

The A to Z of Life at Manby Lodge



A huge welcome to the Manby Lodge Family from Friends of Manby Lodge (FoML).

So you may have the uniform, shoes, book bag and cap, you've labelled everything (including their socks!) and are finally all set to send your little one off to school!

It's such an exciting time, but as with all new starts it can seem like there is an overwhelming amount of information to process and new things to learn in those first weeks.

To help with this, we have put together this A to Z of information that may come in useful as you settle into life at Manby Lodge. From contact details and school meals to finding out about school social events, we have tried to cover everything.

The Friends of Manby Lodge Facebook page is a forum for you to connect with fellow parents, across all year groups. We're a really friendly bunch, and there will always be plenty of people ready to answer any queries that you may have. Find us here www.facebook.com/groups/Friendsofmanbylodge. Please note this is a closed group from a safety point of view, so you will be asked a few questions to verify joining.

Each class will have a dedicated WhatsApp group, where your class rep will manage and relay information from the school and PTA to the rest of the class parents. It's also a good forum to ask fellow parents questions.

Finally, the school website <https://www.manbylodge.co.uk/> has a lot of useful information.

We hope you will find this guide useful!

A

Absence

If your child is too poorly to attend school, or you are going to be late, contact the school by 9:30am via phone 01932 851848 or email secretary@manby-lodge.surrey.sch.uk. Phone messages need to be followed up by an explanatory note when your child returns to school.

Other absences - The school follows the DfE guidelines on leave of absence which means holidays during term time will not be authorised. Any other requests for leave of absence should be made by completing the absence request form, which you can find on the school's website, under the PARENTS section.

After School Club

Koosa Kids is our after school club provider which runs every school day. During these sessions, children are able to choose from a variety of activities in a safe and comfortable environment. They will also receive healthy and nutritious snacks. After School Club runs straight after school at 3pm until 6pm where your child will be available for collection from the Main School Hall. Note that Koosa does not run during inset days. You can book ad-hoc or regular sessions by contacting Koosa Kids on <https://www.koosakids.co.uk/> or 01276 21884.

There are other after school clubs available to all children, e.g. Tennis, Yoga, Sporty Kidz, Lego Club, Art Club, Gardening Club to name a few. These are either run by teachers of Manby Lodge or external companies and normally run from 3-4pm. Information on these clubs are usually sent via email, so please ensure the school has your up-to-date email address. Please note that these clubs are extremely popular, so book early to avoid disappointment. Each club will charge different amount so please check with the individual provider for more details.

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Book Bags

These can be purchased from Marks and Spencers Bespoke Uniform: <https://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com>, remember to label your child's with their name. We recommend that you check your child's book bags for letters and notices daily. Your child will also bring home things from school that they have made in their bags and be keen to share these with you.

Breakfast Club

Koosa Kids is our breakfast club provider which runs every school day. During these sessions, children are able to choose from a variety of activities in a safe and comfortable environment. They will also receive healthy and nutritious breakfast/snacks. Breakfast Club opens at 7:50 in the Main School Hall until school starts where the children will be led to their classroom. You can book ad-hoc or regular sessions by contacting Koosa Kids on <https://www.koosakids.co.uk/> or 01276 21884.

Buddy Bench

Look out for the buddy bench and buddy bus stops in the playground. It's a lovely idea, that helps the children look out for each other during playtime. The children know to look out for anyone waiting at the buddy bench or bus stop, perhaps looking for someone to play with maybe or feeling a bit lost, and they will go and chat to them, and find them a "buddy" to play with. It's a system that works well, so be sure to point out them out to your child as you pass through the playground.

C

Cake Sales

Manby Lodge is known for its wonderful cake sales. Each year group takes responsibility for baking/buying and selling cakes once in the year. The monies raised from each cake sale will be given to the class teachers of that year to buy items for their class to aid their learning experiences.

Calendar Dates

All school and social events, term dates, inset day and important notices can be found on the school website <https://www.manbylodge.co.uk/>, under CALENDAR.

Caps

The children spend a lot of time learning outside when the weather is good. Manby Lodge caps are available to purchase from the Friends of Manby Lodge for £3. We strongly recommend naming the caps to avoid them ending up in lost property. If you wish to purchase these, please email our dedicated uniform email at foml.preloveduniform@gmail.com.

