



Maney Hill Newsletter

6th January 2017

Dates for your diary

updates in red

January

10th – Y2 Parents' Workshop
24th – 1B Parents' Workshop
26th – Y3 Class Assembly
31st – 1J Parents' Workshop

February

w/b 6th – Parents' Evening
7th – Y5 Parents' Workshop
w/b 20th – half term week

March

9th – Y4 Class Assembly
21st – RM Parents' Workshop
28th – RF Parents' Workshop

April

7th – last day of term
27th – Y3 Parents' Workshop

May

w/b 2nd – Parents' Evening (drop-in)

16th – 1J Class Assembly
23rd – 1B Class Assembly
26th – Staff Training Day
w/b 29th – half term week

June

8th – Y4 Parents' Workshop
12th – Bikeability
13th – Y2 Class Assembly
27th – RF Class Assembly
28th & 29th – Buddies Assemblies

July

11th – RM Class Assembly
w/b 17th – Open Afternoon & Parents' Evening (drop-in)
19th – Y6 Leavers' Production
21st – last day of term for children
24th & 25th – Staff Training Days

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to all our families! It's been a wintery start to the term with very cold weather, especially in the mornings. The children have been coming to school with an amazing array of warm hats, scarves and gloves which is great to see.

The Spring term always seems to fly past and already we are at the end of the first week! We know we have fantastic parents at Maney Hill and that you want the best for your children. You can help your child at home by listening to reading (preferably every evening for younger children, but certainly several times a week) and encouraging the completion of homework. The next Parents' Evenings are at the start of February but if you have any concerns, please do arrange a meeting with the class teacher or with me.

Mrs Whitehead

School Expansion Update



This week marked a big step forward with the start of our very own Before and After School Club, **Bluebirds**. Our Bluebirds staff, Mrs Grayston, Miss Robinson and Miss Harrison have done a tremendous job preparing for the start of the club. Last term all three were in school sorting out activities and routines, gathering resources and ordering many new toys. When visiting Bluebirds, it has been lovely to see the children happily playing and having a relaxing but enjoyable time. A big thank you to all our Bluebirds staff as well as Mrs Smith, Mrs Bearley and Mrs Mills.

At the end of December Lollipops Day Care departed following the ending of their lease. During the expansion work, the Lollipops and old Reception classrooms will be converted into new classrooms. The expansion plans include a Nursery (for 3 – 4 year olds) but it will be a long time before the Nursery classroom is ready. We'd like to say a big thank you to Lollipops Day Care for the many years they provided pre-school and child care. In addition, we wish them the best of luck with their new venture at The Deanery C of E Primary School.

Balfour Beatty, the builders awarded the task of converting some of our existing buildings and building new classrooms, are eager to begin work on the expansion. Next week representatives from Balfour Beatty as well as the local authority project manager will be meeting with Mrs Mills and Mrs Whitehead to discuss the programme of planned building work. We will, of course, keep you fully informed of all work to be carried out once we have the details.

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School Clubs

Many of the school clubs will begin again next week. We have a variety of clubs and it is a credit to our hard-working school staff that they are able and willing to provide a wide range of clubs for the children.

Monday – Tae Kwon Do

Tuesday – Knitting, Gymnastics, Girls' Football, Boys' Football

Wednesday – Film Club

Thursday – Tae Kwon Do, Cross Country, Netball, Chess, Newspaper Club

Friday – School Council, Tennis Club

Mr Wigley takes responsibility for co-ordinating the clubs and he regularly advertises the clubs available, including new clubs, so please keep a lookout for information.

Mrs Smith will also send out information on dates, costs (school staff lead clubs free of charge) and availability.

Class Assemblies and Inspire Workshops

We love to have family attending the assemblies and workshops, including parents, grandparents and pre-school siblings.

This term we have all classes, except Year 6, providing either a Class Assembly or Inspire Workshop.

Those timetabled for January are as follows:

Tuesday 10th January – Y2 Parents' Workshop

Tuesday 24th January – 1B Parents' Workshop

Thursday 26th January – Y3 Class Assembly

Tuesday 31st January – 1J Parents' Workshop

Bad Weather

This week we had some very cold weather. If we have snow, then our aim is always to keep school open. However, should we need to close the school then we will notify parents as early as possible through the following ways:

Our website www.maneyhill.bham.sch.uk

HEART FM

Radio WM

Free Radio

Birmingham City Council Website



**Congratulations to
Class RF and Year 6
Lunchtime Classes of the Week**



RM Indira Bhogal & Aiden Cox

RF Ryan Budair & Isla Foster-Jones

1B Harry Cooper & Amy Haynes

1J Isaac Dexter & Alfie Dixon

Year 2 Damali Ibrahim & Amaia Eason-Cathline

Year 3 Amelia Moors & Joe Richards

Year 4 Maggie Fryer & Oscar Thacker

Year 5 Harry Moors & Oscar Morris

Year 6 Ellie Dempster & Joe Nugent