



MANSFIELD PRIMARY ACADEMY


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New Year – New plans

Dear families

As we are approaching the end of the first half term, I wanted to update you on how amazing the children have been so far at the start of 2024.

Firstly, thank you for all parents and helpers who supported in the Christmas Fayre. This and the disco raised money which is now being re-invested into the school, for both the library and playgrounds (more on this later).

We have many educational activities taking place this term including author visits, careers days and speakers, educational visits, parental workshops and we will shortly be moving from Year 4 to Year 5 swimming. There will also be some parental meetings regarding supporting your children through the various tests which are up and coming in the summer term, these include phonics (year 1), Multiplication Checks (year 4), Key stage 2 SATS (year 6) and the academy will also be completing SATS in Year 2.

Coffee and crafts afternoon will continue to go ahead each term with the next one on Wednesday 20th March 2.00pm to 3.15pm. This will be an opportunity for you to spend time with your child(ren) completing some Easter crafts in school. Members of the Leadership team will start the afternoon off with a discussion prior to you heading to classrooms.

Alison Hardwick, from Notts County Council behaviour support team, is also going to be running the Solihull parenting course here at the academy, for those who want further support. This will be especially important if you or your child are experiencing any difficulties with behaviour.

Reminder that parents evening is next week, Tuesday 6th February, this is an opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and discuss how they are doing and how we can both support them further. It is commendable how many of you have already signed up, thank you, please can the final few go along to the link that was sent previously. Any issues please contact the office.



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Also on Tuesday, the Nottinghamshire County Council Mental Health Support Team will be in the academy for a coffee and for you as parents/carers to chat to, if you feel you need any support either for yourself or your child/ren. I also wish to signpost you to Hub of Hope.

Hub of Hope is a website where you can search for support and advice in your local area in a number of fields. All you have to do is type in your postcode and click search. If you want to find services for children make sure you tick the under 18 box below your postcode. It includes services to support:

Abuse	Advice and Support	Advocacy	Anxiety
Bereaved by Suicide	Bereavement	Bipolar	Blind and Sight Impaired Support
Carer and Family Support	Crisis Care and Support	Deaf and Hearing Impaired Support	Dementia
Depression	Disability	Eating Disorder	Ethnic Support
Ex-Forces	Financial Support	Frontline Staff	Gambling Addiction
Health Related Support	Hearing Voices	Homelessness	LGBTQ+ Support
Loneliness	Menopause	Men's Support	Neurodivergence
OCD	Older People's Support	Panic Attacks	Perinatal Support
Physical Activity and Movement	Prison and Probation Friendly	Psychosis	Rural and Agricultural Support
Schizophrenia	Self-Harm	Student Support	Substance Misuse
Therapy	Trauma	Urgent 24/7 Crisis Support	Women's Support
Young Persons Support			

Either click on this link

[Mental Health Support Network provided by Chasing the Stigma | Hub of hope](#)

Alternatively copy and paste this web address to your internet browser and press go

<https://hubofhope.co.uk/>

Finally, over the February half term we will be having a delivery of sheds. We are wanting to develop our provision for lunchtimes and instil the idea of play again in children as too many now seem very electronic focussed. The children will be given equipment to play with and use as they wish, and staff will be supervising but we will be developing trust and in-stilling the idea of safe risk taking. The playgrounds will be zoned into different areas just like when they were in the Foundation unit. Children from year 1-6 will no longer have sperate playgrounds to create a greater choice activity and family feel. Zones will comprise of wheeled equipment, quiet reading, gardening, small world toys, water activities, performance (music and dress up), obstacle courses and construction amongst many others.

Examples of activities:



We will be shortly sending out a request for any donations which we would be grateful for, if they could be brought in when we return **after the half term** so we can start to set up ready for use. The list will not be of anything expensive and will be for things no longer used or needed. Items such as pallets, tyres, fabric sheets, drainpipes, decking planks, dolls, kitchen utensils etc. It is a complete range and will allow children to become creative in the activities they choose to interact with. Any storage boxes would be gratefully received so we can store effectively. Please keep an eye out on our media platforms for more information.

