

Newsletter

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying our fantastic school grounds this week. The year group ‘pods’, marked out on the school field, have been busy during lunchtimes, playtimes and PE lessons. Children really delight in having this green space to enjoy social time with their friends.

The Leeds United Foundation have also been using this space to work with our Y5 and Y6 classes, delivering a programme of Personal, Social and Health Education. The focus of this work is about pupils taking responsibility for their own actions and understanding the impact of their actions on themselves and others. This fits very well with our Christian value for this half term, which is Trust, but also with our wider school vision of ‘being the best we can be’ and ensuring that ‘all are welcome and all are loved’. The Leeds United Foundation will be in school throughout this half term and into the next academic year. As well as working in school, we are also hoping that this work will reach our local community too. Following numerous reports of anti-social behaviour in Manston Park, we are hoping to ‘reclaim our park’ as a positive space for our community, with the support of the Foundation. There will be more information shared as the project develops; please keep checking our social media accounts for updates.

Our Year 1 children have also enjoyed some time in Manston Park, gardening and planting with Mr Lorimer – one of our parents and the Manston Park Keeper. Thank you Mr Lorimer, the children had a wonderful time!

Back in school, the playground has been bustling with bikes as Year 6 have completed their Bikeability training, where students are taught how to ride their bike safely in the playground and then on the minor roads around school. I have been so proud of how mature and sensible our young people have been throughout this programme; they have been such wonderful ambassadors for our school when they have been out and about in the community. Due to our enlarged year 6 cohort, Bikeability will continue into a third week; I will keep my fingers crossed that the sun continues to shine for those students looking forward to their Bikeability sessions next week.

Finally, I wanted to say a big thank you to our wonderful PTFA committee, who do so much to enhance the life of our wonderful school, and to everyone who supports the PTFA by joining in with events and contributing to fundraising. This week, each class in school received a Live Butterfly Garden Set, from the PTFA, to allow every student in school to watch the amazing metamorphosis of a tiny caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly! The butterfly gardens were delivered with the message, *‘we hope the children and teachers enjoy watching them grow and that they spread hope, joy and lots of smiles.’* I am sure that they will do just that - we will keep you updated!

Have a wonderful weekend.

With love,
Ashleigh Dunn
Headteacher

This Week



Year 1 had a wonderful afternoon in Manston Park, gardening and planting. A huge thank you to Mr Loveday and Mr Lorimer for giving up their time to help us.



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

Thank you for helping us to raise money by ordering Krispy Kreme doughnuts from us. You've helped raise £72.00 which will go towards our £10,000 target.



We have been busy proofing the tea-towel designs this week and am working with the school to find the easiest way for you to review before you buy. We are really looking forward to showing you your children's self portraits and we hope you like them too.

To follow our Facebook page please search for Manston St James PTFA



Attendance

Well done to the following 3 classes with the best attendance for week 14.06.21–18.06.21

1J—98.3%	RH—98%	3W—97.3%
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NEWS FROM ST JAMES' CHURCH

The Church has now moved into its '**Green Season**' – that's when we clothe our altar in a green cloth, rather than the white or gold we have enjoyed throughout the extended season of Easter. Strictly speaking, our '**Green Season**' is our '**Ordinary Season**' but it is also a Season for remembering that through all the ordinary times and seasons of the year, and of our lives, we go on growing!

Our Church remains open for Sunday Services and for Private Prayer during the week. Whilst we now know that the 21st June is not going to bring changes to social distancing and certain other protocols by which we have been abiding for some time, we continue to welcome those who wish to attend, although we do still ask you to let us know you are coming and to remember your face-covering!

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. 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 - ansa-phone: 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.

Our Churchyard also knows it is the 'Green Season' and continues to grow! We have once again begun our weekly '**mow, weed and tidy**' sessions to which last summer a number of helpful friends from the local community came and enthusiastically joined in. If anyone would like to come along between 6pm and 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening you are assured a warm welcome. There are signs in the churchyard about this and a contact number if you want to know more.

In School I have been enjoying spending time preparing with some Year 6 children for their Confirmation in July. They will also be joined by some of those who were unable to be Confirmed last year, due to us being in lockdown . Together these young people will make their own promises of faith and be blessed by the Bishop for their ongoing journey of faith. This is another moment when we recognise and celebrate the way in which we each continue to grow as individuals and as children of God.

So as the sun shines and the rain waters, let's give thanks for all the green around us – in the hedgerows, in our gardens, in our own lives – for each and every sign of life and growth, and for all which gives us cause to be thankful!

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.

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/>

E-Scooters—Please note that these types of scooters are not allowed on school premises. If your child does come to school on an E-Scooter please expect a call home and a request to collect it immediately.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 2nd July—School closed (training day)

Friday 23rd July—school closes for summer break

Christian Values—Trust

We show we are trustworthy at Manston St James Primary School by:



- Being honest
- Keeping promises and following through on commitment
- Trying to do what is right, even when it is difficult
- Being a good and dependable friend

'My God is my strength in whom I trust' Psalm 18:2

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**