MANOR GREEN SCHOOL

Excellence for All

Head's Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

I am writing this message with very mixed feelings. I have spent eight years at Holyport Manor and Manor Green School and they have been, without a shadow of a doubt, the most inspiring, enjoyable and fulfilling part of my career. However, last week I was fortunate to secure a Headship at another special school: the Abbey School in Farnham, Surrey. It is a very exciting opportunity and I am really keen to take everything I have learned from all the students, staff and parents at Manor Green School and make the most of my experience in another setting. I have absolutely loved the Acting Head Teacher role, in fact I have loved every role I have carried out at Manor Green, and am very appreciative of all the support I have received from the Governors, the Extended Leadership Team and all staff and parents. It really is a wonderful team at Manor Green School and I will definitely be keeping in touch!

I won't talk too much about it all now as I am still here until April 2015 and so lots of work to do between now and then! I am certainly committed to ensuring that Manor Green continues to go from strength to strength. The timing works well as Mrs. Ania Hildrey is returning from maternity leave in March 2015 and so we will have ample opportunity for a thorough handover.

I certainly had mixed feelings on Saturday at the Jedi Night when I spent a superb evening mixing with all our students, their families and staff. It was definitely at the back of my mind how much I will miss you all! We are preparing a big piece with lots of photos for the end of term newsletter, but I just want to thank all the Friends of Manor Green parents for doing such a fantastic job in organising such a popular and well received event! We had fancy dress, a wide range of visiting Star Wars' characters, competitions, balloon modelling, face painting, great food and the best and most interactive DJ ever! Feedback has been unanimously positive! A big thank you to all the staff who helped out on the stalls and with jobs on the day – much appreciated!

The winners of the Dance Competition were Russell Abalayan and Chloe Ludlow. The winners of the Fancy Dress Competition were a 'double' for the Mitchinson family with Xander picking up the male prize and his younger sister, Dharma, picking up the female prize. Lubi Lloyd-Jones' family won the chocolate Wookiee cake and the Talkiing Storm Trooper raffle prize was won by Graham Bailey (our wonderful receptionist, Kay's husband).

Nathan Aspinall
Acting Headteacher

Message from the Headteacher

Firstly, I am certain you will join me in congratulating Mr Aspinall on his amazing news and his success. Ever since his appointment in 2011, he has been a tremendous Deputy and an outstanding leader of people and initiatives.

He will be an absolutely brilliant Headteacher at The Abbey and a very hard act to follow here at Manor Green School.....

I am writing this message to let you know that we will now begin a recruitment process, with the view of finding a suitable successor for April 2015, or as soon as possible after that.

I will lead the recruitment myself, though, as ever, for any such senior leadership post, we will be using a specialist recruitment agency to support the process. I will keep you informed about progress as we proceed.

For now, once again: huge congratulations to Mr Aspinall and it is back to business for all of us!

Ania Hildrey

HEAD'S TEA PARTY

Students enjoying their tea parties with the Head

KS3—10th November

KS4 and KS5—17th November

Youth Voice—The young people's funding scheme

Our application has been shortlisted for the online voting stage and we now have two weeks to gain as many votes as possible. Please support us by getting your family and friends to vote on line for Manor Green School: http://www.wamster.org.uk/Youth_Voice_Youth_Choice_Voting.htm by midday on Friday, 12th December. We could win a new electric piano for school.

Key Diary Dates
Week 12

Tues 25 November		NO EMAIL DAY for staff internally*
Thurs 27 November	19:00-21:00	Governors' SBS Committee meeting: *Focus: ICT Review*
Fri 28 November	09:30	Kinney class assembly

Thank you

Thank you to Hazel England for all the work she has done in getting Numicon introduced to Manor Green. The staff and children appreciate the support you have given them.

Pat Pringle

School photographs—reminder

School photograph orders need to be returned to school by Wednesday, 26th November at the very latest. Orders received after this date will not be processed by the school.

Request from the Secondary Department

We would appreciate any donations of board games and loom bands for our indoor games lunch club please!

Transport Protocol

We continually monitor transport arrangements and the ways in which we work with Local Authorities and external agencies to ensure that safety and efficiency is always paramount. Our Transport Protocol is attached to this newsletter for your information. It is also available from the website: www.manorgreenschool.co.uk

Term Dates 2014-2015

Term 1 starts on 4.9.14

Term 1 ends on 24.10.14

Term 2 starts on 3.11.14

Term 2 ends on 19.12.14 @1:30

Term 3 starts on 6.1.15

Term 3 ends on 13.2.15

Term 4 starts on 23.2.15

Term 4 ends on 2.4.15 @1:30

Term 5 starts on 20.4.15

Term 5 ends on 22.5.15

Term 6 starts on 1.6.15

Term 6 ends on 22.7.15 @1:30

Please note:

Year 11 leavers finish on Friday, 26 Jun 2015

All other leavers, including scho transfers and KS5/Post 16 students finish o Wednesday, 8 July 2015

Attendance at school

Attendance at school is essential for studen to progress and achieve. Ensuring th students attend school is the leg responsibility of their parents or guardians.

