



MANSFIELD PRIMARY ACADEMY

Newsletter June 2022

Principal's Newsletter June 2022

Well I hope everyone has enjoyed the week off, celebrating the Queens Jubilee. This followed on from what was a lovely afternoon at the academy on the Thursday (26th May) and I was really pleased that so many of you joined us with your children. We took lots of photos but the extra little help we got from 'Tracey's Street Kitchen' was appreciated, especially as many of you took lots of food home with you to use over the break.

Prior to the Jubilee celebrations, I was interviewing new teachers and this continued on the Friday as well. I am pleased to inform you we have appointed 2 new members of staff who will be joining us in September. We will be joined by Miss Marley and Mr Wilson; both have had experiences in different schools. We now have a full compliment of staff for September and we will be running our own Forest School for each class to enjoy next year. This is learning outside of the classroom where children will be learning lots of new skills directly related to nature to help them in later life. Skills will include growing their own food, making tools, team work, taking controlled risks, cooking on open fire etc. We are extremely excited by this and as you can imagine we have a lot to do initially setting up to ensure the children have the best experience possible. We have continued to work with the Melissa Hatton Trust to ensure the area is tidy; the next stage is to get all the equipment and setup as required. We have raised beds to build and a pond to dig out etc therefore, we may call on you for some assistance and any help would be appreciated.

Staff lists for the next academic year will be shared with you towards the end of term.

SATs for years 2 and 6 have been completed and this week starts the phonics assessments for Year 1 and those that did not pass in Year 2. We have the new multiplication tables check in Year 4 starting too. As I mentioned previously all of these are statutory but we will endeavour to make them straight forward to the children and try not to put too much pressure on the m.

Thankyou for those who donated to school by taking books we no longer use to your homes or other places. The money raised is being used to replace and add to our library. As I have spoke about

previously, reading is the most important thing to support children achievements in school so I thank you for those taking the time to keep reading at home.

Within this newsletter you will find information on:

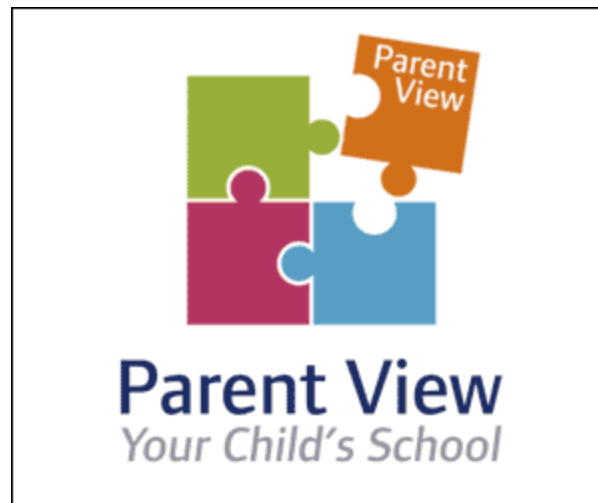
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Please remember to follow us on twitter @MansfieldGAT where we regularly post pictures and information of what the children have been getting up to.

Parents views



When I began back in September, I said I wanted to work with you to create an Academy we could be proud of. Now we have made several important changes to the school curriculum and lifestyle. I need your voice on; how you feel we are doing and where we can improve further. These questions will be sent to you all. Please be reflective and honest as your input is vital in helping us continuing to grow. You will receive a questionnaire within the next couple of weeks.

Facebook



As a school that uses Twitter to communicate, we have listened that this may not be the best method to communicate all the great things happening at school and ensure news is passed on. We currently along side Twitter, use Class Dojo and Groupcall. At a re cent parents meeting families asked about us having a Facebook page. I can confirm this is now up and running so we can spread the word about all the good things happening at Mansfield Primary Academy.

Melissa Grace Hatton Trust and Forest School



I wrote to you about the exciting plans we have for the outdoor areas of the school and how we are working with the Melissa Grace Hatton Trust to provide opportunities for the children. This has started off site and the developments previously spoken about are all on course to happen this term and continue over the summer. This includes outdoor learning spaces and shelters, raised garden/vegetable patches, school pond, development of forest schools facilities, painting and repairing walls and new playground markings including a basketball court amongst other things. Hopefully, you will see the benefit of these things and the children will talk positively about their affect on the learning. The trust are doing a walk up Ben Nevis and raising money for the charity which will then be spent on our children. Here is a link to their fund raising page in case you wanted to donate any money.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/melissagracehaddontrustbennevisclimb?utm_term=3K24aYdEV&fbclid=IwAR1TP1iX_hQEazL-PgmKMJfhrqeNfVBu_29-ErDzfuOTPz7I3smwyTZDE

The Brunts and Bramble Academies



As some of you may already know Wayne Norrie our CEO has been working with the Evolve Trust over the past few months. We are pleased that both Brunts Academy and Bramble Primary Academy are now joining the Greenwood Academies family. This partnership within the Trust will hopefully allow us to support one another, provide opportunities for our children, share resources and expertise. We have already started working with Bramble on a few things and we look forward to how this evolves in the future.

