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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 Sarah Dunn** is our second new Deputy Head working alongside Ms Collins. **Mr Sonny Young** and **Mr Steve Buckley** both join us as Assistant Heads and will be supporting staff in all aspects of teaching and learning. **Ms Jo Ince** is our new Inclusion Manager and will be working with staff to ensure we are supporting all the children appropriately.

Mr Joe Barnard is the new teacher for Class 3. **Ms Shubina Begum** is the teacher for Class 7. **Ms Gina Gray** will be the teacher for Class 10. **Ms Jacqueline Richardson** joins us as a nursery nurse working in the Nursery. **Mr Anthony Davis** will be with us as long term supply supporting children in Year 5.

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



Senior staff will continue to be in the playgrounds at the beginning and end of each day, meetings permitting. 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!

We have new arrangements for some of the children for the start and end of the day:

At the start of the day:

At the end of the day:

Year group	Playground and entry door	Year group	Exit door and playground
Nursery and Reception	Enter through EYFS playground and straight into classrooms through external classroom doors	Nursery, Reception and Year 1	Collected from external classroom doors
Years 1, 2 and 3	Line up in the Active Playground.	Year 2	Collected from the Active Playground.
Years 4, 5 and 6	Line up in the Quiet Playground.	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Collected from the Quiet Playground.

Next Tuesday 13th September it is **Roald Dahl Day**, marking 100 years since his birth. We have begun the year with all classes focusing on Roald Dahl books, with each class focusing on a different one. The children have been busy making each of the classes reflect a different book. On Tuesday we are asking the children and staff to come into school dressed as a Roald Dahl character to help us to celebrate the day.



Some dates for this term for your diaries:

INSET DAY – Monday 19th September – **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN**
OPEN DAY – Wednesday 12th October
Black History Celebration – Thursday 20th October

Half Term – Monday 24th – Friday 28th October

Maths Challenge Day – Monday 31st October

INSET DAY – Monday 7th November – **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN**

Christmas Fair – Friday 16th December (3:15pm)

Parents' Evenings – November 30th; March 22nd; July 5th



ASSEMBLIES

Diwali (Hindu) – Wed 19th Oct
Remembrance Day – Fri 11th Nov

Christmas (Christian) – Mon 19th & Tues 20th Dec

Please see the school date cards or the website for further dates.



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 nail varnish to be worn.
- 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