The school is obliged to promote 100 attendance of its students and report ar concerns regarding poor attendance to th Local Authority.

As the Headteacher of Manor Green Schoc I have no legal right to authorise term-tim absence, apart from absences related exceptional circumstances.

Please note that holidays do not fall into th category, however compelling the reasons f booking them in term time...

House of the Week

I am pleased to report that the winning House for the week is:

1st Peacock	=	1107 pts
2nd Weir	=	1100 pts
3rd Storey	=	1085 pts
4th Simmonds	=	1014 pts

Congratulations to all students !

Good luck to all students for next week!

Stars/Students of the Week—Week 10

Primary

Naite Hickman, Jack Bradley, Ethan Hume, Musa Zahid, Joseph Melia, Archie Sedgwick, Victoria Bargery, Auron Heather, Hafsah Khan, Robert Malone-Spindlow

Secondary

Dan Martin, Tristan Miles, Sam Farrow, Chloe Greaves, Alfie Atkins, Raees Hussain, Flora Chiu, Aliya Mahmood, Katherine Bargery, Joshua Honey, Saquib Riaz, Joanne Pantridge

Therapeutic Learning Support

Albie Dalton

Parents' Information Session: Therapy Provision

There will be a parents' information session on Therapy Provision in the Parents' Room on Monday, 24th November 2014 between 10:00-11:00am. This will be an opportunity to discuss the exciting and positive developments which are taking place around a more integrated therapeutic approach and the chance to share your views on what you would like the therapy team to offer your child and you, as a parent.

You are also welcome to stay for a coffee and a chat afterwards

We raised a total of £707 for Children in Need .
Thank you everyone!

WINTER WONDERLAND IN AID OF LIAMS FUND

At Manor Green School on Sunday, 7th December, 12—5pm
(see poster attached)

Information Items

(Flyers attached electronically only unless otherwise stated. Please contact the school if you need a hard copy)

- **Carers in Berkshire Flu Vaccine Voucher**
- **Maidenhead Christmas Lights:** Saturday 22nd November 2014
- **Roller Disco's at Magnet Leisure Centre:** Saturdays

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TRANSPORT PROTOCOL

All staff, parents, carers, volunteers and visitors to the school should adhere to the following:

GENERAL

- There will be a 10mph maximum speed limit on site, but vehicles must manoeuvre at walking pace around the parking zone in front of the school.
- All MGS staff should display an MGS parking permit in their vehicles. Action will be taken if permits are not displayed (parking ban and/or disciplinary action).
- Parking should be within designated parking bays whenever possible. If it is necessary to double-park, names (and permit numbers for staff) must be left with reception. All vehicles that are double-parked must be moved into a free space at 3.30pm. Only visitors should park in the visitor parking bays. **A visitor is someone who only occasionally visits the school.**
- Deliveries should be made between 7.00 - 8.15am, 9.30am – 2.30pm or after 3.30pm.
- External meetings should be held between 9.30am – 2.30pm or after 3.30pm (for parking purposes) whenever possible.
- School's own minibuses should be brought to the front of the school for collecting/dropping off students whenever possible, otherwise students should be safely escorted to/from the school minibus parking bays.
- All staff are strongly encouraged to use alternative forms of transport whenever possible, e.g. walking, public transport, cycling, etc.

MORNING DROP OFF

- For those dropping students off at school, arrival on site should be no earlier than 8.30am. Prolonged periods of time spent in vehicles is not good for the students.
- Morning drop off: school staff should collect the students from the vehicles at 8:55am. Students remain the responsibility of transport until they are collected by a member of staff; it should be borne in mind that some students will need more supervision than others.
- Staff will only wait for the delayed students until 9.15am. Staff should wait in the reception area to help communication with the receptionist.

