

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week at Mansfield Green I have enjoyed visiting our year one phonics lessons. It was super to see how well the children were using phonics to support early reading. As you know our children do their phonics screener in June. Miss Willinger is doing a phonics workshop later this month. Look out for dates in our newsletter. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Our year six children are working hard in preparation for their SATs exams. The children have made super progress this year. The year six team have been preparing them well for the exams, thank you for supporting us by getting children into school early for their additional booster sessions.

I look forward to seeing how well the children do this year. I'm especially impressed by how well they are all doing in their arithmetic tests. Everyone has improved their scores over the last two terms. Keep up the great work year six.

We are having some site improvement work completed over the next couple of weeks to enhance the grounds. This includes having new security gates as the back of the school and also, we are having the muga repaired too. At lunchtimes we are improving our provision and resourcing of the Opal programme. We have purchased a range of new outdoor resources for our lunchtime zones. The children are really excited to use them this week.

Our EYFS street area has been enhanced too with a super role play area which is proving very popular with the younger children. It's super to see them using the new resources so well. We will continue to develop our outdoor learning with a creative zone outside. our Academy ambassadors are keen to be involved in this project.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs M Lathbury-Cox
Executive Headteacher

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility



There are a number of key elements in a school's attendance policy that are especially important from a safeguarding point of view:

- 1. The role of staff in taking registers**
- 2. Emergency contact numbers**
- 3. The role of parents**
- 4. Escalating attendance issues**

Not only can regular absence,

Not only can regular absence, particularly unexplained absence, be a red flag for safeguarding issues, but only when children are in school can they talk to staff and be given support for any pastoral and safeguarding problems. Furthermore, as has been widely seen and discussed in recent months, 'Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.' The safeguarding team are always available to support our families at MGA.



SEND Parent Coffee Morning

Does your child have additional needs?

Are you searching for answers to your child's behaviour / needs?

We will be hosting a series of SEND coffee mornings throughout the Summer Term where you will get chance to speak to other parents who have children with additional needs.

In each session we will be looking at some strategies that may be able to support your child and you will be able to share experiences that you have had.

The sessions will take place on the following days;

Monday 22nd April 2024 - 9am - 10am

Monday 29th April 2024 - 9am - 10am

Monday 13th May 2024 - 9am - 10am

Monday 20th May 2024 - 9am - 10am

For any further information please speak to Miss O'Brien (SENDCO)

Key Dates

SEND Parent/carer coffee morning	13 th May 2024 – 9 – 10am
Year 6 SATs week	13 th – 19 th May 2024
Parent/carer wellbeing coffee morning	17 th May 2024 – 9 – 10am
SEND Parent/carer coffee morning	20 th May 2024 – 9 – 10am
EYFS & Year 1 Phonics workshop	23 rd May 2024 – 9 – 10am
Non-uniform day (dress in traditional clothes (£1))	24 th May 2024
Half term	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May 2024
School opens	3 rd June 2024

We are a Silver UNICEF Rights Respecting School

Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.

The Convention has 54 articles in total. Articles 43–54 are about how adults and governments must work together to make sure all children can enjoy all their rights, including:

ARTICLE 29 (goals of education) Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.



Keeping children safe outside of school premises:

At MGA we always aim to keep children as safe as possible, can we kindly ask that you be considerate and ensure that you are parking appropriately whilst being extra cautious to prevent any accidents. Please ensure that you leave with enough time so that you are able to get a parking space.

For parents/carers that do not drive, and your children walk to school alone, please continue to remind you child/children about how to cross the road safely.

The cones are placed outside for a reason and should not be moved. We hope that you can kindly work with us to keep everyone as safe as possible this includes informing us if you see parents/carers or members of the public not driving or parking safely.



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3rd May 2024

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