023 or email enquiry@manorparkacademy.org to inform us if this is the case and we can monitor them throughout the day; **we will always contact you if your child is too unwell to continue at school.***

We find that this approach often reduces the amount of time lost to avoidable absence (and children usually feel much better as the day goes on!)

Thank you for your support

Dates for your Diary



Christmas Nativity by Reception and Year 1 Tuesday 19th December 2023

Whole School Sing-along! Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th December 2023

Christmas Dinner Wednesday 20th December 2023

Christmas Parties Thursday 21st December 2023

End of Term Thursday 21st December 2023

Back to School Monday 8th January 2024



**At Manor Park Primary
Academy everyone
has the right to feel safe.**

**At Manor Park Primary
Academy everyone
has the right to learn.**