

21st September

Newsletter



By Mrs Greenaway

Macmillan Event

The children have been busy this week creating their pieces of artwork ready for the Macmillan Coffee event on **Thursday 27th September**. School will be open for you to come and look at the art and then have a cup of tea with us from 3:00pm - 4:00pm. We would really appreciate donations of cakes and would ask that they be left at the office in the morning so they can be put out ready for 3:00pm.

Behaviour Policy

The new behaviour policy is being used throughout school. Children are gaining rewards for good behaviours and attitudes. We are hoping that it will not be long until children are achieving their ruby award having gained twenty stickers.

Accelerated Reader

The Accelerated Reader programme is now in place and there is a meeting for parents on Tuesday 25th September at 2:50pm to explain the way the children use it in school and how you can support your child at home. Every child should be reading at home at least 4 times a week so this important skill for life is developed and every child leaves Manston being a confident reader.

SENCO

This term the role of SENCO is being delivered by Mrs Melinda Kelly (KS2) and Mrs Dawn Morley (KS1). Mrs Kelly will be working in school on Wednesday and Thursday and Mrs Morley on a Tuesday. Over the next few weeks they will be getting to know the children and working with classroom staff reviewing support strategies and learning environments.

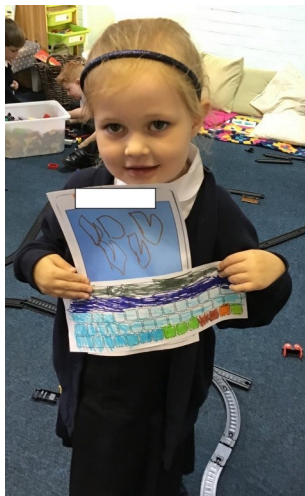
Mrs Kelly will be holding half termly sessions open to all parents of KS2 children in school with Special Educational Needs. These will be informal sessions which will include updates of events in school and opportunities to freely discuss ways in which we can continue to support your children. These sessions will take place at 2:30pm on the following dates:

18th October 2018
13th December 2018
7th February 2019
14th March 2019
25th April 2019
13th June 2019

Mrs Kelly is looking forward to meeting you all in due course, however, should you have any concerns or wish to see her about any issues please leave your name and contact number at the school office and she will contact you to arrange this.

Alternatively her email address is [Melinda.kelly @manstonstjames.co.uk](mailto:Melinda.kelly@manstonstjames.co.uk)

This Week—Reception



Our new reception class have been making art inspired by Kandinsky and exploring the many different activity areas in their classrooms.

This Week—Year 3



Year 3 have been creating art work based on the artist Gustav Klimt. They used gold, brown and yellow paint and potato stampers to create different shapes. These pieces of artwork will be ready to view at the Macmillan fundraiser.

Clubs

Club	Year	Day	Time	Teacher
Girls Football Training	5 & 6	Monday (start date 24/9/18)	3.30-4.30	Miss Feasby
Drama (there is a charge for this club)	3,4,5,6	Tuesday (already started)	3.30-4.30	Ceri @ Cre8 Drama
Hockey	5 & 6	Thursday (start date TBC)	3.30-4.30	Mr Shuttleworth & Mr Wilkie
Choir	3,4,5,6	Thursday (already started)	3.30-4.30	Mrs Wright
Dance	3,4,5,6	Friday (start date 28/9/18)	3.30-4.30	Miss Stone
Boys Football Training	5 & 6	Friday (start date 28/9/18)	3.30-4.30	Miss Feasby

Letters will be sent home for each of the clubs so that your child can sign up. These letters will also advise of start dates. Cre8 drama is run by an outside company. If your child wishes to join drama club they should just go along to the school hall on Tuesdays at 3.30pm.

Governors



This week we meet Mrs Caroline Ward, Parent Governor.

My name is Caroline Ward and I have two children. Evan is in year 4 and Miles is in Reception. I have lived locally on the “Manston’s” for 4 years.

I am particularly interested in safety, development, the challenges we face with the curriculum and the ongoing relationship between school leadership and us as parents. I have a vested interest in the school with my own children’s education but MSJ is also part of the community I live in – both of which are of utmost importance to me.

