

23rd February 2018
(Letter 10)

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope that you all had a good half term with the children. They are full of stories of things that they got up to! They have all settled well back into the routine, and are all focused well on their learning which is good to see.



It is hard to believe that we are now over half way through the school year – the time is flying by. The teachers are in the process of writing the **Mid-Year reports** for each child, to let you know how well your child is doing and what they need to be focusing on in the coming months to ensure that they are achieving their full potential and are ready for their move to a new year group.

The reports will be sent out to you on Tuesday 20th March.

As you know from my letter yesterday, we have changed the date of **Parents' Evening** to Wednesday 21st March. A letter will be sent out closer to the time in order for you to make appointments with your child's teacher. As always at Parents' Evening there will be the opportunity for you to talk to senior staff as well, and to discuss any concerns that you might have with us, or with Mrs Burke, Ms Daca or Ms Ince. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Parents'
Evening



As you know **safeguarding your children** is extremely important to us, as I know it is to you. I would like to bring your attention to two sources of information that have lots of really useful material and advice for parents:

The **Digital Parenting Magazine** that is produced in partnership with Vodafone can be found by googling 'parent zone digital parenting'. It has lots of useful articles and guidance, and you can receive it free when you subscribe.

The **website** www.educateagainsthate.com, which is recommended by the NSPCC and the DfE, is a useful source of information and 'questions and answers' about protecting your child from extremism and radicalisation. There is a section that is specifically for parents, and it contains lots of advice.

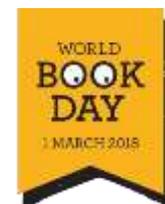


As you will know from the flyer that went home recently, we are holding another **Parents' Information** session next Tuesday 27th March. This one is focusing on **Science**.

It is an opportunity for you to come in and find out about science is taught in school, and to ask any questions that you might have. Come along, it will be fun!

World Book Day is next Thursday 1st March. As you will know from the flyer sent home earlier this week, there is a lot planned for next week, we want to take the opportunity to really celebrate books and reading. We are asking the staff and children to dress up for the day on World Book Day as a favourite character from a book, and are looking forward to seeing a wide range of costumes. I know that some of the children (and staff!) are already underway with their plans.

If you would like any ideas or advice about costumes, do come in and ask!



Our newly formed **football squads** are starting to make real progress, and have competed in a number of tournaments.



Their performance is improving each time, which is really great to see. At the most recent tournament they played really well, and won one of their matches.

Equally importantly, their behaviour and conduct at these tournaments has been exemplary – both on and off the pitch, and they have been a real credit to Manor. You should be really proud of them!

It has been good to see the increasing number of sporting competitions that we are taking part in, and how much the children are enjoying competing. Thank you to Mr Archer for all his hard work in this!

We are in the process of creating a range of **new opportunities for the children to take the lead in school**. The children will be receiving information about the groups and how they can apply to be part of various teams. Some have already started recruiting, and there are more to come. There are a wide range of these teams, so there will probably be an opportunity that appeals to everyone.

Teams identified so far are: **Playground Pals, Digital Leaders, Reading Buddies, Dining Hall Helpers, ICT Monitors, Eco Warriors and Library Monitors**. Watch this space!



Some dates for this term for your diaries:

World Book Day – Thursday 1st March
Music Concert & Comic Relief – Friday 23rd March



Parents' Evenings – March 21st ; July 11th

ASSEMBLIES
Nirvana Day (Buddhist) – Wed 7th Feb
Holi (Hindu) – Wed 7th March

Have a lovely weekend!

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