











Newsletter 9th February 2024

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 OF SUBJECTS 1000s 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 Topaz 98.3%

2nd Copper 96.4%

3rd Teal 95.8%

National Average attendance this week is 95%

Well done for giving your children the very best start for their academic success!



"THIS MORNING, HE HAD A RUNNY NOSE... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

HM Government
Head to the NHS website to find out more.

NHS



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Headteacher's Message



Dear Families,

Although it has been a short half term, it has been a busy one! Our after school programme has got off to a great start and it has been wonderful to see so many children pursuing their interests beyond the school day. Most clubs are full but there are some spaces remaining in Dance and Singing.

We are delighted to share that we have also opened a peaceful library club at lunch time for children to access for reading and reflection.

This week, children enjoyed End of Unit Quizzes, testing their knowledge across the curriculum - science, history, geography and more. Year 3 also got to find out about a range of creatures in their Zoolab Workshops, everyone learnt about how to safe online as part of Safer Internet Day and Years 3 and 4 developed their financial awareness in MoneySense Workshops.

*For health and safety, it is really important that children wear appropriate clothing during PE lessons. This includes trainers (plain black) and jogging trousers or shorts (no dresses or skirts). **Tracksuits must not be worn**; on cold days children are able to wear their school jumpers.*

Also, to keep children safe, they must not be left unsupervised in the playground before the start of the school day. Please remain with your child until members of the staff team are in the playground areas to supervise them and to ensure they enter school safely for registration. Recently, there has been a rise in the number of KS2 children in the playground area or on Sycamore Road, without an adult. This raises safeguarding concerns as only Year 6 pupils, with parental consent, are allowed to walk to school alone.

Next term, we are looking forward to further Natwest MoneySense workshops for Year 5. We are delighted that there will be volunteers from Natwest Bank joining the sessions, maybe inspiring our children to consider a career in banking in the future! We will also be welcoming volunteers into school to clear our new orchard area, in preparation for planting fruit trees. If any parents or carers would like to be involved in the Health for Life project, please get in touch with Ms Chapman via the enquiry@manorparkacademy.org email.

The last week of after school clubs will be week beginning 4th March and Parents' Evenings will be on 18th and 20th March.

Kind regards

Ms Chapman

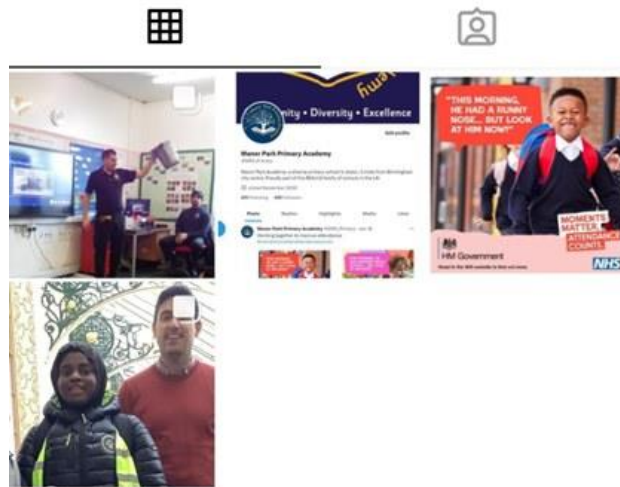
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School Uniform Policy and Expectations

Dear families,

Please can you ensure that your child has the correct uniform and P.E Kit. Children who attend Manor Park must wear uniform as shown in our school uniform policy.

Please do not send your child to school wearing branded clothing or trainers. Both shoes and trainers must be black (no coloured stripes or logos). We want to ensure equality for our children and also avoid families feeling pressured to buy branded clothing/footwear.

We also want to ensure value for money when it comes to our uniform policy. Therefore, unlike other schools, it is not compulsory for uniform to have the school logo. You are welcome to purchase clothing with our school logo by clicking [here](#); [School Uniform – Manor Park Primary Academy](#) (manorparkacademy.co.uk) or, you can buy clothing from places like Asda or Tesco as long as they are our school colours.

Please see photo below as a reminder.

Thank you you for your co-operation,

Ms Lewis

Deputy Headteacher

All children at Manor Park need...



Manor Park Sweatshirt or Cardigan



White polo shirt



Grey trousers or skirt



Manor Park book bag or suitable school bag



Plain grey tights/socks or white socks



Plain black shoes



White Manor Park P.E t-shirt



Plain black P.E shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms



Plain black trainers or pumps

FAQs

Do I need to have something to donate to the Swop Shop in order to receive items?

No you do not need to make a donation in order to make requests for items. The only criteria to receive an item from us is that you need it.

I need some uniform, how do I make a request?

Just contact us through our Facebook page, email address or through your school and let us know what items you need.

I have some items to donate, how do I get them to the Swop Shop?

You can drop off any donations at one of our drop off points (see website). Alternatively ask your school if they participate and collect donations there.

If you could help us by adding to our collection sites, please get in contact - we are looking for collection points across Birmingham.

Does the Swop Shop make any money from items donated?

No - all items are free to anyone who requests them.

I work in a school that is interested in getting involved, what do we need to do next?

Simply get in contact with us and we can provide more information.

Donations of lost property really help, so if you have any let us know!

Any other questions...

Please get in contact with us and ask!

Why Swop Shop?

