



MANEY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Maney Hill Newsletter

3rd March 2017

Dates for your diary

updates in red

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

September

- 4th – Staff Training Day
- 5th – Autumn Term starts

October

- 23rd – 27th – half term week

November

December

- 21st – last day of term
- 22nd – Staff Training Day

January

- 8th – Spring Term starts

February

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Dear Parents and Carers

St David's Day on Wednesday 1st March was the start of Spring and as well as our daffodils appearing, it's brighter and warmer. This half term is going to be a busy one. Mr Wigley and his class have started to prepare for their Class Assembly next week. Miss Cipko, Miss Heath and the Year 5 class are working on a very exciting shop project. The whole school will be involved and we hope to raise funds for an in-school art project. In fact, Mr McNicholas is already planning for an artist to visit us and work with the whole school! The last few years we have celebrated World Book Day but this year we thought we'd do something different. Miss Higgins and the School Council want to celebrate Red Nose Day – with everyone coming to school in pyjamas! A very busy half term indeed.

Mrs Whitehead

Upcoming events!

Red Nose Day – Friday 24th March

School Council have organised our Red Nose Day events this year. Everyone, including the teachers, will be dressing in their pyjamas to raise money for charity. Children will be asked to bring a £1 to wear their own clothes. This £1 will also get them entry to a 'Teachers vs Children' game show in the hall.



24 March

Everybody Writes Day – Summer term

Instead of celebrating World Book Day this year, we will be holding an 'Everybody Writes Day' in the Summer term. Children will be asked to dress up as their favourite book characters and will spend the day writing!



Miss Higgins

Aston University Optometry Department

Over 45 years, a native English speaker, no active eye disease and don't have dyslexia?

Dr Zeri (Andrea's dad) is doing research in this area and desperately needs more people to help him. The test takes 30 minutes and a £10 voucher is available for all participants.

If you can help, please see Dr Zeri or Mrs Smith in the school office.

School Expansion Update

This week Miss Cipko and Mrs Whitehead have been working with the Balfour Beatty team to organise assemblies and a competition for all the school children. The focus of the assemblies will be health and safety. This will be extremely important once we start sharing our school grounds with a building site. Further details will be forthcoming about the competition!

This week was the first proper week for our cashless *School Money* system. We'd like to report that Mrs Smith, Mrs Mills and Mrs Tonks have been putting their feet up but that would be untrue as there is always something to do at Maney Hill! However, we hope that parents have found the new cashless system easy and convenient.



**Congratulations to
Class RM and Year 5
Lunchtime Classes of the Week**



Football Skills Training

Every Tuesday, Year 2 are lucky enough to take part in football skills lessons provided by the Football Association. They are learning new skills, as well as developing their teamwork and sportsmanship. They are absolutely loving the sessions - we may even have a few budding footballers in the class! A big thanks to Mr Wigley for organising the sessions.

Miss Higgins



Bluebirds Before and After School Club

We are delighted to have Bluebirds, our Maney Hill Before and After School Club. Mrs Grayston leads the team, supported by Miss Robinson and Miss Harrison.

This week two of our long-standing members of staff, Mrs Patel and Mrs Liddar, joined the Bluebirds team. Both Mrs Patel and Mrs Liddar have been Lunchtime Supervisors for many years and know all the children well.

Being a school-run Before and After School Club, naturally all of our school policies and procedures apply for the children attending the club. Parents can view our key school policies on our website.

<http://www.maneyhill.bham.sch.uk/policies.htm>



RM Charlie Colley & Samiya Basha

RF George Barry & Simrit Dhillon

1B Jeevan Jhutti & Nathan Ready

1J Arya Nair & Alfie Dixon

Year 2 Tariq Mehrzad & Kenji Jones

Year 3 Theo Hammond & Ruby Jefferson

Year 4 Sofia Johnson & Yusef Hakim

Year 5 Grace Thomas & Oscar Morris

Year 6 Ellie Cornell & Haydn Sargeant