

# Manor Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Another half term completed! The school year is whizzing by, and there is still a lot left to fit in before the end of the term. Please keep an eye on letters coming home, as well as the website so that you don't miss any of the events.

**The Science Fair** on Wednesday was a great success. There was a lot of science talk going on, and it is interesting to see what the children have remembered from last year. Lots of new activities as well which really captured the imagination. One of the most popular ones seemed to be the 'gloopy goo' which fascinated the children as it changed backwards and forwards between solid and liquid! It was lovely to see so many children and families there.

Thanks to the staff, and especially to Sandra for her organisation of the afternoon.



**Ms Hiscock** is returning to work today, having been on maternity leave after the birth of her son Archie last September. She will be teaching across the school over the next half term, providing cover where necessary.

We also say farewell today to **Ms Sanober Farah**, who is leaving us for family reasons. In the time that she has been with us she has worked in a number of classes, supporting a range of children, and some parents and classes will know her well. I am sure that you will join me in thanking her for her hard work, and wish her all the very best for the future!



As the weather is finally getting warmer, a few reminders. **Summer uniform** is navy blue, black or grey shorts or trousers with a white or light blue polo shirt; pinafore dresses or skirts should be navy or black; cardigans or jumpers worn should be navy blue. Please ensure that the children are wearing clothes that cover their shoulders and this will protect them from the sun at lunchtime. As the sun gets stronger it is a good idea for them to have a hat to wear as well – please make sure that these are clearly marked with their name and class. We encourage children to bring in water to drink throughout the day – it must be water though, and not flavoured drinks please.

Since January we have been using a method of teaching literacy called **Talk for Writing** – you will remember that we had an INSET day to train all the staff. The results of using this strategy have been really good, and you will be able to see the improvements in the children's writing when you come in for Parents' Evening later on in the term. The children are really enjoying it, and are quickly developing a range of story-telling techniques that they can use both orally and in their writing. To celebrate this we are planning to end the term with a **whole school project** where all the children will be working around the same story. I think that the children will really enjoy it, and it will include an opportunity for you all to come in and see the children perform. We will keep you posted...



Thank you for helping to minimise the amount of **litter** being dropped in the playground, and in the streets immediately surrounding the school. Can I ask you please to remain vigilant, and to please keep reminding the children to throw rubbish in the bins so that we can help keep the environment looking clean and tidy. Thank you!

Some dates for next half term for your diaries:

**Referendum** – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Open Futures Day** – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
**Whole School Storytelling project** – 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July  
**Eid-UI-Fitr** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Sports Days** – 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July  
**International Food Fair** – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
**Parents' Evening** – Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> (4-6pm)



## ASSEMBLIES

**Eid-UI-Fitr (Muslim)** – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
**Leavers' Assembly** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Return after half term** – Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June  
**End of Summer Term** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1:30pm  
**Autumn Term start (for children)** – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept

I hope that you have some nice things planned for the half term with the children. Have a great week! See you back in school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Kate McGee  
Headteacher