



# MANFIELD PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Newsletter 2.11.21

**Principal's Newsletter 2nd November 2021**

Welcome back after 2 weeks of half term. There were some great experiences and rewards given out at the end of the last half term, please keep looking on Twitter for updates. We are looking forward to working hard up until the Christmas celebrations at the end of term, where we have a lot of exciting activities planned. These can all be found in the 'dates for the diary' section which keeps evolving as more academic experiences are booked. I look forward to seeing the children working hard and coming into school happy and enthusiastic towards their learning.

We are tweaking the timings of gate open and closing times, the back gate will now **close at 8:50am** to allow assemblies to start on time, remember the start of the Academy day is **8:45am**. The gate will open in the afternoon at **3:05pm** for the main gate front of school and Mr. Martin will unlock all gates and get to the back gate for **3:10pm** so please remain patient if you are waiting to enter the academy site.

Parents evening was a huge success and I thank you for all the positive comments we received regarding how happy the children are. Remember there is a parents forum for you to voice things at with myself or contact your parent representatives to speak on your behalf, more information follows.

Within this newsletter you will find information on:

- **The Parents group**
- **PTA and fund raising**
- **Coffee Morning**
- **Year 2 Phonics screening meeting**
- **Contacting school for absence**

- **Remembrance Service**
- **New Teacher**
- **Future dates of events**
- **Uniform**



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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.*

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## The Parents group



We are really fortunate to have a group of parents who have been attending my coffee mornings. This group have made me feel very welcome to the Academy and often have good suggestions on ways we can further improve the academy and how they can feel more included. The group also share concerns people have spoken to them about on their behalf. If you have any concerns or idea of how we can make the Academy stronger together please get in touch with: Michelle Thornton tel: 07874947965 email: [chellbutterflybargains87@gmail.com](mailto:chellbutterflybargains87@gmail.com)<sup>1</sup> Claire Dutton tel: 07368179613 email: [rosemarry8823101201@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarry8823101201@gmail.com)<sup>2</sup> or Diane Edwards tel: 07969146554 email: [vamp84@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vamp84@hotmail.co.uk)<sup>3</sup> Thanks to all 3 parents for their consent allowing us to publish their full contact information.

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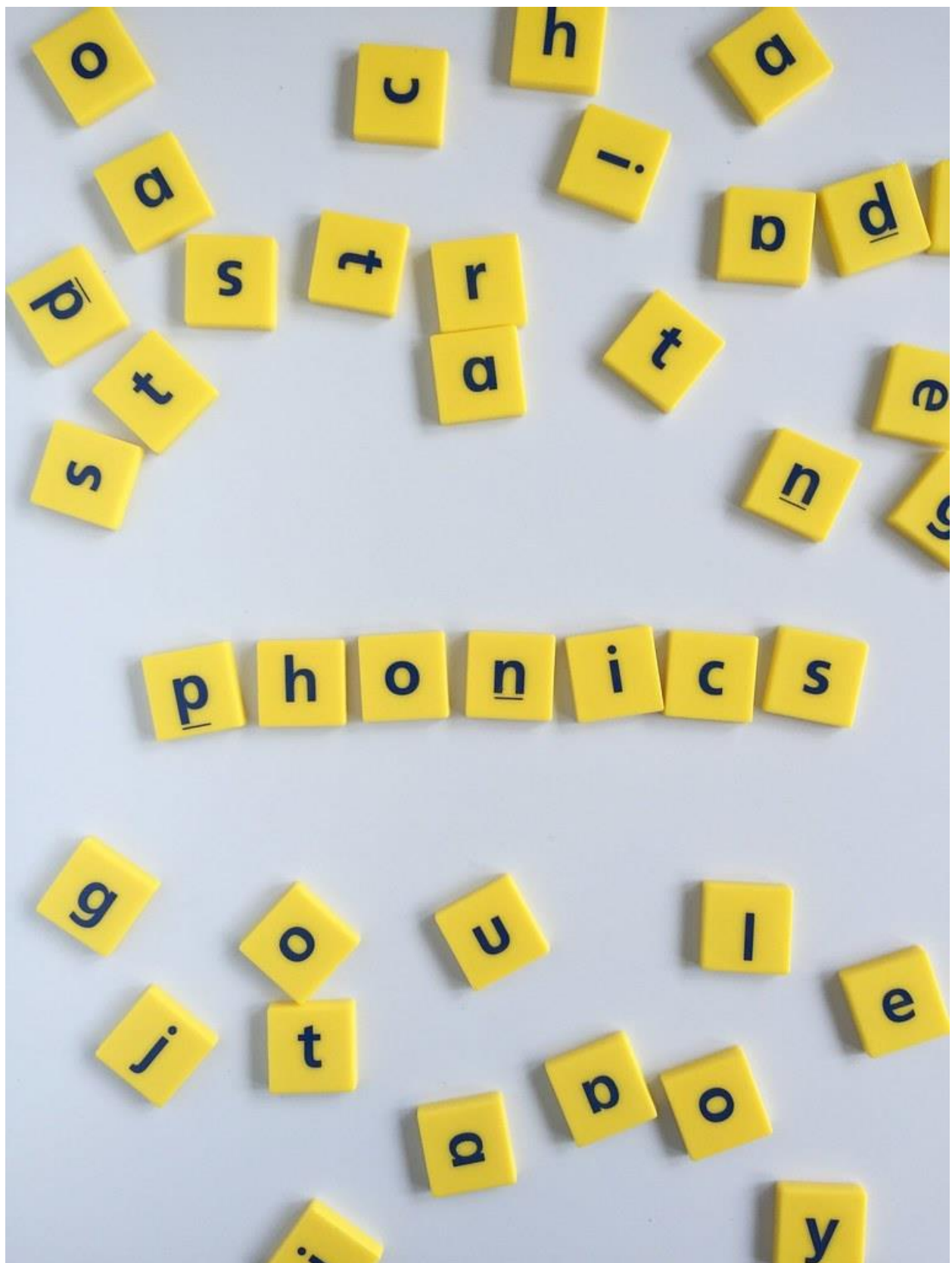


