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(Letter 11)

Dear Parents / Carers

Please note that the school will be closed on Thursday 8th June for the General Election.



The Year 6 children completed their **KS2 SATs tests** recently. They all did a really good job, staying focused and trying their hardest. Some of the governors were in school overseeing the administration of the tests and they were all impressed by how well prepared the children were, and by how supportive they were of each other. They are now busy working hard to ensure that they are ready for their move to secondary school.

The children in Year 2 are currently undergoing the **KS1 assessments** – they have been doing tests last week and this week. The staff are working hard to ensure that the children are able to do their very best in these, and to demonstrate all that they are capable of doing. They have done really well so far, and we are really pleased with them.

Newham Council are currently reviewing the way in which they fund the **free school meals for KS2 children**. This is likely to result in schools having to pay a larger contribution to this scheme, which will obviously have a significant impact on the school's budget at a time when the funding is extremely tight. The governors are keen to continue offering the free meals to all children, and are looking into ways in which this might be done. We will continue to keep you updated as to decisions made on this scheme.



The school recently requested the LA to undertake a **safeguarding audit** to ensure that the school is doing all that can be done to ensure that the children are kept safe, and that all the school's systems and procedures are tight. They were very pleased with what they saw, and were particularly impressed by how articulate the children were about safety. They could talk about how to keep themselves safe, and all that the school does to ensure this. We have made small changes to a number of the safeguarding policies, and the updated versions of these have been approved by the governors, and are on the school website.

The School Council have recently reviewed the school's Anti-Bullying Charter, which sets out for the children what to do if they are worried for themselves or for a friend. The children have ensured that the charter is clear and concise. The School Council have led an assembly today for KS2 and for KS1 to explain to them what they have done. It is really good to see them confidently taking the lead in things, and especially in an area as important as this. We have also made a few small changes to the school's anti-bullying policy and this will be on the website within the next couple of days.



The next whole-school event is the **UNICEF Day for Change** on Friday 26th May and has been planned for by the School Council. There are some activities that are old favourites, and some new ones for this year. We have raised a lot of money for Unicef over the past couple of years, and the children have thought a lot about what the money is used for. Each class is doing their own fundraiser in addition to the whole school activities – they will be bringing home information about how you can sponsor them soon, if they haven't already. There will be a letter home telling you all about the plans for the day, and how you can get involved.

A reminder about **school uniform**. The vast majority of children are wearing uniform consistently which is great to see. The children's jumpers / fleeces should be navy blue, and should not have hoods. Shoes should be blue, black or dark brown – the next time you are buying shoes for the children I would ask that you bear this in mind. We do seem to have some very bright coloured trainers at the moment which are not what they should be wearing. The whole school wearing uniform helps to create a real sense of community and identity with Manor, which we think is really important. I have asked staff to talk to you if there are discrepancies with what your child is wearing. Thank you for your help in this.



Some dates for this term for your diaries:

UNICEF: Day for Change – Friday 26th May
Science Week – 5th – 9th June
POLLING DAY – Thursday 8th June – SCHOOL CLOSED
Sports Days – 11th – 13th July
International Food Fair – Friday 14th July
Transition Day – Wednesday 19th July

Parents' Evening – Wednesday July 5th

ASSEMBLIES

Eid-UI-Fitr (Muslim) – Wednesday 28th June
Leavers' Assembly – Friday 21st July

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



I hope that you like the new grassed area in the odd playground. We wanted the children to have a shaded area that provided a softer feel to it. This area will be known as the Manor Meadow!

Kate McGee
Headteacher

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