

Friday 28th May 2021

Newsletter



This week every class in school has been working hard to complete their final pieces of art work. It has been wonderful to see, and hear, how proud the children are of their progress and their end product. The hall and key stage two corridors are currently being transformed. We will soon be sharing with you our Manston St James Art Gallery; the newsletter this week contains a preview of some of this fabulous work!

As we come to the end of the most 'normal' half term we have had in school for a while, I would like to thank the staff team for their continued hard work and dedication. Despite the challenges we have faced throughout this year, our new curriculum has been implemented with positivity and enthusiasm. Furthermore, alongside delivering daily high quality teaching and learning, staff have recognised the importance of meeting pupils social, emotional, spiritual and mental health needs. I am so proud of what we have achieved this year in spite of a global pandemic.

Before we break for half term I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that, at the end of the school day, teachers are responsible for dismissing their class. Should you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, it is important to make an appointment to do so. Whilst it may be appropriate to share a short message during this time, it is not possible for a class teacher to have a lengthy conversation at this time. Please do not be offended if you are asked to make an appointment should you initiate a conversation when collecting your child at the end of the school day. Teachers must ensure they prioritise safeguarding the remaining children in their care. Additionally, by making an appointment this will allow your conversation to be given the time and focus it requires, as well as ensuring information shared is in an appropriately confidential space. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

I would like to wish all of the staff, pupils and families a wonderful half term break; I hope the sun shines and you have a joyful break.

With love and thanks
Ashleigh Dunn

Attendance

Well done to the following 3 classes with the best attendance for week 24.05.21—28.05.21

RH— 98.3%	2CH—96.7%	6S—96.7%
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Phone: 0113 8592073
Absence reporting number 0113 8592081

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Website: www.manstonstjames.co.uk

Look what's coming...

A first look at some of the Art we have been working on this half term



Coronavirus Information

In response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) we ask all staff, students, visitors and contractors to self-screen before entering the building to help lesson the spread of the virus.

DO NOT ENTER IF:

- 1) You have signs of a fever or high temperature (above 38C)
- 2) You have a persistent cough or respiratory problems
- 3) You have loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
- 4) You have had contact with any possible source of the virus

If you have met any of the above criteria you should return home and contact 111 for advice.

IF YOU'RE SAFE TO ENTER PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE BELOW:

- 1) Maintain social distancing whilst on site (2 metres)
- 2) Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol based hand sanitiser
- 3) Avoid touching your face with your hands
- 4) If you need to cough or sneeze, do so into a tissue and bin it after using

All adults must wear a mask whilst on the school premises. Please do not wait in the playground; waiting in the playground is only for childminders who have special arrangements.

HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

PTFA



Fundraising Doughnuts from Krispy Kreme

Krispy Kreme doughnuts are helping us raise money through purchasing delicious doughnuts through your PTFA! We will be taking pre-orders (systems tbc!) for you to pick up on Friday 18th June (Fathers day weekend) from the playground as you collect your children. Please follow us on Facebook to find out details as they are confirmed. Facebook: Manston St James PTFA

Butterfly Pavilion

We are really excited to announce that we have ordered every class in school their very own caterpillar sanctuary. The caterpillars will be arriving in school w/c 4th June. We can't wait to hear what our children have to say about them as they watch the amazing transformation.



Tea-towels

This week children have drawn their faces using black fine pens to create fantastic self portraits all across school. We will be using the images and their first names to create beautiful bespoke tea-towels. The tea-towels will be available to purchase next term and will include the school logo and year. What a year it has been to remember!

ALLELUIA! We say a lot of that in Eastertide and this year's Easter brought us a special 'Alleluia', as we once again opened our doors for services and prayer. As well as welcoming our children from school into Church during Holy Week, and again this week to celebrate Easter, we held services for our wider congregation and community over Holy Week and Easter and are now back to having our Sunday Services of the Eucharist (8.45am and 10am) each week, and being Open for Prayer on a Wednesday afternoon where possible (2-3pm).

