

# Manor Fields Primary School

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## 2016-2017 Events & Holidays

### Manor Fields Term Dates

#### 2016/2017

10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET Day
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Last Day of Spring Term
18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Start of Summer Term
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	Half Term
21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Last Day of Summer Term

### Spring Term Dates

#### (New dates/events in bold)

6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Week
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb-3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	NSPCC Sponsored Read
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Manor Fields Got Talent Finals KS1 – am KS2 – pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Year 5 Parents Meeting about Kingswood trip in September 2.20 pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6 SATs Information Session for Parents 2.30 pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Year 2 SATs Information Session for Parents 2.20 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science Theme Week 1
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	NSPCC Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science Theme Week 2
20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Corem Education Life Bus
21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Red Nose Day
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 4 Production 2.00 pm and 6.30 pm
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultation – Nursery All Day  Parental Consultation Evening Reception, Years 2 and 6 3.30pm – 5.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parental Consultation Evening Reception, Years 2 and 6 3.30pm – 7.30pm
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Term ends 1.30pm Reports home for Years 1, 3, 4 and 5

## MANOR FIELDS BOOK WEEK

As advised by Parentmail last week, on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February we will be celebrating the start of Book Week by inviting children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. We are looking forward to seeing your costumes and would encourage children to bring along a copy of the book that has inspired them so that we can all share our favourite stories!

Other 'Book Week' events:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February: Visit by the NSPCC to launch a 'sponsored read' event at Manor Fields.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Visit by children's author, Jack Trelawny (Years 2-6)

## LEVEL 2 SPORTS HALL Y6 ATHLETICS COMPETITION

On the afternoon of Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, fourteen keen and excited Year 6 children took part in the inter-school Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Birchwood.

The children took part in a range of field and track events including javelin, standing long jump, hurdles and sprint relays. Not only did the Manor Fields team display enthusiasm, skill and sportsmanship throughout, they also stepped up to cover for two missing team members who were unwell.

After a thoroughly thrilling and brilliant afternoon, we were delighted that Manor Fields were placed third overall! Many congratulations to the team: Ollie L, Ollie G, Will D, William D, Jake W, George H, Evan W, Lily Gr, Annabelle H, Elena R, Skye P, Isabelle L, Isabel K and Grace A.

(There was also a rumour that Mrs Sears' team won the teachers' race...!)

## KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ON-LINE

Later this week your child will be bringing home a magazine called Digital Parenting. The magazine highlights key issues around children using technology. It contains advice from teachers, parents and online safety experts on a range of subjects.

It also contains an updated guide to setting parental controls on apps and devices, and information on gaming and keeping children safe while they play.

This is magazine 5. The other 4 previous magazines can be found online by clicking on the link below:  
<http://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting/learning-and-fun/digital-parenting-magazine.html>

Please take the time to read the magazine and support us in keeping children safe online.



## ARE YOU A REGISTERED OFSTED CHILDMINDER?

Are you interested in finding out more about working in partnership with Manor Fields to offer access to the 30 hours free childcare funding initiative which is being launched from September 2017 this year?

We are holding an informal meeting at school next Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2:45 – 3:15pm to discuss the scheme and how we can work together to support eligible working parents whose children may be joining our Nursery next year.

Childcare can be provided, but please advise us of numbers and ages by Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

## THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Groups from around the UK are coming together [again](#) to clean up their local patch.

If your group would like to take part in this national campaign, East Herts Council has some litter picking kits you can borrow. You could also gather up a group of friends or neighbours to take part.

**The main event weekend is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March but you can** do your clean up any time in the run up to that weekend **and throughout March.**

**To register your litter pick and agree a collection point and time for the council to collect your bags of litter** email [operations.admin@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:operations.admin@eastherts.gov.uk) or telephone 01279 655261, option 4.

To find out more about the initiative, visit [www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk](http://www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk) where you can also buy litter picking kits at a discounted rate if required.

## THE LIFE BUS



The Life Bus is coming to Manor Fields

20<sup>th</sup> March until 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Funded by the MFSA

More details to follow very soon

but if you want to find out more



please visit [www.coram.org.uk/how-we-do-it/coram-life-education](http://www.coram.org.uk/how-we-do-it/coram-life-education)

## BUTTONS NEEDED!

Do you have any odd buttons - any shape or size - that you could donate to the school?

I would like to organise a whole school project that will involve every child sewing a button onto a collage

I will leave a jar outside the School Office or please give any buttons to your child's class teacher

Many thanks

Mrs Smith (Badger Class)



## PEN LICENCE

Many apologies to the following pupils from Year 5 Anning who received their pen licences before Christmas but whose names were omitted from the published list.

Well done to Matthew S, Francesca W, Jay Y and Oscar W.

## PHONICS

A phonics presentation has been added to the Parents' section of the website which we hope will be a useful tool to see if you are sounding out the words in the same way as your child's teacher.