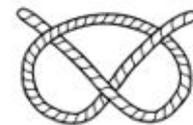




# MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Spring Term Newsletter



### Lunchboxes

We seem to be left with lots of lunchboxes on the trolleys at the end of each day. Sometimes these are left for extended periods and become unhygienic. We propose to remove the left lunchboxes at the end of each day and keep them in lost property near the office. Any unnamed boxes that are unclaimed will be thrown away at the end of the week. Please check lost property if you think one of these may be yours. Thank you.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **AGM** of the **Tame Valley Co-operative Learning Trust** will be held on **Thursday, 25 January 2018**

at  
**Longwood Primary School**  
**Allton Avenue**  
**Mile Oak**  
**Tamworth**  
**B78 3NH**

commencing **6.00 pm**



### Talk for Writing

Over the course of last half term Mrs Armstrong trialled a method of teaching writing called Talk for Writing having attended some training. This has had a positive impact on standards of writing in her class. She has passed on this training to the other staff and they will be introducing this over the coming term. The principal is that children can't write something if they can't say it... so a quality text is learnt by the children with actions. They then read it together and write it. This example text is then adapted gradually and the children replace parts with their own ideas such as replacing a character with their own or changing the setting in a story. They still retain the structure and language of the example text. They then innovate and write their own text in the same style, whether that is a letter, instructions or a story for example. Talk for Writing was developed by a well-known educationalist called Pie Corbett and has a proven track record in many schools. We hope it will have a similar positive impact on writing standards at Manor too.

### Messages from your PTA Christmas Fayre

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Fayre such a great success. Over 150 of you braved the snowy conditions to join us.

Many thanks for the huge number of donations made towards our bottle and tombola stalls, and thanks also to those of you who supported our after school tuck shop at the end of term.

We can now confirm that a total amount of £1040 was taken on the evening of the fayre itself, and we will also be receiving a further £190 from Vodafone, through their 'matched funding' scheme, taking the total to £1230. The tuck shop raised an additional £47. A further donation towards the funding of Accelerated Reader will now be made to the school.

It would not have been possible to run the fayre, or tuck shop, without the help of a large number of people. The PTA committee members would like to say a big thank you to the following parents, family and staff, who kindly gave up their free time to help us to run these events, or who helped with arrangements before or afterwards.

Mrs Betteridge

Mr Brown

Mr Casey

Ms Cotterill

Mrs Dewes

Ms Gardner

Mrs Gilbert & Co-op Stores

Mrs Haskins

Mrs Kibble

Ms Massey

Mr Moore

Mr Newson

Ms Price

Mrs Richards

Mr Sandhu & Sandhu Stores

Mrs Stokes

Mr & Mrs Williams

Mrs Armstrong

Mrs Everett

Mr Forman

Mr Lloyd

Mrs O'Brien

Mr Robson

Miss Rogers

Mr Webb

Mrs Whiffin

### Next Event

Our next event will be a disco in February. The date is yet to be confirmed, so please keep an eye on our noticeboard for further information. Thank you!