Classes

Manby Lodge is an infant school with three-form entry per year group (Reception, Y1 and Y2). Reception classes are Duckling, Gosling and Cygnet; Y1 classes are Fox, Hedgehog and Squirrel; Y2 classes are Tiger, Leopard and Lion. For more information about the classes and their teachers, see the school website <https://www.manbylodge.co.uk/>, under Our School -> Meet our Classes and Meet our Teachers.

Class Reps

Each class will have approximately two parent Class Representatives (Class Reps) who relay information from the school and PTA to the rest of the class parents. WhatsApp groups are a great way to communicate messages between

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the Class Reps and parents, weekly updates/reminders on activities... etc. We suggest the first step of a class rep is to compile a class contacts list to enable a WhatsApp group to be set up.

The Class Rep tends to be the person who sends out weekly reminders to parents and organises social events for the parents, like coffee mornings and nights out. They also take responsibility for class collections at Christmas and End of Year, and organise rotas for the class stalls at any fairs. It's a great way to get to know other parents, and get involved in the school community.

Collections

Sometimes it may feel like there is a lot the school are asking for, donations to a tombola, sponsorship for this, £1 for that and it can feel a little relentless. Be prepared for this now. Also, please bear in mind that Manby Lodge is inclusive and no child or parent would ever be excluded if they didn't contribute. That is not in the nature of our school.

Communication

If you need to contact the school, your class teacher, or the Head Teacher then do so via the school secretary by phone 01932 851848 or email secretary@manby-lodge.surrey.sch.uk.

Consultation Evenings

These are held usually at the end of the second half of Autumn and Spring terms. You will be able to book a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss your child and their progress at school. If you need to discuss anything with your teacher at other times during the term, if it's something quick you can speak to them at drop off/pick up, or you can book an appointment to see them by emailing the school office at secretary@manby-lodge.surrey.sch.uk.

D

DBS Checks

DBS checks are required for any adult volunteers coming into school and going on school trips. DBS checks can be arranged through the school office, for a small admin fee. If you sign up to be a parent volunteer, contact the school office in advance to obtain your organisation reference and code which you require to process your application. Applications can take 2- 6 weeks (and sometimes longer) to process so it's worth applying early. Please note too that for your DBS status to remain active you must volunteer in school at least every 3 months.

Dear Parents Letters

Each Friday a "Dear Parents" letter will be sent out to all parents via email. This contains information on what the children will be learning the following week and also contain any class notices (e.g. items to bring for the following week etc). Please ensure the school has your up-to-date email address and please read it. A copy of the letter can also be found on the school website under Parents -> Letters Home.

Drop off and Pick ups

Since COVID-19, the school has introduced staggered drop off and pick up, and it's proven to be popular. Each class will have a designated drop off/pick up time (between 8:45-9:00am for drop off; and 2:55-3:10 for pick up). Your child should be waiting outside their classroom to be welcomed by the teacher at their designated drop off time. Parents/ Carers are asked to wait in the school playground outside their child's classroom at pick up. School gates are generally opened 5-10 mins before drop off/pick up time.

Once the school gates are locked at 9.10am, entrance to the school during the day is via reception only, accessible from Queens Road.

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In order to ease congestion during pick up and drop of times parents and children are asked to wait in the main playground.

E

Emotions

It is an emotional time for both your child and for you as parents. Use your parent peer group and the forums that are in place to discuss. The chances are that other people are going through the exact same. This is a period of change and we all want to support your child and you through this in the best way possible. We have an amazing set of teachers and teaching assistants who are there to support us all through this. Previous parents have remarked on how useful the conversations with the teachers and teaching assistants after drop off or pick-ups can be. Just sometimes to let you know that everything is 'normal' and to offer words of wisdom.

Events in the First Term

The first term is most certainly the busiest! Your child will be tired both physically and emotionally, as will you – pace yourselves. It gets easier once Christmas is out of the way.

Excursions

School trips are arranged by the school, the first for Reception children is in the Summer Term. Details will be sent out via email and notices in book bags. Parent volunteers will be asked to attend, and they will need to hold a full DBS check, which can be arranged via the school office.

Extracurricular Activities

Once your little one starts, their book bag will start to fill daily with forms and information. Initially this will be in relation to some of the extracurricular activities such as Drama Tree, Multi-Sports, RockSteady to name a few. You can read more about all of these on the Manby Lodge website. Throughout the year there will be opportunities for you to sign your child up for any of these additional activities. Some take place in school time, and others after school and are very popular. Please ensure the school has your up-to-date email address, as most of these are communicated via emails.

