

# Newsletter

Friday 28th January 2022



This week, Year 5 and 6 attended two workshops looking at keeping safe in the community and how to become good citizens. Our speaker Karl, talked to us about how to make the right choices when out of school-looking at online safety and how to avoid situations that could leave us vulnerable or at risk. He informed us how to stay safe when using social media apps or carrying out online gaming; emphasising that we need to really consider the information we reveal about ourselves on these platforms. The pupils all participated well and enjoyed the friendly quiz questions which they answered well.

This week saw the delivery of a book hut which we've been loaned for this term. Even more exciting than the hut, are the free books we've been sent to fill it with! Next week Y6 will be the first children to visit our hut and choose a book. Look out for posts on Seesaw to let you know when you can visit it with your child to choose a precious book to take home and share together. This comes to us for free from The Children's Book Project and we must thank staff at John Smeaton Academy for helping us to secure this opportunity.



We have seen a further drop this week in positive COVID notifications amongst pupils and a reduction in staff cases too. You have continued to be vigilant, followed advised measures and we thank you for your help. Please do keep going with the lateral flow testing – it is making such a difference.

Thank you so much for your support with getting children to school on time this week. We have spoken with those of you coming in late which has really helped us to understand where we can make a difference. Some children now have individual charts to record their attendance as mornings were tricky and they needed encouragement. Some parents have been refreshingly honest that it's them that needs to set the alarm for earlier or set off earlier. Please do share if we can help.

We would also like to end on a very happy note and officially let you know that Mrs Crabtree is expecting her second child. As a school we are over the moon for her and her family. We will not be recruiting as Mrs Hickman has kindly offered to increase her working days which provides great consistency for our pupils. Please do congratulate her when you see her.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend with your families.

## 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

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
- 5) Please still wear a face covering in our building

### HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

If your child becomes symptomatic or has a positive lateral flow or PCR test over the weekend, please email school with this information. This is because we will need to inform staff and children in their class that they are close contacts. Please email [info@manstonstjames.co.uk](mailto:info@manstonstjames.co.uk)

## Attendance

*Well done* to the following 4 classes with the best attendance for week 24.01.22—28.01.22

2CH—100%	2B—94.4%	4W—93.5%
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## PTFA



### Playground meeting

Our next meeting is Wednesday 9th February via zoom at 6.30pm. To join please email [fomsjames@gmail.com](mailto:fomsjames@gmail.com) by Monday 7th February.

### Facebook

Follow us on Facebook and keep yourself updated on the activities we are running during this academic year.

E-mail us at [fomsjames@gmail.com](mailto:fomsjames@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook 'Manston St James PTFA.

## Notices

**School Ties & Book Bags** —please purchase school ties & replacement book bags via Parentpay. Just log in to your child's account, purchase the tie(s) or book bag(s) and then **email [info@manstonstjames.co.uk](mailto:info@manstonstjames.co.uk) to let us know who the item is for and whether they require a standard or elastic tie.** Please note we are now a cashless school and are unable to accept cash.

**Name your uniform**—please name your child's uniform. We have an increasing amount of jumpers, cardigans, coats, hoodies etc. that are going missing and are often un-named. A sharpie works well or you can purchase long lasting labels from [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) and our school code is 12872.

**School Uniform**—with the exception of our reception classes, all children should now be wearing winter uniform. Please also make sure you send a warm coat as we go outside every day regardless of the weather.

**Vacancy**—do you know anyone who could be our next site superintendent? We have extended the deadline for applications. Please follow this link for more information <https://www.abbeymat.co.uk/vacancies/site-superintendent-msj45>

## Christian Value—Hope

*Indeed there is hope for a tree. If it's cut down and still sprouting and its shoots don't fail, if its roots age in the ground and its stump dies in the dust, at the scent of water, it will bud and produce sprouts like a plant." JOB 14:7-9*

**We show Hope at Manston St James Primary School by:**



- trusting in others and ourselves
- developing a growth mindset
- recognising our strengths and successes
- self-reflecting
- Persevering in difficult times
- striving to be the best we can be

## Safety

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

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