

20th October 2017
(Letter 4)

Dear Parents / Carers



It was lovely to see so many of you in school last Wednesday for the **Open Day for Parents**. We had 127 children visited by parents and families which is great, and I know that the children really loved having you in class with them. There were a lot of parents who stayed for the whole day – you must now have a very clear idea of the learning that goes on in school! I hope that those of you who came found it useful, and that you enjoyed it. The comments that we had were all really positive.

We are also in the process of organising some curriculum sessions that will be run to give you more information about specific areas of the teaching. A letter will be coming out to you shortly.

As you may know October is **Black History Month**. In school we have been focusing on that this week, with a focus this year on music. It has been lovely to hear so much music being played and sung around the school, and the children have really enjoyed this. We have marked the end of the week with a sharing assembly where all of the classes came together to share what they have been learning this week. It was a lovely way to end the half term.



Another successful event this week has been the **Taster Session** which was very well attended. I hope that it gave you a real flavour of the quality of the food that the children are served, and the huge variety of vegetables, salads and fruit that are on offer each day. As you know we are always trying to encourage the children to try new things, and to broaden their tastes.

My thanks to Debbie and her team for the extra work they did to put this on for you all.

On Wednesday Year 3 led our **Diwali Assembly**. It was a chance to share what they had been learning about Hinduism in class. They gave a very impressive re-telling of the story of Rama and Sita that they had rehearsed well. It was good to see the strategies being used in English lessons to improve their story-telling, being used in other areas too. Thank you to Year 3 for their hard work in preparing for this.



It's that time of year when the Newham immunisation team are coming into school to offer the children (From reception to year 4) the **nasal flu vaccine**.

The flu is an illness caused by the influenza virus, it is common during the winter months. The vaccination programme is designed to protect your child against flu which can be an unpleasant illness.

The Immunisation team will be at our school on the 4th December helping to protect the children from the flu virus in time for the winter, and helping to protect other family members because they are not spreading the influenza virus infection.

As part of our **publicising Manor**, and how good the school is, we have had some **banners** made to go up around the school and the local area. It is lovely to have such a positive message to tell, and interesting to see the interest that is growing in the school. We had some parents visit on Open Day who were looking to move their children to us. Make sure that you keep passing on the good word about the school to friends, family and neighbours!

The newsletter team have just published the first edition of this year's **Manor News!** They were very excited to see their work in print, and I hope that you enjoyed reading all about what they have done this half term. Well done to them for a very professional looking newsletter, and thank you to Ms Dempsey for her work with the team. Happy reading!



Immediately after half term we will be doing our **Whole School Arts / English Project**. The theme of this is **Journeys**, and the teachers have been busy planning with Ms McGill for this work. There are some really exciting things planned, and I am looking forward to seeing the results of it on display after it is completed.

Some dates for this term for your diaries:

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

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.

It is hard to believe that it is half term already – time flies! I hope that you all have a lovely break with the children, and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 30th October.

Kate McGee
Headteacher