F

Fairs

Manby Lodge hosts its own Christmas and Summer Fairs. These are a lot of fun and big fundraisers for the PTA. As parents, we are actively involved in supporting these fairs by running stalls, donating either goodies or your time. These are great fun and a lot goes into organising these events. No doubt you will be hearing more about these very soon.

Forest School

Each year group will have their designated term to participate in forest school. Forest school takes place within the school grounds and will be led by a Forest School trained teacher, who will take 15 children from the same class at a time and they will be accompanied by the class' TA. The session lasts about 45 minutes. Children will be required to wear a blue/navy long sleeve t-shirt with royal blue PE joggers or royal blue/black leggings and sensible footwear (e.g. trainers/walking boots in dry weather; wellie boots in wet/snowy weather). Children should bring some waterproofs trousers to put on over jogging bottoms/leggings, and a waterproof jacket with a hood in wet/snowy weather. For warmer weather, children should have sun cream applied before they come to school and have a sun hat with them.

Friends of Manby Lodge (FoML)

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Friends of Manby Lodge is the Parent Teacher Association at Manby Lodge School. We help our school by raising money to fund additional resources and provide fun activities for our children. We are a transparent group and agree with our Headteacher where they would ideally like to see the money we raise be spent so this immediately affects our children positively. Throughout the year we do many fundraising activities, but also activities which encourage our children to gain a better insight of the world around them and how it's not always about money. These events are advertised throughout the year but can also be found on the school calendar on the Manby Lodge website. We also organise parents only events like the Manby Lodge Quiz Night and the annual Summer Ball.

Everyone is welcome to be part of the FoML Committee. We meet at the start of each term in the School Hall. You can find the dates on our Facebook Page or on the Manby Lodge Website. Please contact us via Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/Friendsofmanbylodge or email friendsofmanbylodge@yahoo.co.uk or find us in the playground at drop off and pick up.

G

Gallery

Photos taken during any events or day to day school life can be found on the school website under Our School -> Gallery. Have a look, it's a nice way to see what the children has been up to.

Gates

School gates allowing access at drop off and pick up are located on Princes Road, Barrington Lodge, Queens Road entrance and the entrance next to the Cricket Club Car Park.

In order to ease congestion during pick up and drop of times parents and children are asked to wait in the main playground. The gates into the Reception playground will be open at 8.45 am and 2.55 pm to allow parents and children to walk through to access their classrooms.

Gold FoML Box

At the side of reception there is a gold box on the wall. If you need to leave anything for any of the FoML team, you can use this box.

H

Helping in School

Parents volunteers are very welcomed at Manby Lodge. Volunteer opportunities include helping the class in the school library, listening to children read, and going on school trips. The children love having their parents involved with their class, and it's a great way to get to know the school, and get an insight into your child's day. All parent helpers must be DBS checked through the school before they can volunteer. See "DBS checks" section above.

Homework

There's no set homework for Reception, except the children are encouraged to read their reading book that they get from school every day (See Reading below for more details). You will be asked to fill in their reading record book every time they read. In the Dear Parents letter, there may be some ideas of what you can do at home to help reinforce some of the things the children have been learning at school.

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Illness

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If your child becomes ill during the school day, the school will contact you to take them home. The school is unable to give out medicines to children, unless it is long-term treatment e.g. inhalers, in which case please provide the school with the relevant medications and fill out a consent form obtained from the school office. Please do not send your child to school with medicines.

Please keep your child at home if they are unwell. In the case of vomiting, it is important that your child should remain at home for at least 48 hours. Call the school office before 10am if your child is ill and won't be attending school.

During your child's first year at school there is a strong likelihood that they will pick up a bug or two as they come into contact with other people in the school environment. Be prepared!

Inset Days

Inset days are teacher training days. Children do not attend school on inset days. Check the school calendar on the website for details of inset days this school year. Manby Lodge tend to try, where possible, to tag inset days to existing holidays to make this easier for parents. Please note Koosa Holiday Club do not run during inset days.

Internet

We have a website which is updated and maintained regularly containing lots of essential information for us parents. Please ensure that you are familiar with the contents of this site <https://www.manbylodge.co.uk/>.

J

Junk Modelling

You will be asked by your teachers to bring in any empty boxes, kitchen roll tubes, boxes, milk cartons etc. Your child will use these for junk modelling and will turn these into amazing works of art. **Please do not bring in any boxes will have contained eggs or any product containing nuts.**

Just Ask!

