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Sexton's Manor Primary School

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3.15 Tuesday 13th October PTA Pumpkin trail

Monday 19th October PTA Bake off

Friday 23rd October 8.30-9.00am The Big Family Dig

Parent consultation Evening

We are excited for you to join us on our first parent's evening meeting of the year for reception to year six children on Tuesday and Thursday this week.
We hold this one early in the year so that you can quickly build a relationship with your child's class teacher. You can share any worries that you might have and learn how your child/ren are settling into life in their new year group. You can ask questions about how you can help your child and what things they find difficult.
The appointments are ten minutes, and you can book through the app or speak to your class teacher.
We ask that you arrive no earlier than five minutes before your appointment to sign in. If possible, we ask that children do not attend so that the appointment is quiet and you can focus on your time with the teacher without being distracted.
The meetings will take place in the school hall.

NHS Flu Vaccination

Make sure you have signed up for your flu vaccination. These will be administered on the morning of Wednesday 30th.
The more children that are vaccinated the less risk to everyone.
If you need the link, you can copy and paste this in to your search engine.

https://www.give-or-refuse-consent-for-vaccinations.nhs.uk/consents/0xcGPs1D0n/flu/start

Individual photos

The school photographer will be joining us on the morning of Tuesday 6th October. You will want to make sure your children have their hair and uniform as you would like for the photographs.

It's The Way We Do Things Around Here!

The way children behave in school is strongly correlated with their academic success. When behaviour in a school is good there is more time for learning, attendance improves, children do better in their exams and everyone feels happier.

To maintain good behaviour in a school it is vital to have a positive culture with clear rules and boundaries. A climate where all the community understands what is acceptable and what we will not accept or tolerate.

This also helps our families who can refer to school rules and expectations to support them in their role, especially at busy times like getting ready for school.

The culture of a school is the values, the policies, the systems and routines as well as the rules and consequences. It is also in the high expectations staff have for the children and themselves to be the best that they can be.

We are so proud of our culture at Sexton's Manor. Our children behave beautifully, they sit and listen, answer questions, treat each other with respect and work hard on their learning.

Children who behave well have dojos, class treats, golden award on a Friday, and certificates in assembly and are selected for responsibilities and committees. We are always looking for additional ways to reward children reflecting our values.

We value the support you give us in maintaining these high standards and working with the teachers to reinforce them.

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Health Conditions

If your child takes medication or has a lifelong medical condition they will need a health plan in place. Your class teacher will be in touch to make an appointment to review this during this term. If your child has been recently diagnosed with a medical condition, please contact your class teacher so you can write a new plan.

There is a new law in place called Benedict's Law. This covers children with serious life-threatening allergies. It is vital that we understand if your child has an allergy or is intolerant to different foods. We know that children sometimes dislike food or can have tummy ache after eating something. When updating your Arbor app or letting your teacher know – by law, we now need to know if your child has an allergy or intolerance as we must have specific things in place. We will need medical evidence to support our planning of allergy management.

Before School

Just a reminder between 8.30 and 8.45: families are welcome on site from 8.30. However, children must be supervised until they enter the school.

Please do not allow children on either climbing frame before or after school. They are not safe while we wait for work to be undertaken on them. Year 5 &6 children can walk to and from school themselves, but parents will still be responsible for their behaviour. If the school feels they are not safe we will need to rescind the right to come unaccompanied.

Please take care when parking to ensure children can safely cross the road and be seen by approaching cars. Please do not park on the school grounds. Parents cannot come into the car park unless they have permission. It is private property and you would not be insured.

Photos

Our trust is removing all children's faces from websites to avoid them being used by AI as it becomes more powerful. This will take a little time but will lead to a very different look to the website. We do not believe AI can access DOJO as it is heavily passworded. Therefore, we are investigating this currently.

Behaviour Expectations

We know that good behaviour does not happen by accident or straight away. Expectations must be modelled, explained and reinforced.

When children have conditions that make it hard for them to regulate their emotions, which can include ADHD, ASD and trauma they may have experienced they may need additional support.

We offer our children time with an adult to talk about what is worrying them, time to complete an activity to help calm them or interventions and projects that will help them make the right choices in future.

We are also developing our resources to include converting a classroom which can be used as a place to go when dysregulated and to talk about what has happened and take time to get ready to get back to learning again. This helps the child itself and ensures a child who is struggling does not disrupt the classrooms.

However, if a child hurts someone on purpose, even if they have a condition mentioned above, there will be a consequence. If we permit harmful behaviour, we are encouraging it. Therefore, there will be consequences when children make poor choices.

You can see our Behaviour Curriculum on our website for all the consequences and further details.

