



Friday 2nd February 2024

Value of the Term – Gratitude

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another great week in school, this week. The children have continued to show their super Mountford ways of behaving and showing their school values. The learning ethic is great and the children show they went to learn and do well.

Next week it is Children's Mental Health week, the children will be doing activities in their classes around the theme of **'Your Voice Matters'** where we are encouraging and showing children that they all matter and we are here to listen and support them with any of their worries. Please do support and encourage this at home too, all adults in school are trained to listen to children without judgement and respond to support children in the best way they can.

On Tuesday 6th February, it is Safer Internet Day. There is a link below to a parent video, this is to support ways in which you can help your child/ren to stay safe online. The children will be doing activities in school on this day about staying safe online. The internet is a wonderful place for finding things and staying in touch with people, we just need to make sure our children are always safe when on there and they know what is safe to use for their age group.

In assembly today we celebrated these children who have achieved the certificate of excellence or the values award for the week in their class.



The class winners for the attendance trophy goes to Year 3 this week, with a fantastic 99%.

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Please can I remind you that we have a strict school uniform policy, this can be found on our school website: [School Uniforms | Mountford Manor](#)

The Mountford Manor Primary School uniform

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan.
- A red polo shirt.
- Black or grey trousers, skirt or dress.
- For summer months; red checked summer dress, black or grey shorts (optional).
- Sensible black footwear. (suitable school shoes or plain black trainers)



Please ensure all items clothing items are labelled with your child's name so we can return any found clothing.

All children are expected to keep to the policy Monday to Thursday, however, I have noticed some children wearing variations of this. If you have difficulty with providing the correct uniform, please do come and talk to us as we are more than happy to help.

If you have any concerns or questions about anything that is happening in school, please do come in and talk to me or your child's class teacher. If you have discussions over social media or on the playground with other parents, we hear about them 3rd hand and can't solve the problems or issues. We will do our absolute best to solve any problem or concerns straight away in school, but we can only do that if we know about them!

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Wishing you a lovely and restful weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Helen Wollington

Headteacher

Upcoming diary dates:

Monday 5th February – Friday 9th February
Children's Mental Health Week
Science Festival week

Monday 5th February - Speech and Language session for parents in Early Years 8:45am in Family Room. Details below.

Tuesday 6th February – Internet Safety Day

Wednesday 7th February – School Disco, details to follow

Friday 9th February – End of Term 3
EY and KS1 film afternoon

Monday 19th February – start of Term 4

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Safer Internet Day 2024

Guidance for Parents and Carers:

This year's Safer Internet Day theme revolves around change and influence online. Parents and caregivers play a crucial role in guiding their children through the intricacies of the digital world. Safer Internet Day provides a platform for them to focus on online safety discussions with their children, tailoring the conversation to the child's age and ensuring it remains relevant and impactful.

A film from SWGfL has been produced for parents and carers for Safer Internet Day 2024.

You can watch this video here:

<https://youtu.be/SD5KW6dqnv0>



Want to know how to support your child's speech & language development?

Then come to our free session with Speech and Language therapist, Beth Loveday.

Monday 5 February at 8.45am in the Family room (access from the KS1 playground). Refreshments will be served.

Directed at parents of children in our nurseries, reception and year 1 classes but everyone is welcome!

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Early language development is critical to success in later life.



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