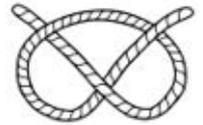




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Spelling Workshop

Thank you to those who were able to make it to our spelling workshop this week. We hope you found it useful. We promised that the information we shared would be put on the website for everyone to see and I believe Mrs Armstrong is doing that as I write this! It should be in the 'Parents' section. The PowerPoint and spelling expectations for each year group will be included.

Times Tables

We are often asked for ways that parents can help their children at home and one of the most common answers, after hearing your child read, is to help them to learn times tables. Times tables are vital for children in Year 5 all the way through to GCSE and beyond. They are some of the nuts and bolts of efficient calculating and not knowing them can cause slow, error strewn work. Children will start to learn about multiplication from Year 2 onwards and by Year 4 they are expected to know all of their tables off by heart up to 12x12. For some this is easy but most need regular help and encouragement. Even if they know them by Year 4 they still need to practise them throughout Years 5 and 6. We are looking at ways to develop their motivation for learning tables and the following link is something we will be using. [Times tables practice](#). It is a simple programme that tests a chosen table and gives a time for completion. Children should be looking to get under 1 minute where possible but simply trying to beat their own best times is more important to start with. Mr Forman is looking at setting up a leader board for the best times on a display so children can start practising now to get a head start.

Dates for your diary

Thursday November 30 th	9-10 Parent forum
Friday December 1 st	KS2 - Road Safety talk Non-uniform day for tombola prizes for Christmas Fair 7pm Tamworth Co-op Carol Service at St Editha's church
Tuesday December 5 th	Y1/2 sports hall athletics tournament
Wednesday December 6 th	Y3/4 sports hall athletics tournament
Friday December 8 th	6-8pm - PTA Christmas Fayre
Monday December 11 th	Y5/6 small schools sports hall athletics tournament
Tuesday December 12 th	Am - Years 1-6 to Aladin pantomime at Lichfield Garrick
Wednesday December 13 th	9:30am - Robins Nativity
Thursday December 14 th	9:30am - Robins Nativity Christmas Dinner for children
Friday December 15 th	Last swimming lesson for Owls 2pm - Swans Christmas Performance
Monday December 18 th	9:30am - Swans Christmas Performance Pm - Christmas parties
Tuesday December 19 th	2pm - Carol Service in church Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Crianca Feliz (Happy Child) a Brazilian charity supported by Maria (Y1) and her family Break up for Christmas
Wednesday January 3 rd	Staff INSET Day
Thursday January 4 th	Children return to school
Thursday January 11 th	Forest School for Owls starts for 6 week block

New Deputy Head!

In recent times Manor Primary has had no official 'deputy head' role but has had a 'senior teacher' as second in command. Governors have decided to create a deputy head role to replace the senior teacher role and after an internal process have appointed Mrs Armstrong. This means she can now be asked to do all of the things she has been doing anyway! Congratulations on her appointment which is a reward for the hard work and leadership she shows on a daily basis.