Celebrating our Learning

Orangutan Class enjoyed designing and making their own water filters in science. They used different materials, including sand, gravel, pebbles and cotton wool, before testing how well their filters removed particles from dirty water. A fantastic hands-on way to explore filtration!



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Please be aware that these events are provisional and subject to change.
There will be additional events over the year which we have not yet been able to confirm. We will notify you of these once we are able to.
In addition to these dates there will be visits and visitors to the school for each class. We are trying to keep the costs as low as possible through the use of local business sponsorship.
Further detail will be given in regular news letters. These dates are to help you book time off work where necessary. However, we cannot guarantee that they will take place as they are subject to other circumstances like weather, venue availability and staffing.

Calendar 2026-27		
Date	**Event**	**Comments/information**
29th September and 1st October	Parent consultation evenings	Book a ten minute slot to celebrate your child's achievements
2.30 Monday 12th October	PTA AGM	Join your PTA to decide how funds are spent and what events take place.
3.15 Tuesday 13th October	PTA Pumpkin trail	A range of activities and treasure hunts for all ages
Monday 19th October	PTA Bake off	Bring your cakes to be sold for the PTA – prizes for every class.
Friday 23rd October 8.30-9.00am	The Big Family Dig	Join us again to plant hundreds of bulbs with your children
19th November	The lights switch on	Join the PTA on their craft stall to raise lots of money for the school.
16th -20th November	Anti bully week	Children will spend time refreshing and updating their understanding of what bullying is and how to ensure it doesn't happen here
December	Reverse advent	Bring items of food and toiletries for the food bank
TBC	SANTA's grotto	Families will be able to buy tickets to visit Santa in his grotto
16th December 9.30 and 2.15	Year one and Year Two nativity	Parents will be able to come and enjoy the children's nativity
Wednesday 9th December Time TBC	Nursery and reception AM and PM performance	Parents will be able to come and listen to the children sing and tell the story of the nativity
15th December	Whole school Christingle and Carols at the church	Parents welcome to join to watch the Christingle and join in with the carols – tickets only.
TBC	Christmas lunch	
26th January 28th January	Parent consultation evenings	Book a ten minute slot to celebrate your child's achievements
March	Giant school and community fete	Come and join us for the school fete, with shows and songs, stall and rides to enjoy
4th March	World Book Day	Events for the children across the school to celebrate reading and raise the profile of reading for pleasure.
9-13th March	Science and Tech week	Children will enjoy a range of science and engineering activities
15th March	Easter church service	Come and join us at the church for songs and the easter story
16th April	Chocolate Bingo	Donate chocolate to win more! Join us for another fabulous ingo event.
28th May	Sport's day – weather dependent	Details to follow closer to the date
5th July – y1 6th July -y2 7th July – y3 8th July -4/5 9th July 5/6 13th July Yr R	Open afternoon 2.30-3.15pm	Come and celebrate your child's achievements over the year
21st July	Y6 leaver's assembly The Giant Colour Run event	Year 6 parents join us to celebrate our y6 children, followed by our second fabulous colour run

Attendance: What you need to know

If you have concerns about your child's attendance please get in touch. We can help support you or refer to other groups who might be able to help you.

We give out certificates every week and the children love to have Charlie Bunny for the week, especially if they are on a school trip.

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who do not.

There are only a few occasions where a child is allowed to miss school, such as illness or where the school has given permission because of an exceptional circumstance.

Education Act 1996 (Section 7) states that:

The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause him to receive efficient full-time education suitable

- to his age, ability and aptitude, and
- to any special educational needs he may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.

This means that the parent of a child registered at a school has a legal duty to ensure the child's regular attendance. Failure to fulfil this duty is an offence under section 444 of the Education Act 1996 and could result in a penalty notice or prosecution.

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country is **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Parents/carers may also get a Penalty Notice (fine) sent to their home address if:

- a child regularly misses time off school or is late without the school's permission. The parent/carer is guilty of an offence under **s.444 Education Act 1996**.
- a child is suspended or excluded from school and found in a public place during school hours. The parent/carer is guilty of an offence under **s.103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006**

However, we do not want to be in a position to have to fine anyone in our community. If you are struggling to get your child to school, please contact the school office so that we can work with you and the school team to help. Let's give every child the best start that we can.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

KEEP US UP TO DATE WITH YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure the school office has your most up to date contact details to ensure we can contact you in an emergency and so you do not miss updates.

For questions and queries, please contact:

Tel No: 01284 754371

E-mail: office@sextonsprimary.org,uk

Website: www.sextonsmanorschool.com

Thank you

Attendance Ladder



If you need access to Dojo or need to make a payment or make an appointment with a member of staff, please contact the office who will be pleased to help you.

WRAP AROUND CARE

We have before and after school care from 7.45 to 5.15pm. If you wish to book a place, please speak to the office or Mrs Rigby.

