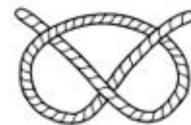




# MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Autumn Term Newsletter



### Stars of the Week!

(since the last news letter)

#### Robins:

Avelyn, Caleb, Alfie and Olivia

#### Swans:

Laura, Lexi Mai, Gareth and Riley

#### Owls:

Faith, Jacob, Freya and Arham

#### Penguins:

Jay, Hollie, Owen and Millie W

#### Lunch time:

Brooke, Jake and Katie

#### Headteacher:

Luca, Tom and Jay

### Wonder Wall?

A huge part of children's learning has been shown to involve developing their thinking skills. One part of this is to harness children's natural curiosity and to this end we have started a 'Wonder Wall' display in the hall where children wait while they line up for dinners. There are three colourful posters with a variety of questions, puzzles and photographs aimed at different age groups through the school and the children can put their responses on post-it notes. Many questions look for a creative response and there are often no wrong answers, encouraging the children to 'wonder' and have a go. Some questions need the children to go and find something out such as the meaning of a word so they can copy it down and take it home if they wish.

The following are some of the questions the children have found hard or haven't answered and I thought you might like to have a go at home.

Remember, it is a fun activity where there are often no wrong answers, just lots of thinking and 'wondering'.

**Robins and Swans:** What questions would you like to ask the Very Hungry Caterpillar? What is quiet in the word 'whisper'?

**Owls:** Is an elephant a pachyderm? What does it mean? How can you make five twos equal five?

**Penguins:** 'Twillionaires': how many do you know?

What do the following have in common: murder, whoop, skulk, troop, ambush?

### Emergency Closure Procedures

Now winter seems to be upon us I thought it would be advisable to set out our emergency closure procedures in case of snow. Obviously we would do all we could to keep school open but equally we would not open if it was not safe to do so. This might be because of conditions on site or difficulties for staff travelling to school. In the case of closure we would endeavour to let you know by 8:00am. This would be by text as well as through the Staffordshire Emergency Closures Website (link on school website). Local radio will also announce schools that have been closed using this list. If we have not contacted you through these methods then please assume that school is open as usual and avoid phoning to check unnecessarily.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### Parent Link Governor:

Mr Tim Evers

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The AGM of the Tame Valley Co-operative Learning Trust

will be held on

Wednesday, 21 January 2015

at Wilnecote High School

commencing 6.30 pm

All welcome