I work on a full time basis leading a finance team for a firm of Engineering Consultants. As such I am responsible for setting and monitoring budgets on a daily basis. I also have significant experience in working with leadership teams and am not afraid to challenge. I take the parent governor role very seriously. I will listen, be impartial and always work hard for the best interests of the school and students.

Notices

Have you returned your child's yellow 'who can collect my child' form. This is to ensure that our records are up to date and we know who your child can leave school with. Please complete and return your child's form to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. If we do not have the correct information then we may not be able to allow your child to leave school.

We also appreciate that on some occasions a change to who collects your child may happen at short notice. If this happens then please ring the school office so that a message can be passed to the class teacher before 3.30pm.

Children coming to school on a scooter or a bike need a helmet. Scooters must be walked through the carpark and the playground.

Parking outside School. Please can all parents observe the yellow lines outside school. They are there to ensure all children can arrive at and leave school safely.

Missing coat—has anybody mistakenly taken the wrong coat home this week? One of our year 6 pupils is missing a padded Adidas coat, the emblem is on the left of the zip and the Adidas logo has started to peel. Please can you check that your child has not bought the wrong coat home and if you have it please leave at the school office.

PTFA

Wow!

In the year 2017/18 we raised £5,504. The Summer Fair raised £2,321. Thank you for all your support!

One of the big purchases from last year was the Accelerated Reader scheme so we are excited to see this being rolled out in School and look forward to the school's open afternoon to discuss the programme and how it works on Tuesday 25th September at 2:50pm.

PTFA Committee for 2018/2019

At our AGM on Tuesday we voted in the Committee for this year. The PTFA Committee for this year are: Helen Skinner (Chair), Joanne Ismay (Vice Chair) Rosina Rouissi (Treasurer) and Ellen Dempsey (Secretary). We will be holding meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm in school. Anyone with children at our school is able to attend, so please come along if you would like to find out more or get involved.

Macmillan Coffee and Cake – change of date

Please note there has been a change to the day and time of the Macmillan Coffee and Cake, which we are supporting school with. It is now **Thursday 27th September, 3-4 pm.**



Key Dates for the Next Academic Year

Week Commencing	Autumn Term Dates
3rd September	Monday 3rd—Training Day Tuesday 4th—School opens to pupils 8.50am
10th September	
17th September	Thursday 20th KS2 Internet Safety workshops Friday 21st KS2 Internet Safety workshops
24th September	Tuesday 25th 2.50pm Accelerated Reader meeting Thursday 27th Macmillan Coffee afternoon
1st October	Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th—Year 6 Robinwood trip
8th October	
15th October	Monday 15th 9am Harvest Festival (church open for gifts from 8.30am) All welcome Tuesday 16th Individual photographs Thursday 18th KS2 SEN Meeting with Mrs Kelly
22nd October	Tuesday 23rd Parent Consultations Thursday 25th Parent Consultations Thursday 25th 1pm Optional Eucharist for Yr 5 & 6 pupils in church Friday 26th BREAK UP FOR HALFTERM (1 WEEK) 3.30pm
5th November	Monday 5th School reopens 8.50am Thursday 8th 9am Remembrance service in church. All welcome
12th November	Anti-Bullying Week
19th November	Monday 19th TRAINING DAY
26th November	Bikeability Week (year 6)
3rd December	Monday 3rd—Wednesday 5th Bikeability continues (year 6) Thursday 6th 9am KS2 Christingle service in church. Thursday 6th 10.30am Rec/KS1 Christingle service in church.
10th December	Thursday 13th KS2 SEN Meeting with Mrs Kelly
17th December	Thursday 20th 1pm Optional Eucharist for Yr 5 & 6 pupils in church Thursday 20th 2pm Christmas Service in church Friday 21st Christmas party day

Safety

We take safety very seriously at our school

If you have any concerns or observations regarding health and safety please contact: ***Mrs Pratten or Mrs Cockerham.***

If you have any concerns or questions regarding Child Protection issues contact: ***Mrs Spofforth***

Christian Value

Christian Value his half term is thankfulness.

Talk together about Thankfulness

'Count your blessings' is an old saying, but it reminds us to be thankful and not take things for granted. As a family you may like to talk about:

- *Remembering to let other people know when you are thankful*
- *Not taking things for granted*
- *Practical ways of showing gratitude*
- *How it feels when someone thanks you!*