AFTERNOON PICK UP

- For those collecting students from school, the gates will be open from 2.30pm.
- Afternoon pick up: escorts should collect the students from the school staff.
- Each Key Stage will use its designated area in front of the school for afternoon pick-up

COMMUNICATION

- Transport/parents must communicate with school reception by 9.00am if they are going to be late arriving for morning drop-off and by 3.10pm if they are going to be late arriving to collect their child.
- Frequent prompts and reminders regarding the protocol will be issued to all parties

SUPERVISION

- School staff are responsible for supervising the students whilst they wait outside the front of the school. This includes ensuring everyone adheres to the 'mind the gap' area.
- The Facilities' team will provide traffic management during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up

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WINTER WONDERLAND

or Green School
abeth Hawkes Way,
Maidenhead
SL6 3EQ

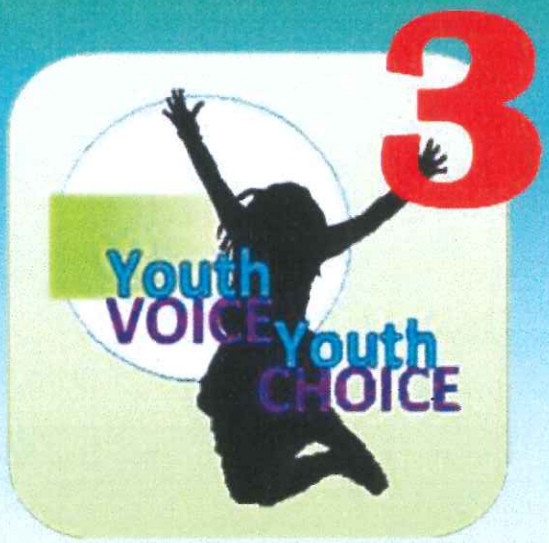
CHRISTMAS MARKET
SANTAS GROTTO
HOG ROAST
MEET AND GREET FROZEN CAST
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
CANDY LAND
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
& SO MUCH MORE

Sunday
7TH DECEMBER
12pm - 5pm

IN AID OF LIAMS FUND

The young people's funding scheme is back!

An exciting opportunity for 11-19* year olds in RBWM to gain funding for projects



Schools • Youth Groups • Targeted Groups • Individuals

VOTE NOW...

Voting Period: 21ST November-12th December 2014 (Midday)

WAMSTER

More information at WWW. Wamster.org.uk

Contact Chris Caughey

Email:- Christopher.caughey@rbwm.gov.uk
Phone:- 01628 683964

The Royal Borough Windsor & Maidenhead

- Up to 25 yrs with Learning Disabilities

Carers in Berkshire
Flu Vaccine Voucher

It is important for you to have the flu vaccine to protect those you care for as they are likely to be vulnerable to the complications of flu. Protecting yourself also means that they are not left without you owing to you catching the flu.

You will also protect young children, those with long term conditions, pregnant women and those over 65years in your circle of friends and family.

You can get your vaccine from your GP or a participating local pharmacy for FREE.

Visit www.wokingham.gov.uk/publichealth/berkshireflu to find a full list of pharmacy's in Berkshire. You need to take proof of Carer's Allowance entitlement with you.

Myth Busting!!!

Proper flu is much worse than a heavy cold and can really knock you off your feet, cause you to need to stay in hospital and in really severe cases it can be fatal. It can not be treated with antibiotics so important you protect yourself before you catch it.

It is something you need every year as the flu germs in circulation vary year to year and thus the vaccine is altered each year.

Often people think the vaccine will make them unwell but it is in-active so it can not 'give you flu'.

The Vaccine is also available free at GP's and Pharmacy for:- Pregnant Women , 18 - 65 year olds with a long term condition. These groups can also access the vaccine at the GP as can 2– 4 year olds, under 18 with long term conditions and Over 65 year olds. For those under 18 it is a nasal spray rather than injection.

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WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Royal Borough
Windsor & Maidenhead

Bracknell Forest Council

www.slough.gov.uk
Slough Borough Council

Saturday 13 December
'The Animals Take to the Streets' – Community Lantern Parade

Norden Farm's annual lantern parade assembles outside the Town Hall at 4.30pm and departs at 5pm. Lantern Making Workshops will be held in the run up to the event – check out the Enjoy Maidenhead website for full details.

Saturday 13 to Wednesday 24 December
Gift Wrapping in the Nicholsons Shopping Centre

Charities will be offering a gift wrapping service for shoppers to take the stress out of shopping. Throughout December there will also be a variety of community groups performing carols.

Sunday 14 December
Maidenhead Farmers' Market
Grove Road car park 10am -1pm

Around 25 stallholders attend the market each month with a wide offering of quality local produce.

Thursday 18 December
Late Night Shopping Event

Many shops in Maidenhead will be opening until 8pm and there will also be food stalls, funfair rides and more on the High Street.

Saturday 20 December
Santas on the High Street and 'Come as Your Self and Leave as an Elf!'

River Church Santa's will be overrunning the High Street and bringing Christmas cheer to shoppers with free hot chocolate, face painting and carol singing. Follow the trail around the town centre to become an Elf for the day and have an Elfy Selfie taken at the Three Store on the High Street #ElfySelfie

Saturday 20 December
Special Christmas Food Market
High Street

Lots of traders will be on the High Street offering shoppers a last chance to buy food and drink before Christmas Day.

