



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Value of the Term – Resilience

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week in school, lots of fabulous learning, behaviour and showing of our Mountford Manor values.

It was great to see so many of you at Parent's Evening with plenty of happy, smiling faces leaving after meeting with the teachers. If you were unable to attend at your appointment time, please do make an alternative appointment as it is so important you are up to date with how your child is doing in school and what their next steps are to progress.

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



Year 5 won the **attendance award** this week with a super 97%.

These children all received their **50 reads** prize from the vending machine this week:- Freddie in Year 1, Logan, Theo and Caisey in Year 2, Esme, Eliana and Fatou in Year 4, Lexi, Norman and Zayyan in Year 5, Elliott, Ana-Clara, Sienna, Zorin, Macey and Donald in Year 6. A massive well done to everyone for a fabulous week!

We are looking forward to seeing children come dressed in their **World Book Day** costumes on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, if they have chosen to take part.

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Also a reminder that next week is **National Careers week**, and on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** we would like children to come dressed as the job/profession they would like to be when they have grown up, for example, a police officer, nurse etc..... we will be completing activities this week on different careers opportunities that the children can aspire to be, tackling gender inequality and social bias.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March it is **Comic Relief** and we invite the children to come dressed in red for the day for a donation of 50p, which will go directly to this charity.

Please remember we are here to support your family as a whole, if there is anything you need, please let us know. If we can't help directly, we will be able to signpost you to other agencies where support is available in and around Swindon.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend, I'm hoping for some more signs of Spring sunshine on the way!

With best wishes,  
**Mrs Helen Wollington**  
Headteacher

Upcoming diary dates:  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – National Careers week  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – come dressed as the career/ job you want be as a grown up!  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief – come dressed in red for 50p donation

## Attendance – “Every Day Counts”

<b>100%</b> 0 days of lost learning Very best chance of success	<b>96%</b> 8 days of lost learning Off to a flying start	<b>94%</b> 11 days of lost learning Less chance of success	<b>92%</b> 15 days of lost learning Harder to make progress	<b>90%</b> 19 days of lost learning Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)
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### GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL REALLY DOES MATTER

**DID YOU KNOW...?**

In a school year, if your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3 days from school	12 lessons
10 minutes	6 days from school	24 lessons
15 minutes	9 days from school	36 lessons
20 minutes	12 days from school	48 lessons
30 minutes	18 days from school	72 lessons

PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons

### PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

MINUTES LATE PER DAY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF DAYS TEACHING LOST IN A YEAR
5 mins	—	3 days
10 mins	—	6 days
15 mins	—	9 days
20 mins	—	12 days
30 mins	—	18 days