If anything is unclear, or you have questions that are not answered here, or on the school website, then just ask. The Friends of Manby Lodge Facebook page or your class's WhatsApp group are both great places to start. These forums offer opportunities for sharing ideas, information or just for trying to find a lost jumper!

K

Key Dates

Key dates for each term will be sent via email and a copy can also be found on the school's website under Calendar. Please ensure you read this as it contains all the events planned for the term.

Key Rings

The children love to decorate and personalise their book bags with key rings, and it's a good way of keeping track of their own bag, and avoiding taking the wrong one home!

L

Library

Each class has a designated weekly library slot which is led by either a member of the school staff or a parent volunteer. During this time the children will visit the library, explore the books available and are then invited to choose

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a book of their choice to borrow and share at home for a week. They are then expected to return the book the following week. If a book gets damaged or lost, the school as that £5 is donated to the school to enable them to replace the missing text.

Lost Property

Make sure all your child's property is clearly labelled with their name and class name, including their socks and shoes! If your little one does have any item that go astray then check the lost property box in the school office. You can also ask other parents to look out for the item in your class' WhatsApp group, and let your teacher or TA know what you are missing so they can look out for it too. Usually lost items that are named will be put back on the child's peg.

Lunch

Lunchtime is 12.00-1.10pm.

All children are entitled to a free school meal under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meal Initiative. Surrey County Council Commercial Services provide our school lunches and a balanced meal is produced each day. We have our own kitchen at the school and our caterer is happy to provide for special dietary requirements. Please complete the special diet request form and return it to the school office. A copy of the school lunch menu can be found on the school's website under Parents -> Lunches.

Lunchtime clubs

There are a few clubs that run during lunchtime, e.g Multi-sports, Drama Tree, Yoga to name a few. These are often run by external companies and information are usually sent home in children's book bags or via email, so please ensure the school has your up-to-date email address. For more information, contact the individual clubs.

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Milk

Under fives are entitled to free milk. Once your child is five, you will need to apply for their milk and to pay a small charge for this. You can do this through the school's website under Parent -> Coolmilk.

Mufti Day

A charity day where children can come to school in their own clothes or specific fancy dress (for example, World Book Day, as a character from their favourite book). The Friends of Manby Lodge also hold fund raising mufti days throughout the year to raise money for the school. Children donate £1 to take part.

N

Name EVERYTHING!

You will be amazed how easy it is for your child to lose a shoe, or a jumper. Please ensure that you label **everything** clearly with your child's name. We have an arrangement with Stikins (<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>) and for every purchase they donate to our PTA fund which is win-win. Please make sure you add the fundraising number **12783**.

Newsletter

Newsletter from Miss Morris will be sent home via email approximately once every fortnight. Please ensure the school has your up-to-date email address. All newsletter can be found online on the school website under Parents -> Letters Home.

No Nuts

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Manby Lodge is a strict no nut school. Please ensure that your child does not bring anything that could contain nuts or traces of nuts on the premises.

Notices

Notices are usually communicated via email or Tapestry, so please ensure the school has your up-to-date email address and you have set up Tapestry. Any last minute notices may be communicated via your class rep on the WhatsApp group. Occasionally you will find notices given out in your child's book bag, so please check their book bags daily.

O

Oh My Goodness! How many emails?

Notices, newsletters, Dear Parents and details of school events are sent out from the school to parents via email, as are details of Friends of Manby Lodge meetings, social events and fundraising initiatives. The first term can seem very very busy, and it can feel like your inbox is being constantly bombarded by school business! It does settle down as the year goes on, but it's always worth checking the school website (Parents -> Letters Home) too for any email notices that might have been missed, or checking with your Class Rep. Also please ensure the school has your up-to-date email address.

P

Parking

Parking near to the school at pick up and drop off times can get very busy. Please do not park in the school car park as that is reserved for staff parking. Very limited street parking is available at the front of the school on Queens Road, and in select streets a short walk away from the school. Some parents choose to use the Cricket Club car park next to the green, although this gets full extremely quickly so be warned! The best advice would be to walk to school where possible to avoid the traffic, or if driving, leave yourself a good 10/15 minutes to find a space far away from the school before drop off and pick up time. Please park considerably and be respectful to our neighbours. Watch out for the traffic wardens too - they like to lurk around the school to!

