

# Manor Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

It seems unbelievable that we are already coming towards the end of the first half term of the school year. The children are all very settled into their new classes and are working very hard. It was great to see so many of you at **Parents' Evening**. I hope that you found all the information useful, and that you had the opportunity to ask any questions that you had. Please remember that if there is anything that you would like to ask, you can come in at any time to find out.



Next week, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, we have a maths **Problem Solving Day** which will be an opportunity for the children to really test the knowledge that they have learned this half term, and see how well they are able to apply it in new and challenging situations. Ms van der Westhuizen has been busy planning treasure hunts and challenges for all of the classes, and it promises to be an exciting and tricky day – make sure that you ask the children about it!

The **first edition of this year's Manor News** is being completed as we speak, and will be coming out to you all shortly. This is the first edition by the new Year 5 newsletter team, and it has involved them learning to use some new software. A big learning curve for all, so well done in advance to Ms Dempsey and the Newsletter Team!



It has been great to see the children starting to bring in to school their **home learning projects** that they have been working on with you at home. The range of what they have done is impressive, as is the quality of some of them. I know that class teachers have been busy sending children home with equipment and resources to help them to complete them to a high standard. We are in the process of putting together a display to showcase some of this work, so that all the children can see and be impressed!

Thank you to all of you who have worked hard with your children to complete these!

A reminder that the guidance on **educational visits** recommends that the ratios of adults to children has increased from previous levels. This means that we will be unable to take children on visits without the support of parents on the day, as we do not have enough school staff in each year group to fulfil these ratios.

**So this is a plea for you to volunteer to go with your child's class on trips so that we are able to continue running them.**



We had our first festival assembly on Wednesday. It was to mark the Hindu festival of **Navaratri**, and was led by Year 4. They had worked really hard to prepare for the assembly and it was a lovely mix of information, story and dance. Thank you to the parents who attended – we all know that the children really appreciate performing to an audience of parents and families. For more information about the assembly please have a look at the website, on the festivals page.

Some dates for this term for your diaries:

**Maths Problem Solving Day** – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
**Half Term** – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
**OPEN DAY** – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
**School Council Fundraiser** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
**Christmas Fair** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December (3:00pm)  
**Parents' Evenings** – March 24<sup>th</sup> (4-8pm); July 13<sup>th</sup> (4-6pm)

## **ASSEMBLIES**

**Remembrance Day** – Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Nov  
**Guru Nanak (Sikh)** – Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Nov  
**Christmas (Christian)** – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> & Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Dec



After half term we will be **selling poppies** in the reception to support and raise money for the Royal British Legion who support servicemen & women and their families. They support those who have ever served in the armed forces, in a wide range of ways which may include practical help for them, their families and dependents. We will be selling a wide range of poppy merchandise specifically designed for school children to help convey the message about this work. These will be on sale from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

We will also be having a **Remembrance Day Assembly** led by Year 6 on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. It will begin at 10:30am which is unusual for our assemblies, but ties in with the 2 minute silence held at 11:00am. We hope to see lots of you there.

It has been really good to see so many children wearing **school uniform** to school every day – a massive improvement from last term. Thank you to all of you who have made sure this is happening. I do feel that it helps to create a sense of community and belonging for the children, and to help them feel proud to belong to Manor Primary.



Half term is fast approaching. I hope that you all have a good week with the children. Some of them will need a rest to ensure that they are fully prepared for all excitement and busy-ness of the rest of the term! Have a good half term!

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