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(Letter 6)

Dear Parents / Carers



The **Christmas Fair** is fast approaching! **It is Friday 16th December starting at 3:15pm**

Raffle tickets are on sale in the main reception where you can see the wide range of prizes we have on offer. As usual, there is a child's raffle and an adult raffle. The draw will be made after the Fair. We are still collecting items for the tombola, so anything that you can donate please leave with reception. And if you are able to donate to the refreshments stall then please let us know and bring the items in on Friday morning. We look forward to seeing lots of you at the Fair!

The **Christmas assemblies** have a slightly different format this year. KS1 and KS2 will be performing together in one assembly, while EYFS will perform separately at their own assembly. The children and staff have all been busy rehearsing to get ready for the performances, and are looking forward to seeing you all in the audience.

The **EYFS** assembly is on Monday 19th at 10:00am & the **KS1&2** assembly is on Monday 19th at 2:00pm. Tickets are on sale in the reception all week.

Christmas Lunch for the children and staff is Thursday 15th December.



It has been a very busy term for all of us. We have introduced **new schemes of work** for reading, for writing and for maths, and so the teachers and the children have been working hard to familiarise themselves with the new expectations. The result has been some very good progress made for the children in their learning which I am sure you were able to see on Parents' Evening when you looked through the children's books. We will be continuing to focus on making accelerated progress over the coming terms and are looking forward to seeing the children achieving well at the end of the year.

You will also have noticed the changes being made in the **playgrounds** as we continue to develop the area for the children to ensure that playtimes and lunchtimes run as smoothly as possible. We are hoping to use the money raised at the Christmas Fair to buy additional play equipment for the playgrounds and will be asking the School Council to help gather the children's ideas.



The **governors** were all in school last week, as part of a series of visits they will be making to ensure that they know the school well and are in a good position to work with us to continue to move the school forward. They worked in groups with members of the senior leadership team, and a consultant to ask some questions of the school. The new governors are working hard to learn all they can about Manor, and

to work with our existing governors to form a strong governing body for the school.

The children in Reception and Year 2 went to **Stratford Circus** last week to watch a performance of '**Room on the Broom**' which they really enjoyed. It was a great opportunity for them to experience live theatre and to see a favourite story on stage. The children have all been talking about it enthusiastically, and obviously loved the trip. Thank you to Ms McGill for organising it, and to all the staff and parents who went with the children.



The annual **pantomime trip** was last week. Once again we had lots of families who enjoyed the evening at the Theatre Royal in Stratford watching Sinbad. The pantomime each year signifies that Christmas is fast approaching and that the Autumn Term is drawing to a close.

Thank you to Ms Latham for organising the evening, and to the staff who supervised on the night.

Some dates for this term and next for your diaries:

Christmas Fair – Friday 16th December (3:15pm)
History Day – Friday 6th January
World Religion Day – Monday 16th January
Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February
Whole School Art Project – 20th Feb – 3rd March
World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March
Music Concert – Friday 17th March
Parents' Evenings – March 22nd; July 5th

ASSEMBLIES

Christmas (Christian) – Mon 19th Dec
Nirvana (Buddhist) – Wednesday 8th Feb
Purim Assembly (Jewish) – Wednesday 8th March
Easter Assembly (Christian) – Wednesday 29th March

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

There is a lot going on between now and the end of the term. I hope that you are able to come to some, if not all, of the events.

Kate McGee
Headteacher

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