The diary for all our up-and-coming dates is on the next page. Please speak to the class teacher if you have any questions. As always, I wish to thank you, our community, in the support you provide me, the children and the staff team, we are grateful.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Jane
Principal

Diary Dates 2024

KEY			
Term Start/End			
School Trip			
In school Event			
INSET/ Bank Holiday			
School Swimming			
Public/National Event			
Date	Event	Info	Year Group
24 January 2024	Year 4 Swimming	SWIM centre	Year 4
31 January 2024	Year 4 Swimming	SWIM centre	Year 4
05 February 2024	Children's mental health week		All
06 February 2024	Safer Internet Day	Awareness	All
06 February 2024	MHST Coffee morning		
06 February 2024	Parents Evening	Hall	All
07 February 2024	EYFS Stay and Play		
07 February 2024	Year 4 Swimming	SWIM centre	Year 4
08 February 2024	Careers Day	Wear you Dream Job	All Years
08 February 2024	School Trip	Butterfly House	Year 3
09 February 2024	Last Day of Spring Term 1	Last day of school	All
10 February 2024	Chinese New Year		All
19 February 2024	First Day of Spring Term 2	First day back	All
20 February 2024	Young Voices Concert	Choir Concert	Invite only
27 February 2024	Year 5 Swimming	SWIM centre	Year 5
01 March 2024	School Trip	Mansfield Museum	Year 5
01 March 2024	Bring a Book Breakfast		
05 March 2024	Y6 SATs Parents meeting		Year 6
05 March 2024	Year 5 Swimming	SWIM centre	Year 5
06 March 2024	Y1 Phonics Screening Parents meeting		Year 1
07 March 2024	World Book Day	Come dressed as favourite book or character	All
07 March 2024	Y4 Multiplication Tables Parents meeting		Year 4
08 March 2024	International Womens day		All
11 March 2024	British Science Week		All
12 March 2024	School Trip	Sherwood Forest - Orienteering	Year 2
12 March 2024	Year 5 Swimming	SWIM centre	Year 5
14 March 2024	School Trip	Creswell Crags	Year 3
15 March 2024	Red Nose Day	Non uniform	All
19 March 2024	Scholastic Book Fair Starts	Hall	All
19 March 2024	School Trip	Mansfield Fire Station	Year 1
19 March 2024	Year 5 Swimming	SWIM centre	Year 5
21 March 2024	World Poetry Day		All
22 March 2024	Coffee and crafts - Easter theme (13:30- 15:00)		
26 March 2024	Year 5 Swimming	SWIM centre	Year 5
27 March 2024	Easter Competition awards	Celebration Assembly - Hall	All Years
28 March 2024	Scholastic Book Fair Ends	Hall	All
28 March 2024	School Trip	Bosworth Battlefields	Year 4
28 March 2024	Last Day of Spring Term 2 for Easter Break	Last day of school	All
15 April 2024	First Day of Summer Term 1	First day back	All
17 April 2024	SATS Workshop	Workshops	Year 6
01 May 2024	KS1 SATS commence		Year 1 and 2
06 May 2024	Bank Holiday	May Bank Holiday	All
13 May 2024	KS2 SATS commence (1 week)		Year 6
24 May 2024	Last day of Summer Term 1	Last day of school	All
03 June 2024	First Day of Summer Term 2	First day back	All
03 June 2024	Y4 Multiplication Tables (3 weeks)		Year 4
04 June 2024	Body Image Workshop	Workshops	Year 6
05 June 2024	World Environmental Day		All
10 June 2024	Phonics Screening check week		Year 1 and 2
14 June 2024	Coffee and Crowns (13:30- 15:00)		All
15 June 2024	Kings official birthday		All
18 June 2024	School Trip	Yorkshire Wildlife Centre	EYFS
18 June 2024	Y6 Transition Workshop	Workshop	Year 6
20 June 2024	EYFS sports day		EYFS
21 June 2024	KS1 Sport day		Year 1 and 2
28 June 2024	KS2 Sports Day		KS2
02 July 2024	School Trip	Bakewell Old House	Year 4
02 July 2024	Year 6 Transition Day	Brunts & All Saints	Year 6
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18 July 2024	Coffee and Crafts - Summer Fayre theme (13:30- 15:00)		
19 July 2024	Reports to parents		
23 July 2024	Summer Fayre		
24 July 2024	Last day of Summer Term 2	Last day of school	All
25 July 2024	INSET DAY	No School for children	All
26 July 2024	INSET DAY	No School for Children	All