

# Mansbridge Primary School

## Newsletter January 2017



Dear Parent and Carers,

I would like to wish you all a Happy new Year, and welcome back to school. The Christmas activities seem a while ago now, but I hope you enjoyed the Nativity production. We had some really positive feedback from our 'different kinds of Christmas', We raised £443 from donations for the tickets. This money will be split between a charity decided by the children, St Marys Church, where we had our annual Carol Service and the school. I hope those of you that joined us for the Carol Service enjoyed it.

We are continuing with our reading challenge, and will also be restarting the spelling competition soon - you will be getting a list this week of your child's spellings to learn by the end of the year.

We look forward to a great term and we would like to thank you for your continued great support as parents. Together we can ensure your child reaches their full potential.

*M Sheehan*  
Headteacher



### Attendance

Please ensure your child is at school promptly each day, ready to start work at 8.55am.

This means they should be in their classroom by this time.

The school gates are locked at 8.55 am.



### LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to clearly mark your child's name in their clothes AND shoes. We have a lot of lost property that does not have a name in, and therefore we are unable to return it.

Unmarked lost property is disposed of regularly if unclaimed.



### Parking

Please park considerately if you need to bring your child to school by car. Remember, you should not park on double yellow lines, or block peoples drives.

### Payments

*Please note payments for meals and clubs need to be paid in advance.*

*Remember:  
you cannot*



*go to McDonalds for a meal or go swimming at Fleming Park and pay the next week!*

*Card payments can be made online; ask at the office for more information.*

### New school website Coming soon!

We will be launching a new school website in the Spring. This will be easier to navigate and will have all the latest news and calendar dates.

The school policies and other useful information for parents can be found on the school website.

[www.mansbridgepri.net](http://www.mansbridgepri.net)



**Year 3 will be swimming after February half term.**

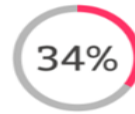
### OurSchoolsApp

Please ensure you are checking the app regularly for news and events. Your phone settings will determine if you get notifications of new items. It is therefore worth checking the news and calendar tabs regularly.



## Keeping your child safe whilst online gaming

Online gaming means you can play in real time with people across the world through a computer, games console, tablet or smartphone connected to the internet. Games can offer children a world of adventure to immerse themselves in, but it's important to understand how children can stay safe and what games are appropriate for their age.



### Habits

of 3-4 year-olds play games on a tablet device <sup>1</sup>



### Frequency

of children play online against people they haven't met in person <sup>2</sup>



**Teach your children to protect themselves - remind them not to share personal information and to keep gaming friends in the game only rather than adding them to their other social networks.**

Ask who they play with online, who they meet and talk to, and what kind of language is being used in live chat (usually via headphones). Gaming sites often have ways of reporting abusive chat and excluding anti-social players.

Make sure your child knows how to do this.

Especially for younger children, change the settings on your tablet or smartphone to 'airplane' mode. That way, they can play the game offline without making accidental purchases or connecting with someone they don't know.

Make sure you and your family agree what games can be played and that children understand why some games are allowed and others aren't. Agree how long they're allowed to play for.

Read each game's advice for parents and play the game yourself to help you understand more about how the game your child is playing works and its appropriateness.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/online-gaming>

## Reading

Children should read at home at least 3 times a week.

As well as their school reading book, children should also read other books at home or from the library.

Children should bring their reading diary to school every day

For every time the reading diary is signed your child will get a raffle ticket for a weekly draw. But please do not back mark as this will not count!

Reading improves your memory and helps you to learn!

Reading is tracked in school and we will be monitoring how much each child is reading.

The class with the highest % of readers each week get a certificate and the 'Golden Book' award.

Children that read often achieve better results compared to those that do not.

Thank you to those parents and carers reading with their child 3 times a week.

Keep up the good work!



## After School Clubs

It would help us enormously if you would keep a note of these dates and also remember to make your OWN arrangements with your child if they are staying at after school clubs. It is very time consuming for office staff to have to pass on messages if parents have forgotten to remind their children!

Day	Club	Years	Cost	Contact	Dates
Mon	Funkees	All	£2.50 per session	winchestermovinmokeez@gmail.com	9th Jan to 27th Mar
Mon	Girls Football	5 & 6	None	School	9th Jan to 13th Feb
Tue	Karate	All	£4 per session	Lizzi Hughes	10th Jan to 28th Mar
Tue	Ukelele	3-6	£25 per term	School	10th Jan to 28th Mar



Our own After School Club runs daily from 3-5pm, run by our own staff. Sessions are £8 per day, and £7 for siblings. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place.

### Breakfast club

Doors open 7.55am, please ensure your child arrives by 8.10am. £2 per day—book in advance via the office.



### DATES FOR DIARY

20th to 24th February	Half term
7th March 3.15-5	Parents evening
8th March 3.15-7pm	Parents evening
7th April	Break up at 3pm for Easter holidays
10th to 20th April	Easter holidays
29th May to 2nd June	Half term
21st July	School finishes 1pm
24th & 25th July	Inset days