

22nd September 2017
(Letter 2)

Dear Parents / Carers

We have all settled into the new school year very quickly. The children are all very focused and working hard – it is lovely visiting classrooms and seeing them enjoying their learning. There are a lot of exciting pieces of work planned over the course of the term – once again, it is going to be a busy one.



I hope that you have had a chance to look at the new(ish) **website** – we will make sure that it is kept up to date with all the school events, and all the information that you need to have. Each class will also be keeping a blog which will be another way in which you can see what the children are up to in class. We have also recently launched **the school twitter account**, and will be keeping you up to date with what is happening in school. I hope that you will follow us on **@ManorPrimaryE15**, and enjoy this view of school life!



I hope that you have all had a chance to read the school's **Ofsted report**, and are as pleased as we are with what it said. The areas that they have highlighted as developments were what we knew were the next steps for us and plans are already in place to address these.



I hope that you found yesterday's **'Meet the Teacher'** sessions useful. We tried to cover all of the information that you might want to know about your child's learning this year. As ever, if there is anything that you would like more information about or if you have any questions to ask, please do come and find us. The powerpoints with all of the information that was shared can be found on the year group pages of the website.

We are in the process of setting up a range of **'Parent Information' sessions** to be held over the course of the year. Many of you are interested in finding out more about how certain areas of the curriculum are taught. We will be running sessions to give you a chance to find out more. If there are other areas that you would like to see us run sessions about then please come and talk to me or one of the other staff about it. We will do our best to be able to provide this. Watch this space for details of these sessions.



Our first school event of the year will be a **fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support**. Most of us have unfortunately been in a position where we have seen the amazing work that is done by this charity, and this is an opportunity to be able to support their work. We are in the process of planning an extravagant day of events on Friday 6th October, including a Manor Bake Off – so get ready to get involved!

Some dates for this term for your diaries:

Macmillan Fundraiser – Friday 6th October
OPEN DAY – Wednesday 11th October
Black History Week – 16th – 20th October
Half Term – Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October
English Week – 30th October – 3rd November
Whole School Art Project – 30th October – 10th November
Anti-Bullying Week – 13th – 17th November
Christmas Fair – Friday 15th December (3:15pm)

Parents' Evenings – March 7th; July 11th



ASSEMBLIES
Diwali (Hindu) – Wed 18th Oct
Remembrance Day – Fri 10th Nov
Hanukkah (Jewish) – Wed 6th Dec
Christmas (Christian) – Tues 19th Dec

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

We will be holding an **Open Day for Parents** on Wednesday 11th October. This will be an opportunity for you to come in to school over the course of the day, and take part in the lessons in your child's class. We will send out a timetable nearer the time, so that you can choose which lesson(s) you would like to see. There is also the opportunity to have lunch with your child on that day – we just ask that you book this ahead of time so that Debbie knows how many extra meals to cook!



We will also be holding a **Taster Session** just before half term. The menus for lunches change after half term, and this will be an opportunity for you to try out some of the dishes that we serve up for the children. We will be serving up some old favourites as well as some dishes that are brand new. You will also be able to see the very wide range of food that is served and the choices that the children have each day. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Have a lovely weekend.
Kate McGee
Headteacher