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(Letter 2)

Dear Parents / Carers



We are well into the first term now. The children have all settled well into their new classes, and are working hard and enjoying the new challenges. The teachers and the children are all working hard on producing exciting and interesting learning environments within the classroom, and it is great to see them taking shape. I hope that you found Wednesday's **Parents' Evening** useful, and were able to find out lots of information about what your child will be learning this year. **Remember, if you have concerns or questions at any point, to come in and talk to us about them in order that we can sort things out and put your mind at rest.**

This year's **SATs results** were excellent, a result of lots of hard work from the children, teachers (and parents!). They reflect the good progress that children are making throughout the school, and the Year 6s leave us well prepared for their move to secondary schools. It is good to see the children achieving well, and making excellent progress from their starting points as they arrived here at Manor. This was reflected in the progress measures last year (2014 data not yet available) which put us in the top 9% of schools across the country.
Well done to all!



This year, our priorities are:

Attainment & Progress: For all children to make good progress and to achieve their potential.

Curriculum: To make sure that the new curriculum is engaging and purposeful and helps children to make good progress.

Ethos: For the school's values and ethos to be evident in all areas of school life.

Teaching & Learning: For all teaching to be at least good, with an increasing amount that is outstanding.

Speaking & Listening: To provide purposeful opportunities for improving the children's S&L across all areas of the curriculum.

All the work and training that we do as a school this year will be based around these priorities.

We have a brand **new Newsletter Team** who are just starting to learn how to publish the newsletter. Well done to last year's team who did a great job producing 5 excellent newsletters. I am sure that they will have some helpful hints to pass on! The first edition of the year is due out just before half term.



Once again we have **Festival Assemblies** planned to recognise a range of festivals across the main religions. Please see the website for details of which festivals and when. Our first one is for **Rosh Hashanah**, a Jewish festival, and is being led by Year 2. It is next **Wednesday 24th September, at 1:30pm** in the Top Hall. Please come along and support the children as they share what they have learned about this festival.

We are continuing to closely monitor the **attendance and punctuality** of all children. Mrs Burke is working hard with families to try to improve both these aspects. She will be meeting regularly with specific parents to discuss any concerns we have, and to offer support where we are able to. If you do have concerns about your child's attendance or their punctuality then please do come in to talk to us about it.



Some dates for your diaries:

Black History Assembly – Friday 24th October
Half Term – Monday 27th – Friday 31st October
Christmas Fair – Monday 15th December (2:30pm)

Parents' Evenings – March 20th (4-8pm); July 8th (4-6pm)



ASSEMBLIES

Rosh Hashanah (Jewish) – Wed 24th Sep
Guru Nanak (Sikh) – Wed 5th Nov
Remembrance Day – Tues 11th Nov
Christmas (Christian) – Wed 17th & Thu 18th Dec

As the weather is turning, a reminder about how we get the children into school on **wet mornings**.



WET MORNINGS

A decision will be made at 8:50 as to whether it is a 'wet morning'
Children will be let in at 8:55am



Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children come in through outside doors from the Nursery playground.

Year 2 children in through the infant side door and go straight up to the middle floor.

KS2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) in through the junior side door and the main entrance and down into the bottom hall where they sit in class lines and wait to be collected by their class teachers.

In order to reduce congestion, adults will not be allowed in to the building.

Thank you

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