Payments

Payments to the school (for things like clubs run by the school, school trips etc..) can be made online via the school website. It's quick and easy to set up online payments, details will be sent home. Any questions/queries, just ask at the school office for details.

PE

All children need a PE kit: royal blue shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings, white (logo) T-shirt and black plimsolls all in a named P.E. bag.

Your child's PE kit will be kept in school and sent home to wash periodically (usually half termly). Do make sure everything is labelled clearly with your child's name, including their plimsolls, as it is so easy for things to go astray when the children are changing. If you would like to take the PE kit home to wash on a more regular basis, it is your responsibility to ensure the PE kit is brought back to school the next day. It is useful to have their PE kits in school in case the children need a change of clothes when they're at school.

Photos

The school photographer will come in to take individual photographs in the Autumn Term. During the Summer Term, the class will have a class photograph. Photo proofs and order forms will be sent home in the children's book bags a couple of weeks after the photos are taken, so look out for them.

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Quiz Night

The Friends of Manby Lodge holds a fundraising quiz night for parents. It's always a lively event and has a reputation for being a 'different' type of quiz. It's great fun, if a bit silly, and there is a full bar and supper (usually pizza) served. It is always a popular event, so grab your tickets quick when they go on sale to avoid disappointment.

R

Rainbow Stickers

You may see your child coming home with a rainbow sticker proudly displayed on their jumper. This is the reward system that the school uses to help the children make good choices at school. As the stickers say, ask your child why they were on the rainbow today!

Reading

When it comes to your child's journey to learn how to read, this is their own personal individual journey. We are very lucky at Manby Lodge to have such excellent and talented teachers who will be guiding your child on their individual journey. It is not a race and there is no competition. When your child starts to learn phonics you will be invited to attend a short briefing workshop. Previous parents have commented on how useful this session is to enable you to help your child.

Reading Books

Your child will receive reading books along with a reading record book. Reading books are changed on a weekly basis. The school encourages our children to read the same book over and over again (repetition is the key!). The teachers at Manby Lodge are incredibly committed to reading and a phonics and reading workshop will be held in the Autumn Term which will have some hints and tips on how to help your child read.

S

School Day

School hours are 8.50am to 3pm

10:05 - Assembly

10:20 - 10.40 Playtime

12:00 - 1.10 Lunchtime

For children in Reception there is no formal playtime as they have access to physical activities throughout the learning day. Reception children join in with singing and sharing assemblies as the year progresses.

School Trip

See **Excursions** for details.

Scooters and Bikes

There is a dedicated area to park any scooters and bikes in the school playground, which can be found near the bandstand next to the Barrington Lodge Gate. Please do not ride any scooters and bikes in the playground.

Shared Learning

You will be invited into your child's classroom to take part in Shared Learning once or twice a year. This is a fantastic opportunity to see your child in a classroom setting. Please check the Key Dates to find out when these sessions will be held.

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Snacks

- Fruit: Under the Government scheme the school provides fruit and vegetables as a mid-morning snack.
- Milk: Parents have the option of registering for milk for their children under the scheme "Cool Milk". Under-fives are entitled to free school milk and there is a small daily charge for children once they are five years old. For more information go to www.coolmilk.com
- Water: Children are to bring their own named water bottle in each day.

Please make sure that no eggs or items containing nuts are ever brought in to school, as there are several children with severe allergies at school. We are a strict no-nut school.

Sports Day

The whole school take part in Sports Day towards the end of the Summer Term. Parents are invited to come along and cheer on the athletes!

Sun Cream

Please remember to apply sun cream to your child before they come to school on those sunny days. Children are not to bring sun cream into school.

Spare Clothes

The school has spare clothes in case the children need a change of clothes. If your child comes home with borrowed clothes, please ensure you wash and bring them back. You can always pack a spare pair of underwear in their book bag just in case they have a little accident.

Summer Ball

This fantastic event for parents is held towards the end of the year, normally in July. It's a fantastic way to see out the year and a great fundraiser too. It's great fun and a perfect opportunity to get dressed up in your finery and have a great time!

T

Tapestry

Tapestry is an online learning journey journal and is used in Reception to share your child's learning. Once you've received an activation email from Tapestry, please activate your account asap as it expires after a short period of time. If that happens please contact the school and they will send you a new activation email. Parents should expect to receive about 1 or 2 entries for your child every two weeks. If your child has done any learning at home that you'd like to share with the teacher, you can do so via Tapestry. At the end of the year, you will be invited to download your child's journal for you to keep to enjoy for years to come.