Uniforms can be expensive, family circumstances can change and sometimes keeping your children clean and warm can be more difficult than you had ever imagined.

The School Swop Shop is a new initiative, intended to help families, by providing free school uniforms, PE kits, shoes, forest school clothes and anything else that may be needed.

Absolutely anyone is welcome to donate pre loved clothing, or request anything they may need. Please help us to continue to help as many families as possible.

We accept donations of the following:

- ◆ Any item of school uniform
- ◆ School shoes, trainers and football boots
- ◆ Coats
- ◆ Backpacks
- ◆ Extracurricular uniform e.g. Brownies,



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Marvellous Me!



224 parents have now signed up to Marvellous Me! This is fantastic!

Please check your SMS messages for links to information about Marvellous Me and translated step by step letters to support you! You can also look at the Marvellous Me section on our school website.

We will be sending lots of information via the app eventually to keep you updated on your child's achievements, their individual house point score, homework and news about things that are happening in school.

Like all new things, it can take a little while for us all to get used to using it to it's full potential. So, we are starting with simple updates for now, before building it up to something bigger!

It is very important that you download and join up!

Thank you,

Ms Lewis

Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your Diary



Monday 18th February 2024 - School OPEN

Tuesday 20th February 2024 - YEAR 6 SATS Meetings - All Year 6 Parents to attend

Thursday 22nd February 2024 - Year 5 Money Sense Workshop

Stars of Manor Park



STAR OF THE WEEK!

These children were especially chosen because they have shown our school values this week

Nursery Atiya

Indigo Marjana

Violet Shama

Gold Gold

Copper Jasmine

Aqua Maryam

Turquoise Habiba

Cerise David

Cerise Simona

Bronze Hala

Ochre Mahira

Ruby Giulia

Topaz Darius

Teal Ummaya

Emerald Tenaj

A big well done to you all!



WORK
HARD
AND
COLLECT
House Points

*House Points are now collected using Marvellous Me. **You can see you child's individual house points by clicking on the 'thumbs up' button.** However many 'thumbs up' they've had, this is the number of house points they have received in school!*

House points collected this week!

1st Lightwood 2727

2nd Edwards 2627

3rd Aston 2221

Well done Lightwood House!!

Child Benefit - Additional Financial Support



Families could be missing out on a minimum of £24 per week!

If a parent/carer is responsible for bringing up a child who is:

-
- under 16
 - under 20 and in approved education or training
-

They could [claim child benefit](#) (click the link!)

There's no limit to how many children a parent/carer can claim for but only one person can get Child Benefit for a child.

To find out more visit <https://www.gov.uk/child-benefit>

e - Safety Update - 'Monkey Cool'

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONKEY

Also known as Monkey Cool, this platform aims to fill the gap left by Omegle (which has now shut down) by placing users in random video chats with strangers. Participants use their mobile number and Snapchat username to connect to the service, where they can make matches, message other people and join group chats. The mobile version has been removed from the App Store due to safety concerns, but iPhone owners can still access the site via their web browser. The app remains available on Google Play, where its listing claims that Monkey has more than 30 million users worldwide.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The app claims to use AI to detect sexual content or activity that violates its policies, along with having a 24/7 moderation team. However, reports in the media continue to indicate that explicit content remains commonplace on Monkey (including sexually graphic or violent material) and is therefore accessible to anybody who uses the app – including those aged under 18.



CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

The obvious risk in accepting random video chat partners is that users cannot know what or who they will see on their next connection. Talking to strangers is, of course, potentially dangerous – especially for children who might be persuaded to meet up with these people offline. The app lets users find each other by location, increasing the chances of a child being matched with a stranger from their local area.



IN-APP SPENDING

While Monkey is free to download, it nevertheless offers in-app purchases promising to unlock access to premium features. For example, users who wish to make use of 'Knock Knock' chat (Monkey's text-based messaging option), rather than the app's Chatroulette-style random video calling feature, will need to pay to be able to do so.

INTRUSIONS ON PRIVACY

According to Monkey's privacy policy, personal information (such as name, profile picture and date of birth), user-contributed content (any photos, texts, videos and screenshots shared) and each user's browser and IP address are collected. That is a considerable amount of data for Monkey to gather on its users – and all of this information is shared with third parties.



Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Even if you're comfortable with your child using Monkey, it's still important to talk about the potential dangers. It's crucial, for instance, that young people recognise the risks that stem from video chatting with strangers; that they understand not to share identifying information (like their street or school name); and that they know what to do if they are exposed to inappropriate content.



RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASING

If your child is accessing Monkey via an Android device, you can prevent them from making in-app purchases through the device's settings. If you do allow your child to use the site, we'd recommend that you enable this feature: young people have been known to spend significant amounts of money in their desire to unlock more features in apps such as this.



REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Monkey states in the safety section of its site that "people are given the power" and that, to a large extent, Monkey is "self-governing." If a user is exposed to sexually explicit or inappropriate content on the platform, they can select the 'police' emoji in the top right corner of their screen to submit a report for Monkey's moderation team to review.



SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Monkey – or that they may have been exposed to inappropriate or distressing content – it's important to watch for potential indications that they've been affected emotionally. They could be unusually irritable or unable to concentrate, for example, or failing to complete their homework or even to eat regular meals.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Buchanan is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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



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

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