



Friday 20th September 2024
Topic – The World We Live In
Value of the Term – Diversity

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week in school with lots of fabulous learning and super use of our school values being shown in all classes. The children are getting used to their new classes, new timetables and new experiences that the new school year is bringing them. Year 4 have started swimming lessons and are doing really well, building up their confidence each week. Years 1 and 2 had an amazing first drumming lesson this week. Year 5 have been enjoying learning to play the guitar and Year 3 have started their sessions with a coach from the Royal Ballet school.

In addition, some classes have started their forest school sessions and have had amazing fun building dens, working together as a team and building up their resilience skills and confidence. All year groups will be doing Forest School over the academic year.



These children have been celebrated in assembly today for achieving the certificate of excellence or the values award for their class:



The class with the highest attendance, winning the award for the second week running, and with an outstanding 100% is..... Year 6.

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Thank you for supporting our Jeans 4 Genes Day today, we have made a fabulous £69.15 for this worthwhile charity supporting children and their families who are suffering with genetic disorders and conditions.

On Thursday 26th September it is European day of Languages, in order to celebrate this day, each class will be focusing on one European country. We would like the children to come to school dressed in the colours of the country for their class, please see below for the details. Please do not go out and buy anything special for this, just look for anything you have with the colours as described. They will be learning some basic phrases in the language of that country and may also be tasting some foods from the country too. If your child has any allergies or food intolerances that we are not already aware of, please can you make the office or class teacher aware before Thursday. Thank you for your support with this.

Thursday 26th September is also the day that the flu vaccinations will be happening in school for children in Reception up to Year 6. Please can you follow the link that was emailed to you and either give your consent or withdraw your child from having the vaccine by the end of Tuesday 24th September.

As it is the season of Harvest and a time for giving and sharing, I would like to remind you of our Food Hub we have in school. This facility is for anyone who may need a helping hand and works like a foodbank. We are looking for donations of non-perishable goods or any toiletries that could help a family when they need it most. If you have anything you could donate then please send it into school with your child or to the school office. If you need some help at any time, please speak to Mrs Kenyon, our Family Support Worker who will be happy to show you what goods we have available that you can help yourself to.

Next Friday, we would like to hold a cake sale in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support as they hold their annual coffee morning. We would appreciate any donations of cakes (homemade or shop bought) that the children will be able to buy for 20p at breaktime. Please bring in any cakes with your child on Friday morning. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Wishing you a lovely and safe weekend.

With best wishes,
Mrs Helen Wollington
Headteacher

Upcoming diary dates:

Tuesday 24th September – Year 3 to Wyvern Theatre to see Ballet performance

Thursday 26th September – European day of Languages
Flu vaccinations

Friday 27th September – MacMillan cake sale

European day of Languages

Nursery, Pre-school and Reception – France
(blue, red and white)

Year 1 – Spain (red and yellow)

Year 2 – Germany (black, red and yellow)

Year 3 – France (blue, red and white)

Year 4 – Turkey (red and white)

Year 5 – Italy (red, green and white)

Year 6 – Greece (blue and white)

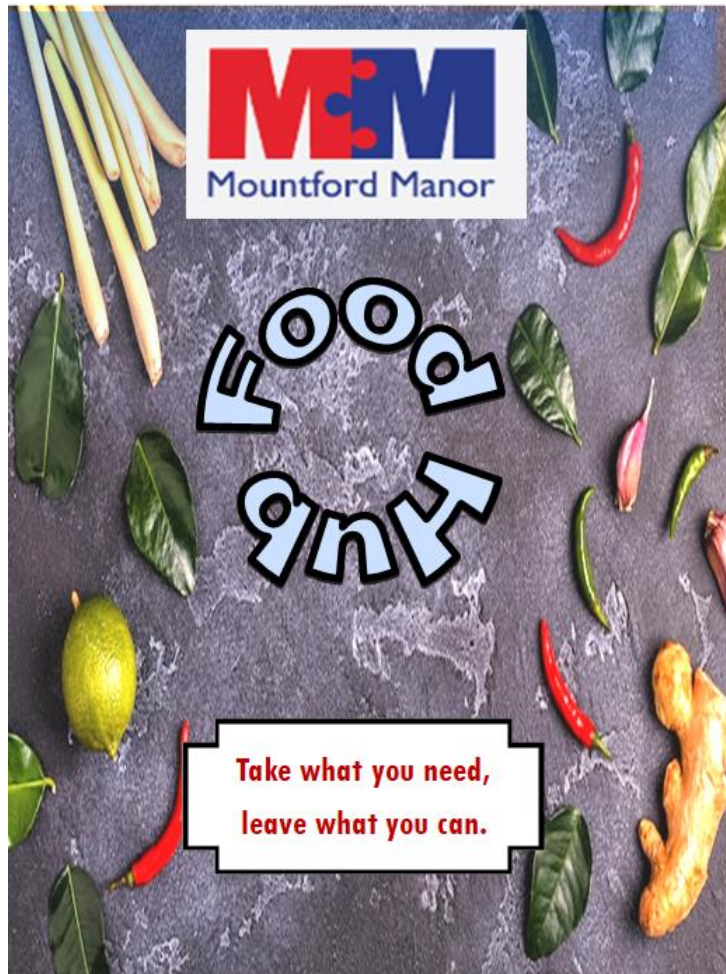
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Attendance – “Every Day Counts”

100%
0 days of last learning

Very best chance of success

96%
8 days of last learning

Off to a flying start

94%
11 days of last learning

Less chance of success

92%
15 days of last learning

Harder to make progress

90%
19 days of last learning

Persistent Absentee (that's on your child)

GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL REALLY DOES MATTER

DID YOU KNOW...?

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 1/2 weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 1/2 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

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