The Academy Advisory Council



- The **Academy Advisory Council (ACC)** meet once a term to discuss the current progress within the Academy and future plans. We still have places available to be part of this group who support on the vision and next steps for the Academy . The meetings normally last approximately 1-2 hours with refreshments provided, and are conducted during the academy day. We have opportunities for 2 more parents places and 2 more community places (business or community groups). If you would like to be part of this group, please click on the relevant link below to apply and read more about the role.
- <https://forms.office.com/r/ViHwZn1Xpx> (Parent Application)
- <https://forms.office.com/r/LLt0urfHV7> (Community Application)

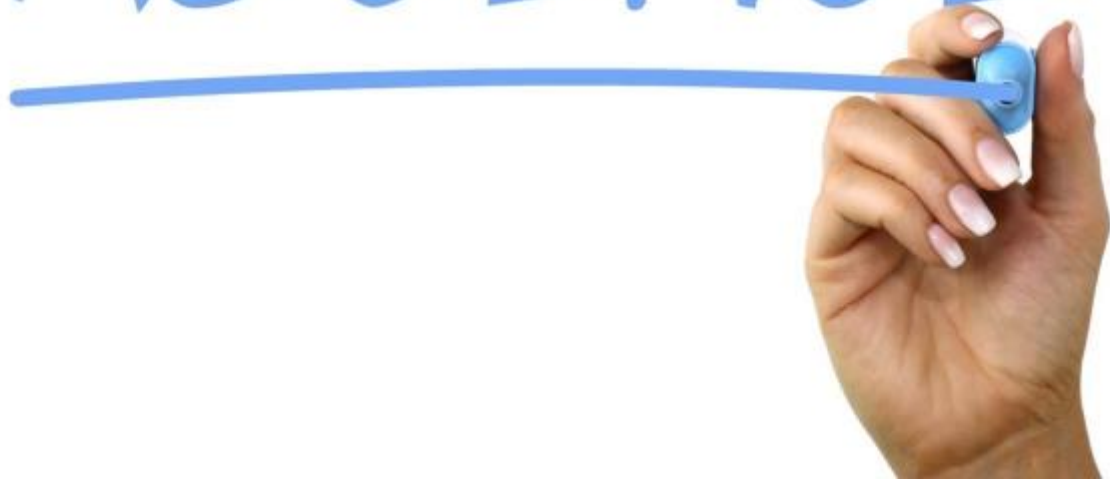
Lunch arrangements



As you are all aware, children's dinners have to be ordered at least a week in advance, this is going well for most but we often have upset children not having what they want. please ensure the order is correct for your child. Also, some children have started to bring in Fizzy drinks into school. This is not allowed and will have to be exchanged for water!

Attendance

ABSENCE



The School requires you to **contact the office before 8:30am** if your child is going to be absent for any reason. We will **no longer** be allowing absence to be communicated via Class Dojo as this can be missed by the office, who has to send information off to relevant agencies. Please phone the school on **01623 624709** stating your child's name, class and reason for absence. If we do not hear from you, we will attempt to call you, if there is no answer we will have to come out to **your house** to ensure the child is safe via a welfare check. Although, our gates stay open past 8:45am, please remember this is the start of the school day (8:40am for those in Foundation), we have had some children arriving at 8:55 or later. If you require support with morning routines for your child please speak to the class teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation with this!

Dates for Diary



More and more dates for events have been added and some dates unfortunately have had to be moved.

Please keep looking at the School Calendar¹ on the website as we aim to keep this as up to date as possible.

June 6th - Children return

June 7th -10th- Phonics screening Years 1 and 2 (those not passed previously)

June 7th-24th - Year 4 multiplications check

June 14th - Gulliver Kingdom Dino experience day EYFS

June 29th-July 1st - Brunts Transition days

July 1st - Key stage 1 Year 1&2 Sports day

July 4th - Key stage 2 Years 3&6 Sports day

July - Year 6 – TBC Golf trip Nottingham via train Reward

July 6th - Drama for all workshops EYFS, Years 1 and 2.

July 21st - 100% attendance award

July 22nd - Reports to parents

July 25th - Year 6 leavers trip

July 26th - Year 6 leavers assembly

July 26th - Year 6 evening activity

¹<https://www.mansfieldprimaryacademy.org/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

July 27th - Last day of term

Uniform



Our school uniform stockist is Crystal Knitwear, based on Pelham Street just around the corner from school. You can now go directly in to store without the need for an appointment, alternatively order online. See our website for further details by clicking on the link below/copying and pasting the link to your internet browser.

<https://www.mansfieldprimaryacademy.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=47>

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office on **01623 624709** or send us an email to admin@mansfieldprimaryacademy.org²

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