

#### A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

School is closing today for the half term holiday. We will re-open on Monday 7th June. I sincerely hope the weather improves and we manage to see some sunshine over the holiday, which is long overdue!

Kristina Butlin our extended nursery manager, has made the decision to leave school today to pursue other exciting career opportunities. Kristina has been at Manor Park for fourteen years and she has made significant impact in school, particularly in establishing our very successful extended nursery provision and through her passion for outdoor learning. Goodbye and good luck to her in her new endeavours. She will be greatly missed by children, staff and parents.

Mrs Bygrave is moving from her role as EYFS leader to a new senior leadership position as nursery manager after the holiday. She is now responsible for all aspects of our nursery provision. Do not hesitate to contact her if you require any help. Mrs Healy and Mrs Kavanagh-Byrne will become the assistant headteachers responsible for Reception as part of this senior leadership re-structuring.

Chris Kirby will be getting married on Saturday 5th June. Congratulations to Chris and his partner Charlotte (who he met at Manor Park) at this exciting time. Our best wishes are extended to them and we hope they have a fantastic day.

Children across school will take part in activities to celebrate Oceans Day on June 8th alongside their normal timetable.

The Local Authority has recently produced guidance about transition activities in the summer term which all schools are required to follow. Please read this guidance below, I am also attaching a letter for you to outline the LA current guidance on pupil attendance.

#### Transition Arrangements Statement from Coventry LA

The Local Authority, in conjunction with the Coventry Headteacher Partnership, have collectively agreed how to manage the movement / transition of pupils across the 2nd part of the Summer Term where they begin in a new setting in September. This largely impacts on children and young people starting in reception at a primary school, and those moving to secondary school (Year 6 to Year 7).

Locally, although our number of COVID cases has continued to remain low, there is significant concern about the impact of COVID variants. Bringing children and young people together from different nurseries / schools means mixing bubbles, which is not currently supported by the national school's guidance or local public health advice. The Partnership has agreed, therefore, not to bring these children, young people or parents / carers onto their new school sites in the summer term, and instead there will be virtual arrangements in place. Schools have the flexibility to arrange 1 to 1 onsite meetings / visits if required and may also arrange group visits where children and young people can visit their new school remaining within their current bubble.

Schools have agreed to adapt their arrangements for the start of term in September to ensure that all children and young people have the opportunity to settle into their new school, and some secondary schools are also operating a Summer School in the summer holidays which will also give existing Year 6 pupils the opportunity to spend time on their new school site.

If you have any concerns about how your child will cope moving to their new school, please contact the school to discuss.

Finally, a huge thank you to you all for your overwhelming support over what has been an incredibly successful half term. Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on June 7th.

Kind regards Jill O'Connor Headteacher

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#### EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

We are very proud of the children in Early Years. They have achieved so much this half term. Every day is another adventure in school for them and they are all eager to learn new skills and take part in lots of exciting activities. We are looking forward to another wonderful half term after the holiday and we hope you all have a restful break. Hopefully we will have some sunshine too!

#### Mrs. Bygrave EYFS Phase Leader

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or queries:

#### a\_bygrave@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

#### Learning in Nursery

The children in Nursery have been observing spring flowers and the changing weather that we have been experiencing. As part of their creative work, they have been exploring how to use a variety of methods including colour mixing to make detailed paintings of flowers. The children have also been enjoying dressing up in costumes and playing together in the home corner.

#### Learning in Reception

This week Reception have been looking at pirates and boats. We have taken our time to carefully sketch the school boat.







It's been a fantastic half term for all of the children and staff in the Lower Phase. We are very much looking forward to the remainder of the summer term and hopefully we will see some sunshine! You will continue to receive information via seesaw from class teachers who will share exciting events taking place. Have a fantastic half term break, we will see you back at school on Monday 7th June.

> Thank you so much for your continued support. Mrs Amy Healy a\_healy@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

> k\_kavanagh-byrne@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

#### Learning in Year 1

Year 1 had their D&T day this week. We designed, made, and evaluated our own hand puppets. We had to cut, and join materials together to make them - there was a whole range of unique puppets, and the outcome was fabulous!

#### Learning in Year 2

Year 2 have been learning how to tell the time this week. They have been amazing at telling and drawing the time to quarter to and quarter past. They then moved onto telling the time in 5 minute intervals which they have been incredible at. Super work Year 2!

#### Learning in Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been learning about Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age tools and weapons. The children researched different types and how they were revolutionized over time. The following lesson, the children then used junk modelling to make a weapon of their own. We had a great afternoon being creative and watching the creations come to life!







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#### Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

The Upper Phase children have worked extremely hard this term and fully deserve the half term break. We have given out lots of AR certificates this week for our reading stars and we already have 4 millionaires in the Upper Phase. We have spoken to the children this week about the importance of getting outside during the half term holiday and have set them the challenge of completing an activity outside at least once a day. Please support them with this and we would love to see some photos of your activities on Seesaw.

I hope you have a wonderful half term with your families and enjoy the sunnier weather that is heading our way!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on:

t\_brown@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

#### Learning in Year 4

As part of our design technology learning this week, Year 4 designed and created Native American headdresses.

#### Learning in Year 5

This week, the children have written some amazing poetry about a rocket's journey into space. They have used a range of figurative language techniques and presented their poems beautifully.

#### Learning in Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been learning about work of the Beninese artist Cyprien Tokoudogba. We then completed our own pieces of art, inspired by the Kingdom of Benin using pattern to add detail, movement and interest to our work. Year 6, you are incredible artists! Well done!







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With summer fast approaching, we are opening our lists for our September sessions.

If you need to extend your child's day, either before or after school, please get in touch for more information.

All sessions need to be pre-booked, which can be done by emailing: k\_buckley@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk

Sessions and costs:

7.30 - 8.45AM £5.50 per child, per day.

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Breakfast is served during this session (a reduced menu is available during covid restrictions)

- 3.30 4.30PM £4.50 per child, per day.
- 3.30 5.00PM £6.75 per child, per day.
- 3.30 5.30PM £8.50 per child, per day.
- 3.30 6.00PM £10.50 per child, per day.

Currently, we are offering a pre-booked sandwich as a snack option after school.

Fruit, milk and water are available daily during all sessions.



Resilient



Manor Park Primary School

## This item belongs to:

### PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS

## LOST PROPERTY

We make every effort to return any item that finds it's way to our lost property, however the volume of items without a name makes this a very difficult task. Please name your child's belongings so that if found, we can ensure it gets back to them. Any items without a name that have not been collected after 2 weeks will be sent to charity.



# Players of ALL abilities COME JOIN US

## Ages 6-17

## BOYS & GIRLS Sundays 10am



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