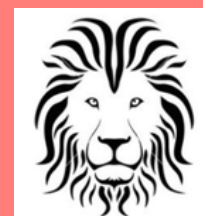


MANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY

Summer Term Newsletter



Issue 5 'Lighting the Fires of our Future' Friday 23rd June 2023.

A message from Mrs Hamblin at Fierté:

Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope that you are enjoying the beautiful weather and all that it brings. It is, as ever, another busy term within our schools. Despite the heat, the children continue to work hard and maintain their best efforts. We are immensely proud of them!

Trust News

The Dosthill Primary community has experienced considerable disruptions due to new building work being undertaken for six new classrooms and a new nursery. They are at the point of completion, and it will be wonderful to see our Dosthill staff and children moving into a beautiful new school home. A brand-new Nursery has opened (OPOJ) at the Dosthill site, with a huge amount of work both during term time and the holidays to ensure all is spick and span and ready for our nursery children and their families. Our Regional Manager and her team have worked incredibly hard; we thank them for their commitment and dedication.

The Fierté Sports Festival July 10th-14th

The Fierté Sports Festival Plans are nearing fruition. Across our nine schools, representatives have met to organise and secure a week of high energy, fellowship and fun. There will be lots of opportunities to hone skills in football, cricket, netball, multi-skills, and many other sports. A videographer will be visiting all schools to capture our children participating and enjoying sport. You should have received a letter with more information about the week and how children will participate in sporting activities.

Dates for Your Diary

June	
27 th	Y5/6 tennis tournament Penguins to library bus
28 th	Rawlett science teachers to work with Penguins
30 th	Pm – Owls to Coton Centre for 'Doods' concert
July	
Transition Week	
3 rd	3:30pm – transition meeting for next year's Penguins parents
4 th	Pm – Robins visit to church 3:30pm – transition meeting for next year's Owls parents Y6 transition to QEMS
5 th	Strike Day – school closed to majority Y6 transition to QEMS and Rawlett
6 th	Transition morning – children move up to new classes 3:30pm – transition meeting for next year's Swans parents Y6 transition to QEMS
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Fierté Festival week	
10 th	Am - Opening assembly for Fierté Festival then archery for each class. PE kit for all
11 th	Am – Burton Albion coaches with Y1-6 Pm – Y4/5 cricket team to Tamworth CC PE kit for all
12 th	9:30-11:30am – Sports Day – Parents invited PE kit in House colours Pm – team from Robins and Swans to multi sports festival at Anker Valley Y5/6 football team to Burton Albion
13 th	Pm - Videographer to film sports in school PE kit for all 3:45-5pm – Y3 netball team to Wilnecote Jr
14 th	Own choice of sports wear – closing ceremony/assembly 9am – Parents' Forum (new PTA on agenda)
Final Week	
17 th	Start to bring in spare uniform (clean and in good condition)
18 th	Pm - Photographer in school to take photos for new website – smartest uniform please!
19 th	Penguins performances 9:30am and 5:30pm
20 th	Non-uniform day – bring any spare uniform/PE kit in the morning to be sorted and sold after school. (Y6 may wish to keep a t-shirt to be signed on the last day) 4:30-6pm - Y6 Leavers' BBQ and rounders with staff
21 st	1:30pm Y6 Leavers' service 2:30pm Unveiling of leavers' plaque and photos 2:50pm guard of honour on playground

Wrap Around Care



Before and after school care is available as usual for all children who are in school. Contact the school office to book a place.

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Year 1/2 Dodgeball

Mr Robson has an apology to make... I managed to miss the Year 1/2 dodgeball team out of the last newsletter following their first competition for the school. We had made a fuss in assembly and on Facebook but somehow missed giving them the official stamp of approval and great honour of a headline in the Newsletter. So... well done to our amazing dodgeballers from



Swans who won the competition but more importantly they showed great sportsmanship and values as well as having a ton of fun. The team were:

<p>Parental Complaints</p> <p>Thank you to the many parents and carers who day-in-day-out show the courtesy, support and respect our staff deserve. Positive partnerships improve every school's ability to undertake their role effectively- to educate children. Schools are now juggling a wider workload than they have ever had to before and therefore it is essential that leaders are not taken away from what they do best, leading and teaching. Where we are met with unacceptable behaviours, we will continue to address them. Thankfully, this remains a small minority across the Trust, but our aim is to remove this issue completely.</p> <p>Trust Parent Forum</p> <p>It has been a privilege to meet parent representatives from schools across our Trust through the three meetings that have been held so far. We would love more parents to join this group so please contact me directly if you would like some more information.</p> <p>Finally, enjoy the rest of the term before we break up at the end of July. Thank you for your continued support towards our school communities, staff, and your children as partners in our Trust family.</p> <p>Kindest regards always,</p> <p>Maria</p> <p>ceo@fierte.org</p> <p>Farewell to Emma Brown</p> <p>Many of you will know Mrs Brown and her strong associations with Manor over the years. Her son started as a pupil about 10 years ago and Mrs Brown became an active member then chair of what was a vibrant PTA. She helped to organise and run summer and Christmas Fayres, discos and even a circus in a tent on the field one year. 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Well done to all for making us so proud!</p> <p>Fathers' Day Picnic</p> <p>Thank you to all the Dad's who were able to join us for our Fathers' Day ploughman's picnic on the field. It was great to see such a good turn out putting our new benches to the test. We hope you enjoyed it; the children certainly did!</p> <p>Morning Arrangements</p> <p>Parents' Forum requested some clarification of the morning arrangements before school as they were unclear on a couple of points. One question was over the leaving of children and when this was okay to do. The answer is that we ask parents of nursery children to stay with them until they are safely handed over to the Early Years staff. For older children, we are happy for parents to leave children with the member of staff on duty at the gate or entrance to the field, usually Mr Robson. Once they are past that point, the member of staff will only allow children past who are accompanied by their parent. Breakfast Club children are also brought out by Breakfast Club staff who stay to help supervise them until the bell goes. We also ask that children don't use the balance trail play equipment on the field as it is not being supervised by staff and some parts are not suitable for the youngest children. It is also difficult to supervise by the member of staff standing at the field entrance. If there are any other uncertainties about any part of our</p>
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<p>governor and has helped the school through the difficult times of Covid and in our conversion to an academy. She has given a lot of time and energy to the school over the years and her strong educational insight, enthusiasm and good humour will be missed as she moves on.</p> <p>Of course this leaves another vacancy on our governing board which was already carrying a couple of unfilled vacancies. If you know of anyone who may be interested please do get them to contact the school office and we can have a chat about what it entails.</p> <p>Laches Wood Residential</p> <p>It has been a quiet week in school and for some parents this week with Penguins away at their residential visit for the week at Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre. Year 5/6 have had a great time climbing, caving, high roping, sailing, hiking, off road biking, axe throwing, campfire singing, doing archery and many other exciting activities. They have even made their own beds and kept their dormitories clean and tidy among other chores. They have looked after Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Violet who have spent the whole week there. They will certainly all sleep well tonight! A sample of photos from Facebook are included below.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PTA</p> <p>There have been whispers of a resurgence of a Manor PTA in some quarters! At the last Parents' Forum meeting several parents expressed an interest in reforming a PTA. This would be brilliant if we have enough parents who are willing to give it a go. To give some context for our newer parents, we have historically had a strong PTA at Manor and they have run some amazing events that have raised some much needed money for the school as well as bringing the community together for some fun events. The previous committee eventually ran out of enthusiasm and there was no-one willing to step into the committee roles to lead it when they stepped down. There were some enthusiastic parents who supported events the school put on but even that stopped when we hit the Covid19 Pandemic. Now seems the perfect time to start a new PTA ready for the new school year when we may be able to have a Christmas and summer fayre again. If you are interested and willing to help, this will be an item on the Parents' Forum agenda for their next meeting on 14th July at 9am.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Health and Safety Audit</p> <p>Keeping everyone safe at school is an absolute priority. That includes staff, parents, visitors and of course children. Our school needs to be a safe place for all. To that end, we had an external audit of our health and safety arrangements in school this week. The report isn't back yet but the auditor was pleased with the arrangements we have and the monitoring we do. She spent three hours looking through our asbestos files, water safety monitoring, fire risk assessment and procedures, risk assessments, accident logs and many other areas. It is reassuring to know that we are so closely monitored so any areas we could improve are quickly identified and dealt with. A very positive</p>	<p> routines please do let us know.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Nuts!</p> <p>A reminder went out on the School App this week, but just in case you missed it; we are a 'nut free' school as are all Fierté schools. This means no tracker bars or chocolate spreads or Ferrero Rocher etc. For children with nut allergies even the slightest contact with nuts can be potentially fatal. Thank you for your support in this.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Year 2 Moderation</p> <p>Mr Culff had an official visit from the local authority moderator last week. These are visits that a selection of schools get to check that our teacher assessments are accurate. The moderator was very complimentary and was impressed with Mr Culff's judgements and the evidence he had to back them up. It does help us that Mrs Armstrong is also a moderator and had worked with Mr Culff to help him prepare. Mrs Armstrong was out moderating other schools last week as part of her role. This allows her to experience lots of different schools and pick up the best bits of practice to bring back to Manor!</p>
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Star of the week

Well done to the following children who have been awarded Star of the Week for this week's value and for excellent work:



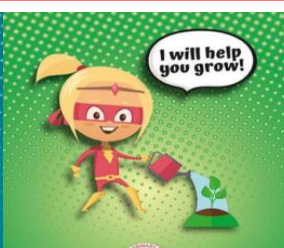
Manners! – We are polite and respectful.

**Molly
Adeline**

**Hayden A
Finn**

**Max
William**

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Swans – Ash End Farm

Swans had a great time on their visit to Ash End Farm. You may have seen lots of photos on Facebook but if you missed those, there are more below!







Penguins – Laches Wood Residential

Penguins had the time of their lives at Laches Wood this week. You may have seen lots of photos on Facebook but if you missed those, there a few below!