To attend a Sunday service (8.45am and 10am) please remember to ring or email the Parish Office and leave a message before 10am on a Friday, ready for the Sunday. This is important as numbers increase, and as we do not have a constantly staffed office. When you book please tell us clearly who you are, which Service/s you wish to attend, how many of you there are (in your bubble) and leave a contact number. **Parish Office - answerphone: 264 5530 - email: church983@btinternet.com** **You will only be contacted if there is a problem with your request.** Otherwise, simply come along to the service you have indicated. It is still necessary for people to sit socially distanced from those not in their 'bubbles', to sanitise hands and wear face masks – but all this will be made clear upon arrival if you are unsure.

We continue to communicate, share news and send out resources via email for weekly prayer and worship as has been our practice now for over a year (please email me if you wish to receive these) and we have also had a series of things to see and sometimes to 'take-away' in our churchyard. We hope some of you have enjoyed seeing our Easter gardens and our decorated cross – *flowers, eggs and pom-poms* - in recent weeks.

Unfortunately we have also had a spate of anti-social behaviour and some criminal damage in our churchyard and down the drive over the past month or so. If anyone can shed any light on this we would be grateful for any information which might help us put a stop to the behaviour of a few which is causing damage and upset for the many who appreciate and cherish the environs of the church – as well as, of course, unnecessary expense!

SUPPORTING OTHERS

In terms of our desire to support the vulnerable in our community we continue to collect and transport Food to the local Food Bank and there is a box outside my back door for that purpose. Anything left there, at any point in the week, is soon 'rescued' and then each Tuesday is taken onwards so as to get to the people who need it most.

MOVING FORWARD!

In School I have been attending Confirmation Classes with Year 6 children who indicate that they would like to take this step of thinking a little more about the Christian faith and preparing for a service in Church at the end of the school year, when they make their own promises of faith and are blessed by the Bishop. If any parents / adults wish to explore Confirmation too do get in touch so we can have a chat about the possibilities.

With Love & Prayers,

Rev'd Carolyn

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Notices

Covid-19 —if anyone in your household is symptomatic and goes for a Covid-19 test then the whole household must isolate. School MUST be notified once the test results are known. If the result is negative then your child can return to school.

PE Hoodies—please follow this link to order your child's Team MSJ PE Hoodie <https://store.leavershoodies.com/manston-st-james-yr6-2021-leavers> The shop will close on 13th June and hoodies will be delivered before the end of term.

Safer Streets—we are aiming to make Sandbed Lane a Safer Street at school drop off and pick up times. Please follow this link before 6th June to have your say on this matter <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/ManstonStJamesFamilies/>

Emergency Contact information—please make sure the school office are notified whenever you change your email, phone number or move house. It is imperative that we have up to date details for you.

Dates for your Diary

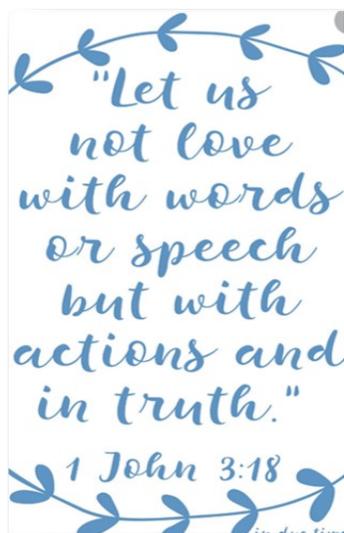
Friday 28th May—school closes for half term (re-opens Monday 7th June)

Monday 7th June to Friday 18th June—Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 2nd July—School closed (training day)

Friday 23rd July—school closes for summer break

Christian Values—Respect



We show Respect at Manston St James Primary Academy by:

- Being sincere
- Showing gratitude
- Doing what we say we will do
- Being a good listener
- Learning about other peoples' perspectives
- Taking care of ourselves and treating ourselves well

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 Mr O'Dwyer**