

5th October 2017
(Letter 3)

Dear Parents / Carers



A reminder that tomorrow is the **Macmillan fundraiser** – there have been flyers sent home this week reminding you how you can get involved. I hope that many of you will be able to donate cakes for the Cake Sale in the afternoon, and that lots of you are busy baking and decorating a cake for the Manor Bake Off! The School Council are very much looking forward to judging that competition!

We will also be having a special cutting of the cake to celebrate our recent GOOD Ofsted inspection.

Also to remind you that we will be holding an **Open Day for Parents** next 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. Timetables are coming out to you, 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! Please book these with Khadijah or Regina at the main reception.



We will also be sending home some extra flyers about the Open Day. If you have friends or neighbours whose children don't come to Manor yet, please pass them on to them so that they can come and find out more about us.

We are adding another way to communicate to you the learning that is going on in the school and in each of the classes. Each class will be creating **Class Blogs** which can be found on the website. The children and teachers will be adding to it on a weekly basis to keep you right up to date with what your child has been learning. The class blogs are due to go live for the first time tomorrow – please take the time to check on this tomorrow, and then regularly going forward. We hope that you will enjoy this information.



October is **Black History Month**. We will be focusing on this topic in the final week of this half term. Our theme this year is **music**. Each of the classes will be looking at a different aspect of this, and will come together at the end of the week to share what they have learned in an assembly. By half term the children will be able to tell you all sorts of new information that they have learned about influential musicians and the role of music in the context of Black History.



We are planning on re-starting the **Coffee Mornings** that we used to hold. These are an opportunity to come in and talk to us – find out more about things, ask any questions that you have, give us ideas of things that we could do in the school. It is also an opportunity to meet new parents over a cup of tea or coffee and some cakes. Watch this space for more information.



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 also be holding a **Taster Session** just before half term – Tuesday 17th October, straight after school. Debbie will be preparing a selection of dishes from the new menu so that you are able to see (and taste!) what the children can have at lunchtime. There will be opportunities for you to ask any questions that you might have as well.

I look forward to seeing you at the Macmillan events tomorrow.
Kate McGee
Headteacher

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