We are looking to launch and confirm members of the PTA. This will be a group of parents who would like to be involved in fund raising and supporting events which happen at the Academy. We are currently looking to run a Christmas Fayre but as an Academy we cannot set up everything on our own. Sam Roberts in our Reception is the person to contact if you'd like to be part of this or feel you could help in anyway.

Our next coffee morning will be on **Tuesday 9th November** in the Heritage building at 9-9:30am. If you cannot make and want points raising please contact you parent representatives









All Year 2 children will have to take the phonics screening which was cancelled last year. They will complete this later this term before Christmas. Mr Dean will be holding a meeting in his classroom on Monday 8th November at 3.15pm to explain how we conduct this and what you can do at home to support your child in doing their best. The meeting will only take a few minutes so your support with this is appreciated. Parents of children in Year 1 area also invited to attend.

# 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 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.

Thank you for your cooperation with this!





We will be holding a Remembrance assembly on 11th November and children will observe a 2 minutes silence during the day. Remembrance merchandise is currently being sold at school for donations ranging between 50p and £1.50 as per the message on Class Dojo before half term. Please have the correct change.

A row of 15 colorful pencils (orange, green, red, yellow, pink, blue, green, red, pink, purple, green, orange, yellow, blue, dark green, red) is shown from the side, pointing downwards. They are resting on a light-colored wooden surface with a visible grain. The pencils are sharpened and their tips are visible.

Help! I'm a  
brand new  
teacher!

We welcome Mr Martin Kirkland to the Academy, who will be joining the year 5 team replacing Mrs Robinson who is now off on her maternity leave. We wish Mrs Robinson all the best with her forthcoming arrival!

Mr Kirkland was appointed following lessons observations with Year 5, interviews by the children of the Schools Parliament, tours of the academy led by the House Captains from Year 6, all before an interview with myself, Mr Derry and Miss Cotton. Mr Kirkland is an experienced teacher of years 5 and 6, who has worked in many schools in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and South Yorkshire and is really looking forward to joining the Academy and we are delighted to have him with us.

Also we are welcoming a new member of staff who is joining our lunchtime team. Miss Bryoni Guthrie, who starts today, Tuesday 2nd November.

## 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 Calendar<sup>4</sup> on the website as we aim to keep this up to date as possible.**

November 1st - INSET day

November 2nd - Children return

November 12th - Children in need.

November 15th-19th - Antibullying week (odd socks week)

November 19th – Bikeability years 3 and 4 selected children

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<sup>4</sup><https://www.mansfieldprimaryacademy.org/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

November 23rd -Bosworth Battle fields Years 3 and 4

December 3rd - After school clubs finish this week

December 6th-10th - Nativities (EFYS & Key stage 1)

December 13th-20th - Christmas activity week

December TBC Train visit to see Santa

December TBC - 100% attendance award

December 15th - Christmas dinner day

December TBC - Christmas jumper day

December TBC - Christmas disco

December 16th - Pantomime visit all years EYFS-6

December 17th - Last day of school, with surprises from the Melissa Hatton Trust (new event)

January 4th - INSET day

January 5th - Children return

January TBC – Cresswell Craggs years 3 and 4

January 22nd - Captivating creature visit (in school) EFYS

February 8th - Safer Internet day.

February 11th - Last day of term

February 21st - INSET day

February 22nd - Children return

February 24th – Years 5/6 Yorkshire wildlife park

March TBC – Sherwood forest –Years 1 and 2

March TBC – Museum in Mansfield –EYFS

March 3rd - World book day

March 30th - Easter Disco

March 30th - Mr Mulligans Adventure Golf - EYFS

March 31st - 100% attendance award

March 31st – Parents evening –

April 1st - Last day of term

April 18th - Public Bank Holiday

April 19th - Children return

May 2nd - Public Bank Holiday

May 5th - World environment day

May TBC - Year 2 SATS

May 9th-13th - Year 6 SATS

May 17th – PJ day EFYS

May 25th-27th - Year 6 residential to Kingswood

May 25th – Royalty day EYFS

May 27th - Last day of term

June 6th - Children return

June TBC - Phonics screening Years 1 and 2

June TBC - Year 4 multiplications check

June 14th - Gulliver Kingdom Dino experience day EYFS

June 17th - Year 2 Camp Out

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 TBC –EYFS airport careers day

July 13-15 TBC - Year 4 seaside residential to Whitby

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

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 make appointments to visit the premises or 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 them an email to [admin@mansfieldprimaryacademy.org](mailto:admin@mansfieldprimaryacademy.org)<sup>5</sup>

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