

Dear Parents / Carers



A very warm welcome back to you all after the summer holidays. We have some new families who have joined us, and I would like to extend an especially big welcome to you and to your children. I hope you all settle in quickly to our school community. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer, the children are full of stories about what they did and where they have been! They all look happy and healthy, and ready to learn!

We have quite a few new staff to welcome this term.

Mr Jonathan Francis joins us to teach in Year 5 and is in Y5 Kiefer. **Ms Ellie Veryard and Ms Leah Andrews** join us as trainee teachers working alongside Mrs Smith in Y2 Frink and Ms Tucker in Rec Heilman. **Ms Ponima Begum** and **Ms Claudia Emmanuel** have now joined us as permanent members of staff having worked with us last year. Ms Begum is working in Rec Heilman and Ms Emmanuel in Year 5 and Year 3. **Ms Farheen Ahmed** will be with us as a long term supply providing support in Year 5.



We welcome them all, and wish them well as they start their new jobs.



Senior staff will continue to be in the playgrounds at the beginning and end of each day, meetings permitting. If you have any concerns or suggestions that you would like to raise then please find us at these times. It works really well if you tell us of any problems early as then we can ensure that they are dealt with and sorted out quickly. This will hopefully prevent you or your children having any unnecessary worry!

Excellent news – the **Ofsted report** has now been published. **Manor is a GOOD school**, with good judgements in all five areas. The report will be sent out to you before the end of the week, and will be published online (on the Ofsted website and the Manor website) within the next week. The inspectors were impressed by the staff and the children, and acknowledged how hard everyone was working and the good results that this is producing.



I would like to thank all of the staff for their extremely hard work over the past year, and thank the parents for their continued support for the school and for your children. The children did us proud during the inspection!

Some dates for this term for your diaries:

<p>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 – 18th-22nd September; March 7th; July 11th</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">ASSEMBLIES</p> <p>Diwali (Hindu) – Wed 18th Oct Remembrance Day – Fri 10th Nov Hanukkah (Jewish) – Wed 6th Dec Christmas (Christian) – Mon 18th & Tues 19th Dec</p>
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Please see the school date postcards or the website for further dates.

We have new arrangements for some of the children for the start and end of the day:

Year group	Playground and entry door
Nursery and Reception	Enter through EYFS playground and straight into classrooms through external classroom doors
Years 1, 3 and 5	Line up in the EAST Playground – Leywick St side
Years 2, 4 and 6	Line up in the WEST Playground – Dining Room side

The children will line up at the start of the day and be collected at the end of the day from the same playground.



A reminder about school uniform. We expect all of the children to be wearing uniform every day (please see the information overleaf). This includes shoes which should be black or navy blue. We also expect the children to have the correct uniform for PE sessions. Uniform with the Manor logo on it is available from the main office. All other items of uniform are available at very reasonable costs from all the big supermarkets.

Some **quick reminders** at the start of the new year:

- No jewellery to be worn, except a watch and small stud earrings. A necklace may be worn if it is religious, but must be kept tucked in. No nail varnish to be worn.
- No sweets or gum to be brought to school or eaten in school, including in the playground before 9am.
- If it is necessary for your child to bring a mobile phone in to school with them, it must be given in at reception for safe keeping.

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

