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Headteacher Newsletter – 2025-26 – Number TWO – Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We now have all our children in school, and it's going so well! We have been **blown away** with the way that our new Reception cohort have started school. They are doing their utmost to show that they are school ready, and we couldn't be more pleased. We've been impressed by the following:

- coming into their classroom each morning, and learning early morning classroom routines
- eating in the dinner hall at lunchtime – so many children are already using knives and forks and trying new and unfamiliar foods
- learning to clear their plates, cutlery and beakers after eating
- going out into the big playground at lunchtime, making new friends and learning about how to play with resources
- getting to grips with behaviour expectations – for example, lining up at the end of lunchtime play

We are also very proud of our Year 1 and 2 children, who are being kind and helpful in the playground at lunchtimes.



More photos are available on our website if you click [here](#).

Upcoming events in school

We hope that you have found the Meet the Teacher meetings useful. Please also make sure that you have added these dates to your diaries.

Workshops for parents:

Wednesday 24 th September	9.00 am – 10.00 am	Phonics W/shop More information to follow
Tuesday 30 th September	9.00am – 10.00 am	Reading & Writing W/shop More information to follow

Safeguarding Sessions for Parent Volunteers - Various dates & times this term – see Key Dates

It is important that parents who would like to volunteer in school (hearing readers, helping in the library and/or volunteering on school trips for example), attend one of these sessions annually. You will also need to complete a DBS check if you want to do volunteering in our school.

If you want to attend one of the sessions, please book a place with our School Office Team.

Key Dates and School Calendar – now synchronised

Here is a link to the [Key Dates](#).

We're also pleased to let you know that the school calendar can now be accessed directly through parents' phones or work calendars for added convenience, no need to check the website each time



Online Safety Bill

Are you aware about the Online Safety Bill and what this means to you as a parent? You may find this useful - Guide for parents: [How Ofcom is helping children to be safer online – a guide for parents - Ofcom](#)



Year R parents FOML Welcome drinks – Wednesday 24th Sept - 7.30 – 9.30pm

This is a chance for you to spend a little time in school getting to know other new Year R parents and members of our PTA, FOML (Friends of Manby Lodge).



FOML Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Friday 3rd October

This will take place in the school hall from 9 – 10am. Any parent is welcome to attend this meeting. You are all automatically a member of our FOML once you join our school



Or we need someone! We are looking for a new FOML Chair, or two Co-Chairs! After 3 wonderful years as Chair, Jacqui Brand is stepping down. We are fortunate that Jacqui will still be here and will be on hand to offer guidance and support to the new Chair(s).

If you are interested in this role, please speak to either Jacqui or to me.

Twenty years! Wow!

Please join me in congratulating Michele Tobin (TA in Gosling Class) as she has worked at Manby Lodge for 20 years!

We threw Michele a surprise 'party' this week. Michele Tobin is an amazing TA and I am sure that many of you will want to say "Thank you".



Updated Safeguarding Policies

The following Safeguarding Policies were ratified by Governors this week and are available on our school website on the [Policies page](#), and the [Safeguarding Page](#).

- Acceptable Use of Technology
- Safeguarding and Child protection
- Whistle-blowing Policy

Playground rules after and before school - Please remember the following:

- Children are not allowed to use the Trim Trail before or after school.
 - No scooting or cycling in the playground before or after school. **These rules are in place to avoid accidents. Please help us to keep everyone safe.**
- Thank you.



Message from Surrey County Council regarding Catering Service



Subject: Important information about catering and equipment maintenance services for schools and settings provided by Twelve15

Surrey County Council is currently undertaking a review of its school catering and equipment maintenance services, provided by Twelve15. Throughout Surrey there are many ways in which schools procure these services. Some choose to procure these through the council, and others use private providers.

As you may be aware, councils are currently facing financial challenges across the country and because of these challenges, we must regularly review the services we offer, including discretionary services such as Twelve15, and make changes to ensure long-term sustainability.

As part of this review, several options have been considered for the future of catering and equipment maintenance for the Council to remain both effective and financially stable. These options will be presented to Surrey County Council's Cabinet on 23 September with a recommended way forward.

The option Surrey County Council is recommending to Cabinet is to consult and engage upon the closure of the Twelve15 service. You can read the Cabinet paper [here](#).

It is important to note that, at this stage, no decision has been made. However, should Cabinet agree with the recommendation, Surrey County Council would consult with staff and schools to inform a final decision on the way forward.

If the service was to close, schools would procure a new service provider and school meals should continue to be provided.

Another update will be shared after the Cabinet meeting, when a decision about next steps has been made.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miriam Morris



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