

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great week this week that seems to have flown by again! We had some of our Governors in school who were very complimentary of the children, their behaviour, the calmness around school and the learning that can be seen in their books and the classrooms. The children are a real credit to you and it is a privilege to work with them all every day.

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



Year 4 won the **attendance award** again for the third week in a row with an improved 99%! These children all received their **50 reads** prize from the vending machine this week:- Ava in Reception, Dolly, Lucus and Lincoln in Year 1, Lexi in Year 2, Shiarah and Sanuja in Year 5, Toby and Aurora in Year 6. A big well done to everyone for a fabulous week!

Our boys football team played in the Quarter Finals of the cup yesterday and after a close game that ended 2-2, there followed a very intense penalty shootout! I am thrilled to tell you that our boys won on penalties and are through to the semi-finals – look out for more details on the next part of this journey.

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Value of the Term – Resilience



I have some important staff updates to share with you..... Firstly, as a school we send massive congratulations to Mrs Jackson who safely delivered her new baby son on Monday 18th March. He gave us all a surprise coming early but he is doing really well and being well looked after. Mrs Jackson is now on maternity leave, and we are very fortunate that Mr Jones is ready to take on the role of class teacher in Year 6. I am also pleased to tell you that Mrs Langford will be supporting in Year 6 as the class TA.

Miss Shaw is sadly leaving us at the end of this term, for personal reasons she has decided now is the time to hang up her teaching skills and focus on other things. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the children and families at Mountford Manor in the time she has been here. We wish her all the very best for the future. I am pleased to tell you that Miss Hughes is also now ready to take on the reigns of the class teacher role and will be teaching Year 3 from Term 5 with the continued support of Mrs Booth as the class TA.

Finally, we are going to be saying a very sad farewell to Mrs Sanders at the end of this term too. Mrs Sanders has been offered a very exciting and challenging role within the White Horse Federation. Within her role as Assistant Headteacher and SENCO, Mrs Sanders has supported children and families of Mountford Manor in many ways and she will be greatly missed by everyone. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for everything she has done for the whole Mountford Manor community and wish her all the best for the future in her new role.

I will be creating a new inclusion team and will take on the SENCO responsibility in the interim so please come and speak to me if you have any questions or concerns. Mrs Sanders and I will be having a thorough transition and handover and she will be on the end of the phone if needed!

I appreciate there has been a lot of information shared for you to take on board, please know that your children and their education is always my priority and all actions put in place are with them in mind. My door is open if you do have any questions or concerns.

Wishing everyone a lovely, restful weekend!

With best wishes,
Mrs Helen Wollington
Headteacher

Upcoming diary dates:

Thursday 28th March – end of Term 4

Monday 15th April – INSET day, school closed to children

Tuesday 16th April – Term 5 starts

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