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Dear Parents and Carers,

Life in school continues to be very busy with lots more events and experiences planned for the children over the next few weeks. The days of winding down towards the end of term, that I experienced when I first started teaching, are well and truly long gone!

Transition

Our transition arrangements have begun in earnest in the last two weeks, with lots of visits from our soon to be Year 3 pupils from their infant schools. Staff are working tremendously hard to gather information from our Year 2 colleagues and at the other end of the school, pass information on to secondary schools.

Our main transition day for all pupils will be taking place on Thursday 3rd July. Children currently in Years 3-5 will get to spend time in their new class bases with their new teachers on the afternoon of this day. At the end of the day, they will bring out a letter with this new information to you.

There are always mixed feelings at this time of the year because change, no matter how positive, is hard. As parents and carers, it can also be hard not to transfer our own worries for our children on to them and to remain positive about new adventures and opportunities. Our children look to us however for reassurance everything is going to be fine and so please discuss any concerns you may have out of earshot of your child. As always, pop in and see us or send an e-mail if there is something you think we need to know or can help with. I am going to try and remember my words of wisdom in a couple of weeks when my eldest child flies to Australia for a year abroad as part of her university course, but if you see me on the playground you might need to remind me to do the same!!

Summer Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our summer fair last Saturday – it was a hot one! I am pleased to say that we managed to raise just over £1787 which is amazing. Thank you to all the school staff and volunteers who gave up their time to help organise and run the fair. These events really cannot run without their good will.

Water bottles

Just a quick reminder to remember to send a named water bottle in with your child each day. We can refill bottles in the classroom and at lunch, but if pupils have not got a bottle in school it makes it much harder for us to keep your child hydrated.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Findlay
Headteacher

News from the Year Teams

Year 3

We are all looking forward to 3Q's assembly this afternoon.

We had an awesome Egyptian Day this week, full of creativity, fun, and fantastic learning! The children immersed themselves in a range of exciting activities, including drama, art, and history. From acting out life in ancient Egypt to designing their own Egyptian portrait and learning about the lives of pharaohs and the people of ancient Egypt, everyone got stuck in with great enthusiasm. A huge thank you to all families for the effort put into the incredible costumes – they truly brought the day to life!

In English, we have begun exploring a National Geographic Kids article to discover the fascinating process of Egyptian mummification. Using what we've learned, we will soon begin crafting our very own top-secret, step-by-step guides on how to turn an ordinary person into a perfect mummy, fit for the afterlife. Next week, in maths, we'll be revisiting addition and subtraction, focusing on solving problems with up to 3-digit numbers using both mental strategies and jottings to build fluency and confidence.

Our design and technology lessons have introduced the concept of shell structures, laying the foundation for designing and creating our own unique seed packages. In PE, we've been developing our teamwork and problem-solving skills through a variety of engaging challenges. Meanwhile, in PSHE, the children have taken on the role of safety detectives, working hard to identify and label potential hazards in different situations. Mrs Brown (in 3Q) and the EARA group have set an exciting competition to design a Manor Junior school diversity logo - entries are due in by 4th July.

Thank you for your continued support – we're looking forward to more exciting weeks of learning!

Year 4

Year 4 have really been enjoying their Ruthless Romans topic over the last few weeks. We have had some fascinating conversations about Roman military tactics and what life was like in Roman Britain. The children have also learnt about Boudicca and how her Celtic army fought against the Romans. In reading lessons, we have been having a go at reading the speech that Boudicca reportedly gave to her troops at the time. This has been great practice as the children will now be having a go at writing their own speeches as Boudicca using lots of emotive language, rhetorical questions and repetition to persuade their troops to fight for them! We have also looked at famous wartime speeches by Winston Churchill and Queen Elizabeth I this term to inspire this writing.

We have now started our new topic, 'It's What's Inside That Counts', which bridges both Science and DT. The children have been learning about the different food groups and the nutrients that they provide. They have looked at the 'Eatwell Plate' and considered how to design a healthy, balanced meal. We are looking forward to designing and making our own pizzas later this term and will be tasting some pizzas next week (please ensure you have let us know if your child has any relevant allergies or intolerances). The children will be inviting you in to taste and evaluate their pizzas at our Pizza Picnic – this will be at 2:30pm on Wednesday 16th July if you would like to add it to your diary (more details to follow soon).

The MTC might be complete, but our times tables practice continues so that everyone is well prepared for the Year 5 maths curriculum. Any practice that you can do at home will still be really valuable. Your child's Multiplication Tables Check result will be included in the same envelope as their end of year report. It is then your choice whether you would like to share this with your child. Please remember that this is just one small measure of your child's achievement this year and should be read alongside all of the other information in their report.

Don't forget that next Tuesday 1st July is Roman Day in Year 4! The children are invited to dress up as Romans (or Celts) for the day. Please ask if you would like any help with this.

Year 5

I just wanted to start off with a MASSIVE well done to all of the children Year 5 for their positive attitude and hard work towards their testing in the last few weeks. All of the children should be very proud of their achievements, we certainly are!

Well done to all of the Year 5 children who took part in the music concert, you were an inspiration to us all. It has been lovely to see so many children getting involved in music. Remember, we still have a few spaces for Rock Steady and for music lessons next year if your child is interested at all.

Year 5 have had the pleasure of doing a workshop with NSPCC this week on how to keep themselves safe. We learnt about Buddy and different people we can speak to if we have any worries. Year 5 have been lucky enough to have Miss Torbet teaching them to play the Flute every Monday, which they are all enjoying. They are learning how to make a sound using the flute mouth piece and playing a simple tune.

In English, we have just finished our writing on 'The man who walked the towers'. All of Year 5 really impressed us with how far their writing has come this year, including their use of punctuation. Year 5 are excited to share the stories they wrote with their buddies in a few weeks' time.

In history, we have been studying Islamic history. This week we had a picture hunt in the sensory garden to try and guess what the inventions were and in groups we chose an area of Islamic history to research and present.

During PE lessons, we have been lucky enough to be learning a range of different sports including cricket, rounders and La Crosse. The children have shown that they can adapt their striking and fielding skills to a range of different sports.

Just a reminder that homework is still due in on a Friday each week. Alongside this, children should still be completing their reading, spelling shed and TTRS homework.

Year 6

The play rehearsals have finally begun! With only 3 weeks to go until Production day we are fully immersing ourselves in all things theatrical! Our first cast read through went really well and it was obvious that the children have been practising their lines, they now 'just' need to memorise them! We are looking to borrow four small suitcases: child-play ones would be best. Please email if you have one that we could borrow. If your child will need any costume 'bits' we will let you know asap, but otherwise leave it with us!

Our Big Business project has launched and after some market research using our school community we have decided on our products. With a small budget we have placed our orders for materials, so we are nearly ready to begin manufacturing. Next, we will need to make some prototypes to pass quality-control checks, then test our market to try to calculate supply and demand, before mass production begins. Some budding entrepreneurs are amongst us!

In English we have continued to study the popular book of 'Holes' and have almost completed our writing portfolios for teacher assessment. You will be notified of all SATs results and these teacher assessments around mid-July.

In maths we are continuing to up our standards of understanding in fractions and to continue to revise and improve on previous topics as part of our spiral curriculum. Getting secondary school ready is also on our radar.

Also over the last few weeks each class will be going over to the Infant School to support Reception children with their reading. The enthusiasm of our Y6 pupils has been amazing to see and the positive comments from adults and even the younger pupils has been so lovely to hear. Year 6 - a real credit to our school!