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Dear Parents and Carers



Story time in pyjamas with a different teacher!

Hedgehog Class enjoying Mr Move it!

Children and staff have really enjoyed **Feel-Good Week** this week. The Mr Move It sessions have been lots of fun, with children leaving having had a good work out! We're enjoying seeing the Teacher Appreciations from children and I hope that you have been able to enjoy making a gratitude jar with your child at home. There will be some photos of children enjoying their week on our website soon.



Children reading to each other in Year R

Year 1 did their Sports Challenge today – to make up for the lack of Sports Day in the Summer Term when they were in Reception. Children all tried really hard and enjoyed themselves as well!



New Healthy Schools Award

It is very fitting that I can share that this week Manby Lodge was moderated by the Surrey Health Schools Team, and we were awarded the Healthy School's Award.



The Surrey Healthy Schools approach aims to empower schools to identify strengths and areas for development. It provides opportunities for training and effective communication from across the Local Authority and wider. Further to this, the Surrey Healthy Schools Self-Evaluation Tool has been developed to assist schools¹ in implementing, identifying and developing effective practice.

A special mention should go to Mrs Saffer, Miss Blackburn and Mrs Roberts for the work that they have done to make sure that our school could meet all of the criteria for this Award. Further information about Healthy Schools is available [here](#).

Over the next term I will share different aspects about what we do to be a Surrey Healthy School.

Emotional and social Well-being - Zones of Regulation

Last year we began to introduce this into our curriculum. The Zones of Regulation® is a framework and easy-to-use curriculum for teaching students strategies for emotional and sensory self-management. The Zones approach uses four colours (blue, green, yellow, red) to help children to identify how they are feeling in the moment given their emotions and level of alertness, as well as guide them to strategies to support regulation. By understanding how to notice their body's signals, detect triggers, read social context and consider how their behaviour impact those around them, children learn improved emotional control, sensory regulation, self-awareness, and problem-solving abilities.



Each classroom has a display linked to 'Zones of regulation', including photographs and pictures to show what different emotions look like. Teachers have also included mirrors so that children see themselves. Currently each class is being introduced to this curriculum through a series of 16 lessons.

Ask your child if they can tell you anything about Zones of Regulation, or about feeling green! Children have demonstrated that they know what feeling Green is like and that it is the best way to feel when they are learning in school.

Prospective Parent Tours

We are currently holding Prospective Parent Tours. You will find a Prospective Parent Flyer along with this Newsletter this week. If you know anyone who is in the process of choosing a school for their child, please pass the flyer to them.

Dates are Thursdays 14th, 21st October and 4th November. More information, including a link to the video tour that we created last year can be found on the [Admissions page](#) on our school website.

We currently also have some spaces in Year 1 and 2 classes which may be of interest to your friends.

New Surrey Covid Website

We have been asked to share this new Surrey website with our school community:

[Vaccination | Everything COVID](#)



Safeguarding and Child Protection

As I hope you are aware, Safeguarding is the first and most important aspect of school life. At Manby Lodge we recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. We make every effort to provide an environment in which children and adults feel safe, secure, valued and respected, and feel confident to talk if they are worried, believing they will be effectively listened to.

Each year we review and update our Safeguarding Policy and I would like to draw your attention to the [Safeguarding page](#) on our school website where you will find links to our up-to-date policies.

Mrs Karen Saffer is our Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Below you will find details of our Deputy DSLs:

Miss Katie Riches - EYFS Lead
Mrs Nicola Trodd – Year 1 Lead
Mrs Georgie Hughes – Year 2 Lead
Miss Miriam Morris – Headteacher

Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Emma Bird.

If as a parent you have concerns, no matter how small, please report them to one of the DSLs. If you have any other further questions or queries please ask one of us.

School Development Plans

We attach our School Development Priorities this academic year. We have a cycle of school improvement which we review on a half termly basis. Later in the year I expect to be able to share with you the developments that have been made.

If you have any questions about our School Development Plans – please get in touch with me.

FOML News

The FOML held their Annual General Meeting this week and the minutes were sent out this week. I know that there are some exciting plans for fundraising this year - Thank you to the FOML Team!

Please note that the **FOML Christmas Fair date** has changed to **Saturday 4th December**.



Save the date!

Have a good weekend,

Kind regards,

Miriam Morris