

# Manor Primary School

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(Letter 4)

Dear Parents / Carers



**Open Day** on Wednesday went extremely well. We had an amazing 136 parents in over the course of the day who took the opportunity to come in and spend time in their child's class to see how they are learning. Walking around the classes it was good to see parents joining in with phonics, with reading lessons, writing with the children and having a go at the new Maths No Problem lessons. I hope that you found it a useful and fun day. I know that the children really enjoyed having so many of you visiting. Thank you to those of you who were able to make it.



## REMINDER

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November is an INSET DAY**  
Improving and refining the writing process  
Continuing to develop strategies for Maths No Problem



Thank you to Year 4 for their **festival assembly to mark Diwali** on Wednesday. It was the first festival assembly of the year and they had worked hard to prepare for it. They have been learning in class about Hinduism and researched the information to present to the school. Thank you to the staff who helped them to prepare for the assembly, and to the parents who came to watch the children.



We need to tighten up on some aspects of **school uniform**. On the whole most children are regularly wearing uniform which is pleasing to see. Children need to be wearing:

- a navy blue jumper or sweatshirt that is not hooded.
- shoes or trainers that are black or navy blue.
- headscarves that are navy blue, black or white.

A reminder about jewellery – only stud earrings or very small hoops should be worn, and no other jewellery. A religious necklace is permissible but must be tucked in. No nail varnish should be worn.

**COMING SOON!!** We are currently working to **update the school website**. There have been a lot of changes to the curriculum, to the organisation of the school and to how we approach different things, so this is a good opportunity to ensure that all this information is in one central place. A number of staff have been working hard to prepare for this, in particular Mr Buckley, so thank you to them. It is due to 'go live' very shortly – we will of course let you know when it does. Watch this space!



There have been a lot of **Educational Visits** this half term. As you know we use these visits to give the children as broad a range of experiences as possible, and to ensure that they have practical experiences to bring back in to the classroom and to their learning in general, and their writing in particular.

Reception – Build a Bear  
Year 1 – Museum of Childhood  
Year 2 – London Zoo  
Year 3 – British Museum  
Year 4 – Viking workshop  
Year 5 – Science Museum  
Year 6 – Tate Modern & Police visit



Some dates for the rest of the term for your diaries:

**Half Term** – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
**INSET DAY** – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN**  
**Christmas Fair** – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December (3:15pm)

### ASSEMBLIES

**Remembrance Day** – Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov  
**Christmas (Christian)** – Mon 19<sup>th</sup> & Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Parents' Evenings** – November 30<sup>th</sup>; March 22<sup>nd</sup>; July 5<sup>th</sup>

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

### A reminder of the new Manor Values....

Have a good half term. Have fun with the children.  
Don't forget that school starts again on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 9am.

Kate McGee  
Headteacher

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