

# Manor Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers



At the end of the term we will be saying farewell to three staff who are leaving us. **Ms Skinner** has decided that after twelve years of working at Manor that it is time for a change, and she is leaving to take on a new challenge. She has contributed a lot to the school in her time with us – most memorably in her role as humanities coordinator arranging the many history days that we have had – Victorians, Greeks, the Blitz! She will have taught many of your children over her time here, and I know that you will appreciate all that she did for them while they were in her class. I would like to thank her for her hard work and to wish her all the very best for the future. **Ms Russell** has decided that having moved house she would like to find a job closer to home, and so is leaving after working here for three years. Those of you who have had children in her class will know the great work that she did with them and how much the children enjoyed being in her class. We wish her all the best in her new role. **Ms Marcel** is having to leave us for personal reasons after a very short time here. She has worked hard this term to ensure that the children in her class made a positive start to KS2, and I would like to thank her for all that she has done. We wish her the very best for the future.

We have some new staff joining us in the new year and I will introduce them to you at the start of next term.

## Don't forget the Christmas Fair is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 3:00pm!

We still need items for the tombola. Can you also let us know if you are able to bring anything for the refreshments stall – cakes or biscuits. I'm sure the children are all keen to get baking!! We are busy preparing for the Fair – we currently have 34 stalls to run, so there will be plenty to do and to see. All the old favourites are back (Bouncy Castle, Facepainting, Santa's Grotto, Tombola, Raffle and all the little games that the children like so much), as well as quite a few new stalls. Raffle tickets are on sale for both the children's raffle and the adult raffle. Tickets are available from the main reception. They are 25p per ticket, or a strip of 5 tickets for £1. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Fair!



**Christmas assemblies** are next week and tickets are on sale in the main reception.

**Nursery & Reception – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> at 10AM; KS1 – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> at 2PM; KS2 – Thu 17<sup>th</sup> at 10AM**

**Christmas Lunch** for the children and staff is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Day** last week went very well. We had 101 parents visiting over the course of the day, with over 20 parents joining us for lunch with the children. I hope those of you that came found it useful as well as enjoyable. I know that the children really like having you visit and are keen to share their learning with you. As always if you have any questions about your child's learning, come in and ask us at any time – we are always happy to help. A big thank you to all of you who were able to join us.



As you will see from the date box below we have an **INSET day** planned for January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016. This day will be training for all the staff on **'Talk for Writing'** which is a strategy that encourages children to rehearse their writing before actually doing it. It is something which will help us to help the children to improve the quality of their writing, and will hopefully then impact on the progress that they are able to make. By February half term the children should be able to describe to you the sorts of new things that they are doing in class to help them with their writing.

Some dates for this term and next term for your diaries:

**Christmas Fair** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December (3:00pm)  
**INSET DAY** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January (school closed for children)  
**World Religion Day** – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
**UNICEF Day for Change** – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
**Safer Internet Day** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
**World Book Days** – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> March  
**Whole School Music Concert** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
**History Days** – 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March  
**Parents' Evenings** – February 24<sup>th</sup> (4-8pm); July 13<sup>th</sup> (4-6pm)



### ASSEMBLIES

**Christmas (Christian)** – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> & Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Chinese New Year (Buddhist)** – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb  
**Easter (Christian)** – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

We are hoping to organise a **menu tasting event** in the New Year. As you know we change the menus for the children's lunches every six months, and each time we change them we add some new dishes to the menus. We would like to offer you the opportunity to come along after school one day to taste some of the dishes we have on the menus, so that you then can encourage your child to try them too!



Looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair on Monday!  
Kate McGee  
Headteacher