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Dear Parents and Carers

Return of children – at the end of a full week

We have been so impressed by Year 1 and Year 2 children this week. They are settling in well to classroom and whole school routines. Children are tired, but teachers have shared with me how impressed they are with children's attitudes and behaviour. Our new Year R cohort have also had two great induction days, and are learning their way around their new classrooms and have begun to explore the rest of the school with their teacher.

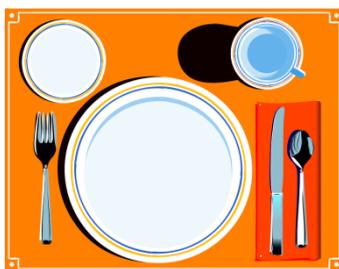
Marvellous Me – for parents in Year 1 and Year 2 only

Next week we will send a letter with a reminder for parents about downloading the Marvellous Me App. We realise that parents in Year 1 may be unfamiliar with Marvellous Me.

Marvellous Me is an app that we use in school to inform them of positive news about their child's learning and positive behaviour. It is a one way communication tool, but as parents and carers, you can acknowledge that you have received the message.



We also use Marvellous Me to share information about events in school that are usually related more to a class or year group level. Parents you will be able to download the app onto your phone. Please look out for further information about how to do this. Thank you.



Lunchtimes – Return of Family Service

Next week on Monday 13th September we will reintroduce Family Service. We first introduced Family Service in Summer 2019. Family Service allows children to develop skills of independence and encourages children to talk to one another at the lunch table and we are looking forward to its return.

This [link](#) will take you to the 'Lunches' page on our school website, where you can find links to the current Lunch Menu, and forms making changes to your child's lunch arrangements. It is very important that, if your child has any dietary needs, we are aware in school. There is a link for a 'Special Diet Request' form on the "Lunches" page as well.

Link to catering jobs with Twelve Fifteen

We have been asked to share a link to catering jobs with our school catering service who are struggling to recruit. Please pass this link on to a friend if it is not of interest to you. Thank you.
[Surrey County Council - Search for a job \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

School Uniform

Please can I draw your attention to our school uniform? The full list is available on the website which you will find via this [link](#). We have slightly changed our approach to children wearing earrings and details can be found on the list. However, for safety, we still recommend that children

do not wear earrings to school in Year R or Year 1. Please also ensure that hair accessories match our school colours.

Class Reps

If there have been any changes to Class Reps please can you inform us via the school office?
Thank you.

Operation Encompass

Manby Lodge Infant School is enrolled onto the Operation Encompass scheme, a joint project between Surrey Police, Surrey Domestic Abuse Service and Surrey schools/colleges. Every school day our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) is notified, by email, of all domestic abuse incidents that have occurred and been reported to Police in the previous 24 hours which involved a child at this school (72 hours on a Monday morning).

This provides an opportunity for staff in school to ensure the right support is in place at the right time for children who are experiencing or witnessing domestic abuse. Further information is available on the [Safeguarding page](#) on our school website.

Concerns

If you have any concerns about your child, please make contact with your child's class teacher in the first instance, either at drop off, or pick up, or by contacting the school office to ask for an appointment.

I appreciate that many of you have asked about volunteering in school. More information about this will follow in the coming weeks.

Lastly you will find the list of **Key Dates** for the Autumn Term with this Newsletter. We look forward to working with you this term and to welcoming you back into school for some exciting events!

Kind regards,

Miriam Morris

