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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school. I hope that you had a good half term holiday. It seems to me that some of the children have grown over the week. This will be a busy term filled with preparations for Christmas... be prepared...! Your children will be singing songs for their Christmas performances sooner than you think.



Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying week. Remember to send your child(ren) into school wearing **odd socks** on Monday 10th November, to mark the start of the week.

If you click on this logo (left) you can find out more about anti-bullying on the Anti-Bullying Alliance website.

During the week children will be learning and reminded about **'The Power of Good'**.

- In Year R, learning will focus on what it means to be a good, kind friend.
- In KS1, children will also review what it means to be a good friend, and they will learn about what bullying is, and what to do if they think it is happening to them, or to a friend.

Sometimes during Anti-Bullying Week, we find that more children will report they are being bullied. This is normal, because we will be talking with children a lot the topic throughout the week. Staff will investigate all allegations of bullying. More information about our approach to anti-bullying, can be found in our school's [Anti-Bullying Policy here](#).

Mrs Giles (PSHE Lead, Cygnet Class Teacher) will be announcing the winner of the Anti-Bullying mascot competition in Assembly on Monday. We have had some great entries!

Mrs Giles will also be leading a **Parent Session** for parents on **Friday 21st November at 2pm**. It will be an online session so that you can join from home. Mrs Giles will cover:

- What is bullying
- What we do to prevent bullying
- What we do if someone alleges bullying

Here is the link for the meeting: [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 378 400 887 691

Passcode: rR93qj3F

We will send the link again on the day.



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Leading Parent
Partnership Award

2023-2026



Please remember that we also celebrate **Children in Need** on Friday 14th November. Children can dress up and bring in a donation. All moneys raised will go directly to **Children in Need**.



We will **collect money in the playground** to give the children the chance to put money into the box, so that they can start to learn about giving to charity. I will shake the box in assembly and thank children for what they donate.

BEE-Lieve Foundation

Our staff took part in **Trauma training** alongside Cleves staff, on the INSET Day this week. Trauma-informed practice in education focuses on understanding trauma's impact, supporting affected children, and creating inclusive, safe environments. We are thankful for the financial support provided to us by the Bee-lieve Foundation, who helped us to fund the training. Further information about the Bee-lieve Foundation can be found here if you follow this link: [Home - Bee-lieve Foundation: Bee-lieve Foundation](#)



You can support the Bee-lieve Foundation through voting in the Tesco blue tokens scheme, between now and December. Every pound raised means more support for local schools. Voting is in the following stores:

Addlestone Extra, East Molesey Superstore, West Molesey Superstore, Weybridge Queens Road Express, New Chertsey Express, Hersham Molesey Road Express, Esher High Street Express, Walton Hersham Rd Express



FOML colouring competition

Well done to Blake in Ducklings, in Year R, Celine in Fox, in Year 1, and Sienna, in Lions, in Year 2, who all won the pumpkin colouring competition. **It was not easy to pick the winners.**

Here they are along with some others that were very good!



Information on our school website

Please remember that there is a wealth of information available on our school website. You may find these pages useful:

Curriculum overview - <https://www.manbylodge.co.uk/curriculum-overview/>
 SEN and Inclusion - <https://www.manbylodge.co.uk/special-educational-needs-disabilities-send/>
 Safeguarding - <https://www.manbylodge.co.uk/safeguarding/>
 Policies Page - <https://www.manbylodge.co.uk/policies/>

IMPORTANT – School Admissions – Reception 2026

Please follow this link to make an application for younger siblings to join Manby Lodge in Reception from September 2025: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant>

OT PARENT WORKSHOP – at Oatlands

Following the success of our recent parent workshop on Sensory Strategies, we have arranged for Kate Doyle, the Occupational Therapist, to come back and run a second session, this time concentrating more on actual strategies for parents to try at home.

This workshop will be held at Oatlands School on **Friday 14th November at 1.30pm**, and will be open to parents from Cleves, Manby Lodge and Oatlands schools.

To sign up for this workshop please fill in this form: [Parent Workshop - Sensory Strategies 2](#)

On Wednesday 26th November at 9.15am at Oatlands School, there is a Coffee Morning and talk by a Neurodiversity Specialist Practitioner from Barnardos. All parents and carers welcome.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Míriam Morris