Christmas parking made easy

This Christmas enjoy
FREE WEEKEND PARKING
in Maidenhead from the
22 November until Christmas

We want to make Christmas shopping as easy as possible this year in Maidenhead so we are offering FREE PARKING so you can make the most of the town centre and all the Christmas events.

Weekend parking will be FREE on the weekends of the 22 & 29 November and the 6, 13 & 20 December and Boxing Day is FREE too!

Don't forget that Sunday Parking in Maidenhead is free all year round and the majority of shops are open 11am-5pm

Click and collect

With free weekend parking during the Christmas period there is no better opportunity to take advantage of click and collect from many of the town's stores whilst also exploring our many independent traders.

Retailers offering click and collect include:

Waitrose, Argos, TOPSHOP, next, Boots, wilkinson, vision express, YOUR M&S, CARGO home maker, Sainsbury's

Most stores will have extended opening hours over the Christmas period – please check individual stores for details.

enjoy

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Maidenhead

*CONVENIENTLY YOURS

Christmas 2014

Free weekend parking for Christmas

Free weekend parking from the Christmas Lights Switch on until Christmas

Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 22 November

Maidenhead Christmas Lights Switch On and Christmas Market

Town Hall, St Ives Road

The High Street, Queen Street and St Ives Road will be closed to traffic and turned into a Christmas funfair and market with craft and food stalls, children's rides and fun for all the family. Santa and his helpers will be in the Nicholsons Shopping Centre from 11am-3pm in the main square. Dali the Clown will also be in the centre working his balloon magic.

Craft Coop will be running a free Christmas craft workshop where you can come along and make a Christmas decoration to take home.

Maidenhead's annual switch on event outside the Town Hall will begin at 4.30pm with live music and entertainment to get you in the Christmas spirit.

Just before 6pm the countdown will begin for the lights switch on which will be followed by a spectacular fireworks display from the roof of the Town Hall.

If you fancy a bit of late night shopping after the switch on many stores will be open until 8pm*

And then why not stay in the town for a bite to eat - for offers running in local restaurants visit www.enjoymaidenhead.com
*check individual store opening hours

For the most up to date information on Christmas events in Maidenhead visit www.enjoymaidenhead.com

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Events Calendar

Saturday 22 November

Maidenhead Christmas Lights Switch On and Christmas Market

High Street, Queen Street & St Ives Road

Join us for Maidenhead's annual lights switch on and spectacular fireworks display.

Tuesday 25 November – Sunday 28 December

Norden Farm Christmas Show 'Kipper's Snowy Day'

based on the award winning - and much loved - children's books by Mick Inkpen

Box Office: 01628 788997
Book on-line www.nordenfarm.org

Saturday 22 & 29 November and 6 & 13 December

Visit Santa for FREE in the Nicholsons Shopping Centre

Santa and his helpers will be in the Nicholsons Shopping Centre from 11am to 3pm. Bernard Ranger Photography will also be there to capture some festive fun.

Saturday 6 December

Art on the Street

High Street and Nicholsons Shopping Centre

The town comes alive with over 100 artists selling their work. From watercolours, to oil paintings and ceramics you'll be amazed at the variety of work. There will also be free workshops throughout the day and live entertainment.

Saturday 6 and 20 December

Maidenhead High Street Produce Market

Regular traders include Anthony Reynolds Fruit and Veg, Selsey Shellfish, Eadles Meat, Spicy Chef, Wildflour Bakery and more…

Wednesday 10 – Sunday 14 December

Maidenhead Drama Guild present the Maidenhead Pantomime – **Rapunzel** in the Desborough Suite

Box Office: 07900 863699
Website: www.maidenhead-drama.co.uk

Thursday 11 December

Late Night Shopping Event

Many shops in Maidenhead will be opening until 8pm and there will also be food stalls, funfair rides and more on the High Street.

Saturday 13 December

Reindeer & Reindeer Racing!

High Street and Nicholsons Shopping Centre

Santa and his reindeer will be visiting the town so pop by for your chance to say hello.

Maidenhead Bridge Rotary will be running (toy) Reindeer Racing in the shopping centre between 10am and 4pm raising money for local charities.

r Disco is back **bigger and better** at Magnet.

THE ROLLER DISCO

der 7's and Beginners
urdays 4.15pm – 5.30pm
Ad Card / £3.80 Non Card
£1.10 for adults.
Skate hire included.
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Saturdays 3pm – 4pm.
£3.30 Ad Card / £3.80 Non Card
Learn how to skate with
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Combo
Any two sessions
Only
£5.50 Ad Card
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