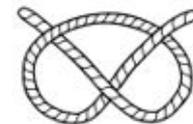




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Fighting the Fires of our future

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Numbers Count

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to join us for our maths 'addition and subtraction' workshops this week. We had well over half of the children in school represented with visitors who were treated to a presentation from Mr Forman on the progression in end of year expectations in addition and subtraction from Reception to Year 6. He also looked at the progression through use of **concrete** or physical resources to **pictorial** representation of these, before moving into the **abstract** concepts such as use of symbols and figures. There was also a focus on children practicing the **fluency** of learnt facts and methods before applying these to **problem solving** in various contexts then **reasoning** about the maths involved and showing their depth of understanding behind the concepts by explaining. The children then enjoyed showing how brilliant they are at maths, helping the adults to do some of their work! We do hope the experience was helpful for parents to see some of the maths curriculum that their children are covering and will help them to support their children as they move through school. The more detailed '[Calculations Policy](#)' is on the school website for your information. We intend to run termly workshops for parents with an English session planned for the summer term... more information to follow.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday February 7 th	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday February 8 th and 15 th	Penguins volleyball pm
Wednesday February 15 th	3.30-5.30pm Swimming Gala heats at Belgrave
Thursday February 16 th	Trust Spelling Bee finals at Stoneydelph
Friday February 17 th	PTA Valentine Disco in Village Club Break up for half term holiday
Monday February 27 th	Back to school
Tuesday February 28 th	9.30am - Animals and litter presentation for KS1 10am - Litter and the environment presentation for KS2
Thursday March 2 nd	World Book Day - PTA book sale after school
Thursday March 9 th	6-8pm - Swimming Gala finals at Snowdome
Monday March 13 th and Tuesday March 14 th	Parent Consultation Meetings
Tuesday March 21 st	Swans - safer strangers presentation
Thursday April 6 th	2pm Owls' Easter performance in Church
Friday April 7 th	Break up for Easter

Attendance and Lateness

We have a small but persistent number of children who arrive late, often just by a few minutes, at the start of the day. We do understand that there can be traffic problems occasionally for those who travel from outside the village and there will always be the odd reasons for being late but it is often the same children fighting against the tide of parents leaving the playground in the morning when the bell has rung. Children arriving in the classroom late will often delay the prompt and efficient start to lessons for the whole class or will miss vital input or instructions at the start of a lesson. If parents find themselves queuing at the office at the start of the day please make sure children are sent through to their classes promptly at 8:50am rather than waiting with you.

At Manor our attendance levels are generally good with an average of just over 97% attendance so far this year. We have only three children with less than 90% attendance and that is mostly down to unavoidable illness. We have an updated '[Attendance Policy](#)' on the school website which details circumstances where a penalty notice may be issued for unauthorised absence as well as a new form for requesting leave of absence or holiday in term time. Well done to all for taking education at Manor seriously and supporting the children in getting to school regularly and promptly.

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