



# MANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY Summer Term Newsletter



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## Sports at Manor

Next week is a big week for sport at Manor with our Fierté Festival running all week with a sports theme. We will kick off the week with an opening ceremony /assembly, watching inspirational videos and singing The Champion by Carrie Underwood (some of you may have had children singing it in the car?!). We then have a week of different coaches coming in to school to provide varied sporting experiences as well as tournaments and events at different venues. We also have Sports Day for parents to join us for on Wednesday morning. Between these events, teachers will be delivering some other sports lessons and even the work in the classroom will be mostly based around the theme of sport. Hopefully all children will have fun being active and healthy through the whole week.



At Manor, we also aim to provide sporting opportunities throughout the year. We have entered approximately 15 teams into sports competitions through this year and have won a few of these events. For a school of our size we certainly punch above our weight. It also means that all children of all abilities get an opportunity to represent the school during their time at Manor. Many of these children would not get that chance at a bigger school. With Mr Littler's help we have once again been

## Dates for Your Diary

July	
Fierté Festival week	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Am - Opening assembly for Fierté Festival then archery for each class. School PE kit for all
11 <sup>th</sup>	Am – Burton Albion coaches with Y1-6 Pm – Y4/5 cricket team to Tamworth CC School PE kit for all
12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30-11:30am – Sports Day – Parents invited PE kit in House colours if possible Pm – team from Robins and Swans to multi sports festival at Anker Valley Y5/6 football team to Burton Albion
13 <sup>th</sup>	Pm - Videographer to film sports in school School PE kit for all 3:45-5pm – Y3 netball team to Wilnecote Jr
14 <sup>th</sup>	Own choice of sports wear – closing ceremony/assembly 9am – Parents' Forum (new PTA on agenda)
Final Week	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Start to bring in spare uniform (clean and in good condition)
18 <sup>th</sup>	Pm - Photographer in school to take photos for new website – smartest uniform please!
19 <sup>th</sup>	Penguins performances 9:30am and 5:30pm 2pm – unveiling of 'Heritage Board' at Old Manor Close by Parish Council – some children to attend
20 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day – bring any spare uniform/PE kit in the morning to be sorted and sold after school from 3pm. (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 <sup>st</sup>	Non-uniform day 1:30pm Y6 Leavers' service 2:30pm Unveiling of leavers' plaque and photos 2:50pm guard of honour on playground 3pm - Break up for summer
September	
4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day for staff training
5 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school

### INSET Dates 2023/24

School will be closed for staff training on the following dates next school year:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**

### Curriculum Coverage over the Next Two Weeks

Swans

## 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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## New Website

All Fierté schools will be getting a new website each for the start of the new school year. We are starting to look at what information we will carry over to the new site and we have a photographer booked to come in on 18<sup>th</sup> July to spend the afternoon gathering images to populate the new site. Hopefully the new site will bring us back up-to-date and be an easy to use source of information about Manor.

## Library Reading Challenge

We had a guest librarian in assembly last week to tell the children all about the exciting Summer Reading Challenge. Staffordshire Library Service are running this summer. It involves collecting stickers and

awarded the Gold School Games Mark for this school year. Because we have reached Gold for several years in succession we are able to apply for a platinum award next year. We could never do this without the fabulous support of parents who transport their children to these events for us and of staff who give up their time to attend them too. Thank you.

### Tennis Tournament



Last week we entered the Tamworth tennis tournament. Our team were keen but not very experienced at tennis. They played really well and won a couple of games. The team included two Year 5 boys and a year 4 girl so this will have been good experience for them for future years. Well done to Evie, Maria, Lucas and Archie for your excellent attitudes!



### PTA

Don't forget, the parents' forum meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July at 9pm will be discussing the set up of a new PTA. If you fancy getting involved and playing your part, however small, then either make sure to attend the meeting or leave your details with the office so we can contact you. Exciting times!

Reading	Y1 Little Wandle phase appropriate texts, Y2 influential sports people.
Writing	Story writing based on different journeys.
Maths	Time - Measuring in seconds and minutes.
<b>Owls</b>	
Reading	Inference and retrieval skills will be taught through texts based upon sports personalities and their fact files/ biographies
Writing	Children will complete diaries based upon the Fierté festival days next week
Maths	Position and direction using grids and co ordinates
<b>Penguins</b>	
Reading	
Writing	
Maths	

### Uniform Swap and Book Sale

Think of the cost of one child's uniform then multiply it by the number of children in school and you are soon getting into the thousands of pounds. We try to keep costs down by not demanding logos or expensive styles but costs still mount up. Our Parents' Forum have volunteered to run a uniform swap sale day on the last Thursday of term. This will be a from 3pm. In order to allow any old uniform to be handed in rather than worn, we will have a non-uniform day on that Thursday too. If you have any clean uniform in good condition that your child won't fit into next September, please bring it in at any time from Monday 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be sorted into sizes by volunteers on Wednesday and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> ready for sale. We will charge a nominal fee of £1 per item that will go towards treats for the children on the last day.

While we are selling uniform, we also have lots of children's books we no longer have space for. They are too good to throw away so will be selling them after school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> too. Make sure to bring some change to school that day and pick up some bargains!

### Owls Doods

A well done to all the Owls who took part in the music festival at Coton Green. Children all behaved impeccably and produced some fantastic singing and music playing. Thank you also to the parents from Manor - there was such a huge turn out and they were all very enthusiastic too!

rewards for reading 6 books on the theme of sports and games from the library over the summer. The library bus will visit Drayton Bassett every 2 weeks through the summer if that is more convenient. The schools in Tamworth are competing to see who has the highest percentage uptake. We came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 25 last year with Millfield top. We want to overtake our neighbours this year if we can! Find out more on this link:

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

### School Dinner Prices

You will all have noticed the inflationary food price rises in the supermarkets over the last year and the cost to our kitchens of buying ingredients has risen equally fast. Fierté have fought hard to maintain their prices this year but have had to increase their prices for next school year to £2.60 per meal. Great value still (try making a packed lunch for less than £2.60!) and very convenient. Of course meals are still free for those eligible for free school dinners and for universal free school dinners in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The dinners are still of a high standard (I eat them every day!) and will only get better after a major kitchen refurbishment planned for this summer.

### 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:

**Aspiration! - We always do our best.**



Iggy

Frankie

Emmy

Alfie A



## We are MANOR



## Robins

Robins had a great visit to church where they had a story, a snack and learnt all about the main features of the church. Thank you to Karen Hewish for showing them round and our volunteers for helping to walk them over safely.





## Penguins

Penguins had several Rawlett science teachers come to visit them last week and they looked at the different states of matter. Fun learning in a secondary school style. Penguins loved it!

