

# Just a reminder that we break up for Christmas on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.



Create, Adapt and Learn Together  
Manchester Road Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

### ATTENDANCE 11/12/23 – 15/12/23

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	80%	0 😊
Clover bee	97.8%	10
Honeybee	91.7%	9
1A	95.5%	3
1B	93.3%	4
2A	98.2%	2
2B	95.1%	1
3A	98.2%	9
3B	93%	8
4A	92.3%	9
4B	97.5%	2
5A	98.1%	6
5B	97.9%	8
6A	100% 😊	9
6B	89.3%	8

Lateness has a massive impact on children's learning. Not only on the children that are late, but also on the children in the classes being disrupted. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each day.

97% and above Excellent
95% to 96% Attendance is slipping and will be closely monitored
95% or below Poor (high numbers of children are persistently absent)

### THE SCHOOL DAY

8.35 – 8.50am – Arrive on the school playground  
 8.40am – Pupils enter school  
 8.55am – Gates shut & registration begins  
 11.45am – KS1 Lunch  
 11.50am – KS2 Lunch  
 12.35pm – Afternoon session begins KS1  
 1.05pm – Afternoon session begins KS2  
 3.15/3.20pm – End

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas and return on Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	4A Manchester Museum
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January:	4B Manchester Museum
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Y6 Safe Squad

### CHRISTMAS DATES

Christmas crafting day	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Children will make Christmas crafts to bring home.
Christmas Parties	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Children can come to school in Christmas party outfits. They will have games and some Christmas treats.

## BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

As you may be aware, face club will be finishing at the end of December. Letter have gone out to those who already attend.

We will be starting our own Breakfast and After School Club which will be called Hive Hub. If you would be interested in securing a place, please email [office@mrpa.org.uk](mailto:office@mrpa.org.uk).

Below are the details for the club.

Breakfast club will start from 7.30am and the cost will be £5 per child and £4 for siblings.

Afterschool club will run between 3.30-5.30pm. There will be two separate charges.

- The first charge will be £4 which covers the hours between 3.30-4.30pm.
- The second charge will be £8 which covers the hours between 3.30 – 5.30pm

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Parents are welcome to come and watch their child's assembly on the following dates.

Class	Date
3B Ms Hepburn	12 <sup>th</sup> January
1A Miss Boardman	19 <sup>th</sup> January
Honeybee Miss Thomson	26 <sup>th</sup> January
Bumblebee Mrs Frost	2 <sup>nd</sup> February

**Please note: these dates could potentially change. If they do, we will inform you.**

## RECEPTION 2024

You can apply from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 and the closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. This must be done through your local council.

# ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

### 1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for. It also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.

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### 6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.

### 2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.

### 7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.

### 3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.

### 8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that their rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.

### 4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.

### 9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.

### 5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.

### 10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement; dance and sing along to songs your child loves; and follow step-by-step crafting videos.

### Meet Our Expert

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