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(Letter 1)

Dear Parents / Carers



A very warm welcome back to you all after the summer holidays. We have some new families who have joined us, and I would like to extend an especially big welcome to you and to your children. I hope you all settle in quickly to our school community. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer, the children are full of stories about what they did and where they have been! They all look happy and healthy, and ready to learn!

We have quite a few new staff to welcome this term. **Ms Kathleen Daniel** is the class teacher for Class 1. **Mr Abdul Haleem** is the class teacher for Class 3. **Ms Vanessa Henriques** is the class teacher for Class 7. **Ms Nicole Marcel** is the class teacher for Class 8. **Ms Emily Parr** is the class teacher for Class 9. **Ms Noreen Mohamad** is the class teacher for Class 11. **Ms Ayshah Begum** is the class teacher for Class 14.

Ms Claire Brown, Mr Jason Sam-Franks and **Ms Katie Lee** all join us as permanent members of staff working in Year 6 and Year 4, having worked with us on a supply basis last year. **Ms Mariana Sinani** joins us as a teaching assistant for 6 months covering a maternity leave. **Ms Casey Reed** returns from her maternity leave and will be working in Year 1.

We welcome them all, and wish them well as they start their new jobs.



I will continue to be in the playgrounds at the beginning and end of each day, meetings permitting, as will Ms Grant and Mrs Spence. If you have any concerns or suggestions that you would like to raise then please find us at these times. It works really well if you tell us of any problems early as then we can ensure that they are dealt with and sorted out quickly. This will hopefully prevent you or your children having any unnecessary worry!

Some dates for this term for your diaries:

INSET DAY – Friday 11th September – **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN**
Eid-Ui-Adha – Wednesday 23rd September – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Black History Celebration – 7th October
Maths Problem Solving Day – Wednesday 21st October
Half Term – Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
OPEN DAY – Wednesday 2nd December
School Council Fundraiser – Friday 27th November
Christmas Fair – Monday 14th December (3:00pm)
Parents' Evenings – September 30th (4-6pm); March 24th (4-8pm); July 13th (4-6pm)



ASSEMBLIES

Navaratri (Hindu) – Wed 14th Oct
Remembrance Day – Wed 11th Nov
Guru Nanak (Sikh) – Wed 25th Nov
Christmas (Christian) – Wed 16th & Thu 17th Dec

All these dates, and those for the rest of the school year are on the **date cards** which were given out last term. I hope that you find this information useful. If you need any additional cards then please ask – we have plenty! All dates, letters and reminders are also on the school website so please do check it regularly – www.manor.newham.sch.uk
The website also has a wide selection of information and pictures of recent events, as well as what the children have been doing each half term. It is updated regularly so it is worth checking!



A reminder that all holidays should be taken during the school holidays so as not to impact on the children's learning.

We are starting to use a **new handwriting scheme** this year in order to improve the children's presentation of work in their books, and all the children will have to earn a pen licence before they are able to use a pen in their books rather than a pencil. To ensure that this is able to run smoothly we are asking that the children only use pens and pencils provided by the school. To avoid confusion, it has been decided that children should not bring pencil cases or any of their own pens or pencils in from home.

Information about the handwriting scheme as well as curriculum information will all be available at **Parents' Evening on Wednesday 30th September**, when you will also have the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher. A flyer will be sent home shortly.



It is great to see so many of the children in school uniform. **A reminder that you can buy uniform with the Manor logo on it from the main reception.** All other items of uniform are available at very reasonable costs from all the big supermarkets. We are again having a real emphasis on wearing uniform this year – we have made an excellent start – our aim is for classes to have 100% of the children in uniform!

Some **quick reminders** at the start of the new year:

- **No jewellery** to be worn, except a watch and small stud earrings. A necklace may be worn if it is religious, but must be kept tucked in.
- **No sweets or gum** to be brought to school or eaten in school, including in the playground before 9am.
- If it is necessary for your child to bring a **mobile phone** in to school with them, it must be given in at reception for safe keeping.

Please feel free to come and see me at any time. In the mean time I hope you all have a good term.

Kate McGee
Headteacher