Teaching Staff

Your child's teacher will always be happy to meet with you and discuss any issues and queries you have. Pick up and drop off time gets very busy, and the teachers must understandably focus on the safety of the children when entering and leaving the school premises, so do try and avoid long discussions at these times. If in doubt it's always best to make an appointment with your teacher (email the office at secretary@manby-lodge.surrey.sch.uk).

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Uniform

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Our school uniform is worn throughout the school. Branded school jumpers and cardigans, polo shirts, coats, PE shorts, PE T-Shirts, royal blue jogging bottoms, book bags and PE bags are available from M&S Bespoke Uniform (online only at: <https://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com/>) and from Unismart in Cobham (<https://www.unismart.co.uk/>).

Brand new Manby Lodge Caps can be purchased via FoML at £3 each, email us on foml.preloveduniform@gmail.com.

Although there is no strict guidance on this, usually children start in September in their summer uniform until at half term in October when they change into winter uniform.

Grey trousers, tunic, skirt and light blue summer dresses form part of the uniform and can be easily obtained from any supermarket or department store. Black formal school shoes must be worn with white socks or grey tights for girls, grey socks for boys. No open toe sandals or trainers are allowed.

Hair accessories must be in school colours of white, light blue or royal blue. Girls with shoulder length hair should have their hair tied back.

Earrings should be plain studs.

Watches - the school encourage children to wear analogue watches if they wish to wear one, and ask that you do not send your child to school with watches that can link to the internet, or take photos.

Please ensure you own at least one set of branded logo uniform (polo shirt, jumper/cardigan), as these will be worn for photographs and school trips.

The Friends of Manby Lodge hold good quality used school uniform sales throughout the year, so look out for notices. If you require any specific items sooner, please email us on foml.preloveduniform@gmail.com and we will happily check the stock for you.

V

Values Led Education

Manby Lodge supports the curriculum with a set of universal, positive values. Children are given a variety of opportunities to embrace these values and through access to a "Values Led Education" the children are nurtured and inspired and given a sense of self-worth. Our school's motto is "Be The Best We Can" and we are so proud of our children who really apply this motto both in school and outside.

You may also hear your children say they're being a "reflective owl", a "resilient tortoise", a "reasoning dolphin", a "resourceful beaver", a "responsible penguin", a "playful and exploring kitten" or a "hygienic pig". These are some examples of how the children learn at Manby Lodge. Details can be found online <https://www.manbylodge.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Learning-behaviours-Sept-2020.pdf>.

Lots of information is contained on the Manby Lodge website about our values led education. Please check our school's website under Our School.

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Water Bottles

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Please provide your child with a named water bottle each day, the teachers are very good at refilling and reminding them to drink it.

X

Xmas

A very full (and fun) time of year at school with Christmas fairs, craft days and school plays. Keep an eye out for details of things that you may need to provide for your child (costumes, raffle prizes for the fair etc.) via the newsletters and emails from the school and from your Class Reps.

Y

You

The school community thrives, and your child's time at school is enhanced when everyone plays a part.

The pressures of time, work and busy family life can become overwhelming, but even a little contribution in whatever way can go a long way in making the school the best it can be for our children.

All parents are automatically members of the Friends of Manby Lodge while their child attends the school. Be as active or not as you like – there is no pressure. We are super proud of our PTA and of our achievements over the years. On average each year we raise in the region of £15k which is incredible and buys amazing things for our children. Things that our children wouldn't normally receive relying on their current funding. Every penny of the money we raise goes straight back into the school for our children, so the more we raise, the better facilities/items we can provide for our children and their learning.

We welcome you to get involved in the running, helping or planning of the various events. All parents are welcome at any of our meetings. We hold an AGM every Autumn Term and we meet approximately at the start of each term. Keep an eye out for notices of when our AGM is and when we meet.

Z

Zzzzzzz!

With all the excitement of starting school, your little one will be exhausted!

Their school day is packed, so really don't be surprised if they come out to meet you wanting food and with barely enough energy to tell you anything about their day. Rest assured, they have been well-fed and that when they say that they have "done nothing" or "can't remember", this doesn't mean they haven't had a wonderful day!

If possible, we suggest that you may want to try to keep after school activities to a minimum for at least the first half term whilst they adjust to their busy new life.