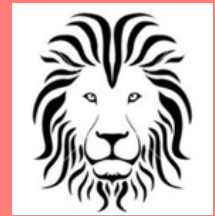


MANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY Summer Term Newsletter



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A message from Fierté:

Dear Parents and Carers,
It is incredible to believe another academic year is nearly at a close. Thank you for the amazing support, encouragement, and collaboration that you have gifted all year. We are one Fierté Family, with a single aim- to champion every child, so that they can flourish and thrive.

Successes

Following a very recent inspection, one of our Trust schools, Anker Moor, has been awarded a **Good Ofsted judgement.**

Inspectors identified that: -

Pupils attend school regularly and form happy memories at Anker Moor Primary Academy. They work and play with kindness and consideration for others. The school's motto of 'learn together, achieve together' is clearly evidenced. Adults know pupils well and care about them. This makes the school a happy and safe place for pupils to learn.

Thank you to the children, staff and parents who have accomplished so much.

The Fierté Festival was a resounding success with our children and staff. Their energy, teamwork and enthusiasm made this week very special. The only disappointment was the weather. A vast range of sports were enjoyed including: wheelchair netball, Nerf Wars, football, netball, climbing, cricket, and dance. The children viewed an extended version of a video of the Festival week, capturing the friendship, fellowship and fun. This will be posted on to the Trust website in September 2023. Thank you to all parents for your patience and flexibility, especially with transport to events. A newly designed website for all Trust schools will be live from September 2023. It has been

Dates for Your Diary

September	
4 th	INSET Day for staff training
5 th	Children return to school Reception 9am-12pm
6 th	Reception 8:50-1:00pm
7 th	Reception full days
8 th	Nursery stay and play 9:30-10:30am
11 th	Owls start weekly swimming lessons at Kingsbury Nursery - 9:30-10:30am
12 th	Nursery 8:50-11:50am
13 th	Nursery who want full days - 8:50am-1pm
14 th	Nursery full days 8:50am-2:50pm
October	
6 th	Parent Forum
27 th	Break up for half term

INSET Dates 2023/24

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

Monday 4th September 2023

Monday 6th November 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Farewell Year 6 and a Happy Summer to All!

Not a dry eye in the house as our fabulous Year 6 leavers' read their memories in church today. They were also excellent in the leavers' production 'I'm an 11 year old, Get me out of Here!' earlier in the week. We are so proud of them and will miss them all hugely. They are more than ready to take on those new challenges that lay ahead. We wish them the best of luck for the future and look forward to hearing about their exciting new adventures.

Uniform Swap and Book Sale

The rain held off and our team of parent volunteers sold used uniform for the bargain price of £1 per item hopefully saving parents significant amounts of money ready for next school year. We also sold lots of books (10p each) from a clear out of the excess we had stored in school. It is great to get these books out of our storage sheds and into children's hands and into homes for them to enjoy over the summer. £47.32 was made for treats for the children on the last day.

School Developments in Summer

As soon as the kitchen is free after school today the workers will be coming in to strip out the old

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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Library Summer Reading Challenge

It was great to see in assembly how many people have already started the exciting Summer Reading Challenge. Staffordshire Library Service are running this summer. It involves collecting stickers and 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 6th 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:

planned with parents in mind and is the culmination of many hours of consultation, discussion, and hard work.

Opportunities

Our partnership with parents is essential in strengthening and supporting the bond between schools and their local communities. Currently, we have vacancies for local governors and Trust Parent Forum Members. We would welcome parents, carers or grandparents with the dedication, skills, and time to commit to working with Trust Leaders for the benefit of our children. Please contact ceo@fierte.org for more information.

Finally, our pupils have made us so proud this year, responding to the guidance of staff and striving to become better readers, writers, mathematicians and extending their knowledge across all areas of the curriculum. They are a fantastic group of children. For those moving on to new pastures, we wish them all the very best that life can bring. Enjoy your summer together and we look forward to the next school year in September with our children and families returning safe and sound.

Happy Summer.
Maria Hamblin

kitchen, replace the flooring and install a new kitchen ready for the new year. This is the first proper investment in the school kitchen for decades and will mean we will have a cooker capable of coping with lots of visitors such as parent meals. The kitchen staff are very excited! We also have about 10 HS2 staff coming to do voluntary work, painting classrooms over the summer. Hopefully they will smarten up the children's working environment ready for a fresh start in September.

School Timings

As mentioned previously, we are following the DfE advice and ensuring all children have 32.5 hours in school each week from September. This means that **all** children will start school at 8:50am and **finish at 3:20pm**. We are also taking the opportunity to adjust some of our timings within the day to streamline our timetabling. For instance we will be making KS1 and KS2 lunchtimes 12-1pm instead of the current staggered start. The older children will have some play time before being called in for lunch. Robins will continue with their 11:50-1pm lunchtime. The extra 5 or 10 minutes of curriculum time here and there add up over time and will mean small but important extras will be fitted in such as a less rushed story time at the end of the day.

Year 6 SATS Results

Our 9 Year 6 children have all worked their socks off and we are proud of each and every one of

	Reading	Writing	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	Mathematics
Manor Primary	67%	67%	78%	89%
National	73%	71%	72%	73%

them. They have made great progress over the years at Manor and each child has so much more value than any results in a test can measure. However the results do matter and the table above shows what they attained in this year's SATS compared with the latest (unverified) national results. Each of the 9 children counts as 11.1% so we are never more than half a child below national. One child having an off day or a good day can mean big swings in our data so it is often not counted as being 'statistically significant'.

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Drayton Bassett Heritage Board

The school council joined Mr Robson and Mrs Frith (Chair of Governors) to represent the school at the unveiling of a new heritage board in Old Manor Close. The Parish Council had invited us and the children were made very welcome with squash and cakes in the WI hall. The board is bound to be a regular stopping point on our local history walks around the village in future.

Sports Week

Well done to all the children for their enthusiasm in the Fierté Festival of sport. Our children put everything into each event and had a great time. Sports Day was well attended by supporters and the children loved performing in front of an audience. Year 2 even brought back a trophy from their multi-skills event at Anker Valley!

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.

The whole school! Well done for a fab last couple of weeks.

We are MANOR

