

10th January 2020

Newsletter



From Mrs Dunn

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school; they have settled back in really well and are already getting on with their new learning. Over the next few weeks there will be some information coming home to keep you up to date with what's going on in classes. Half termly newsletters and topic overviews will soon be uploaded to the website and there will also be an invitation to come into school and see how maths is taught. This follows on from the maths information session which many parents attended last term.

Fridays continue to be an opportunity for you to come and share our celebrations of learning, but this will now be on a weekly, rather than a fortnightly, basis. To enable us to celebrate achievements across the whole school each week we have introduced an additional celebration worship on a Friday afternoon. Each phase of school will alternate, fortnightly, between a morning (9:00am) and an afternoon (2:45pm) celebration worship. You are warmly invited to join us; we will be hearing a little bit about the learning in each class, awarding certificates from the teaching team for curriculum achievement and for those children working hard to live out our Christian Values. We also celebrate special achievements in children's hobbies and other interests at home. We will text parents whose child will receive an award on Wednesday afternoon so you can arrange to join us if you are able. Dates are in the diary section.

As well as our regular church worship, children in years 5 and 6 have the option of attending half-termly Eucharist on a Thursday lunchtime. Following on from this Rev. Carolyn has spoken to children in Year 6 about confirmation classes. Those children who are interested in being confirmed will soon be bringing home a letter with some information for you to discuss with your child. This is a very special opportunity for those of us who are curious about exploring a personal faith and what that can mean in helping us to lead fruitful lives of compassion and grace. I thank you for the support I know you will offer your son or daughter if he or she is interested in making those first tentative steps.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support and positivity. Whilst it is really important for you to talk to us about things that we can improve, it is very encouraging to receive so many compliments regarding how the staff team at Manston St James are working together to achieve the best outcomes for your children. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Notices

Paperless Communications - If a letter requires a reply then we will send a paper copy home, however any other letters will be sent via Parentpay. Please make sure your Parentpay accounts have the correct telephone numbers and email addresses. **We no longer send paper copies of the newsletter home. A copy is available for you to read at the school office and it is also available in the noticeboard in the KS1 playground.**

Christmas Fair Raffle —the following numbers have not been claimed; 358, 513. Please visit the school office if you are a winner.

On Monday 13th January the NSPCC will be visiting school to talk to our pupils about their Speak Out Stay Safe programme. Please see the letter emailed out today for more information.

Attendance

Well done to the following 3 classes with the best attendance for week 06.01.2020 — 10.01.2020

RH—100%

3B—99.3%

5W—99.3%

PTFA

Happy New Year - things to do in 2020

- Join our Facebook page - this will keep you updated on all fundraising events we are running within the school. Find us at Manston St James PTFA
- Please join us on Tuesday 21st for our first meeting of 2020. 6.30pm at school.
- Volunteer to help organise our events this year. A full list will be available over the next few weeks
- Join our running team and take part in this years Leeds half marathon on Sunday 10th May
- Join our distribution list to receive meeting information and outputs by emailing us at fomsjames@gmail.com



If you have any ideas or suggestions for events you'd like to us talk to the school about e-mail us at fomsjames@gmail.com

safety

We take safety very seriously at our school. If you have any concerns or observations regarding health and safety please contact: **Mrs Dunn or Mrs Cockerham.**

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

Christian value—Courage



We show courage at Manston St James Primary School by:

- Overcoming our fears*
- Being strong when facing challenges*
- Realising mistakes help us to learn*
- Celebrating ours and others successes*
- Making the right choices – even when this is difficult*
- Thinking for ourselves*

Courage helps us to stand up for the things which we know are right.

Key Dates for the Academic Year

Week Commencing	Spring Term Dates
13th Jan	Mon 13th NSPCC Assemblies Mon 13th Y6 SATS meeting for parents 3.40pm Tues 14th Y2 SATS meeting for parents 3.40pm Fri 17th Y1 Phonics Screen Check meeting for parents 3.40pm
20th Jan	Tues 21st PTFA meeting 6.30pm in school
27th Jan	
3rd Feb	Fri 7th year 6 Class Assembly 09.05am Year 6 parents welcome
10th Feb	Fri 14th Break up for Half Term (1 week)
17th Feb	HALF TERM school closed for 1 week
24th Feb	Mon 24th School re-opens Tues 25th Pancake Pandemonium Wed 26th Ashing service in Church 10.30am
2nd March	Thur 5th World Book Day Fri 6th Year 3 Class Assembly 09.05am . Year 3 parents welcome.
9th March	
16th March	Tues 17th Parent Consultations (time TBC) Thurs 19th Mothering Sunday in Church 09.05am ALL WELCOME Thurs 19th Parents Consultations (time TBC) Fri 20th Year 3 Class Assembly 09.05am. Year 3 parents welcome