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Dear Parents / Carers

I cannot believe that we are already at the end of the Spring Term, and have reached the Easter holidays. We have managed to fit a lot into the term, and I am sure that the children are in need of a rest!



I hope that you enjoyed the latest edition of **Manor News** which the newsletter team worked hard on. As it has been a short term we decided to go with one double edition rather than two separate ones. It demonstrates the wide range of activities that have gone on this term, and how much the children have enjoyed their learning. Congratulations to the team for another great edition!

It is time to say farewell to staff that are leaving. As you know **Ms Terena Grant** is starting her new role as headteacher after Easter in a school in Essex. I am sure that you will join me in thanking her for all her hard work over the past five terms, and wishing her all the very best for her new job and all the challenges that it will bring! **Senora Paula West** has been teaching Spanish to the children in KS2 for the past four years, and is now moving on to start working full time at another Newham school. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and enthusiasm, and for instilling an excitement about learning Spanish in the children. We wish her all the very best in her new role. Gracias!



Following Ms Grant's departure we have appointed two new deputies to take over.

Congratulations to **Ms Petra Collins** who will start as Deputy Head after Easter. She will be joined in September by an additional Deputy **Ms Sarah Dunn**. I am looking forward to working with them both, and to the help that they will be able to provide in ensuring that Manor continues to improve. As you know Ms Collins has worked here for a number of years and so knows the school very well indeed – this will be invaluable as we move forward. Ms Dunn is joining us from a school in

Greenwich where she is currently an Assistant Head – I am sure that she will be bringing with her plenty of good ideas!



Last week's **Music Concert** went extremely well I am told, and I am sorry to have missed it. It was nice to have so many parents commenting on how much they enjoyed it, and how impressed they were by the standard of the children's playing. It was a fun day overall, with lots of energy being spent running **Sport Relief Miles**, although we couldn't compete with Eddie Izzard's feat of 27 marathons in 27 days!!



It has been a busy week this week to finish with. Year 1 led a lovely **festival assembly yesterday for Easter**. They had worked really hard to learn all about why and how Easter is celebrated. The assembly was a lovely mix of information, story-telling and an intriguing video clip of someone creating art using sand and light! The children presented their learning really well. Well done Year 1 for a great assembly!



We also had another **Home Learning Showcase** where the children presented their projects for this half term. The standard had certainly gone up, and there were more children with excellent work to present. I was very impressed by how much care and attention had gone in to them. Lots of children talked about where they found their ideas from and who had worked with them to help. There were some very impressive finished products. Well done to all!

Some dates for next term for your diaries:

POLLING DAY – Thursday 5th May – **School closed**
Whole School Storytelling project – 16th – 27th May
Science Fair – Wednesday 25th May
Referendum – Thursday 23rd June – **School closed**
Open Futures Day – Wednesday 29th June
Eid-UI-Fitr – Thursday 7th July – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Sports Days – 12th – 14th July
International Food Fair – Friday 15th July
Parents' Evening – Wednesday July 13th (4-6pm)



ASSEMBLIES

Passover (Jewish) – Wednesday 27th April
Eid-UI-Fitr (Muslim) – Wednesday 6th July
Leavers' Assembly – Friday 22nd July

Have a lovely holiday! I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 11th April.

Kate McGee
Headteacher