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HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN
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10th February 2025

Dear Year 5 Parents and Carers

Below is information about key events coming up for Year 5.

Year 5 Play

Mr Gunn has been busy writing our Year 5 play entitled 'Starship Lighthawk' and we have held auditions. We will be doing two performances on Wednesday April 2nd at 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m., a letter will be coming out after half term for you to reserve your tickets.

Treehouse Theatre

In the Spring term, Year 5 will be studying the later Anglo Saxons and the Vikings. To support our learning we are thrilled to be having a visit from The Treehouse Theatre Company on Monday 10th March. The aim of the visit is for the children to perform 'A Play in a Day', titled 'Vikings versus Saxons'.

On this day we will be having a history theme day! Over the course of the day the children will be in four groups and each group will learn a scene of the play. In the afternoon, they will all perform to each other and the whole story will come alive. When the children aren't in the hall with the Treehouse Theatre group, they will be learning about the Vikings and later Anglo Saxons through different activities.

To help get us all in the Viking mood, we would love it if everyone could dress up as a Viking. Below are some ideas for costumes. We will send this out again for you nearer the time.

Viking Men

Viking men wore a knee length woollen shirt called a Kirtle. They also wore a shorter undershirt made from linen or wool. A leather belt was wrapped around the kirtle. Kirtles were made of wool and would be dyed a single colour, and sometimes decorated with silk or metal. Viking men wore long cloth trousers which were generally tight fitting. They wound strips of leather up to the knee in a criss-cross pattern. Cloaks were made from rough wool or animal skins, fastened at the neck by long pins. The Vikings had long hair and long moustaches with neatly trimmed beards. When not wearing their battle helmets, the men wore hoods or fur caps.

Viking Women

Viking women wore a loose woollen or linen dress and used brooches to fasten and hold it up. Sometimes they wore an over-dress held up by two shoulder straps that were fastened with oval brooches. The brooches were sometimes called 'tortoise' brooches because of their shape. The over-dress often had a band of decoration at the hem. Women used a brooch with a chain to carry and hang things they needed such as combs and scissors. Women often

covered their long hair with a scarf. Viking women wore jewellery of gold and silver which included brooches, bracelets, armbands and rings. The jewellery often had intricate twisted designs or animal patterns.

Natural History Museum

After Easter, we will be starting our topic around volcanoes, earthquakes and fossils. To support our learning, we will be going to the Natural History Museum in London on Wednesday 7th May. During the day the children will get to explore the museum and have a workshop from the experts at the museums about earthquakes and volcanoes. To make sure that the children get the most out of the day we will be leaving at 9.00 a.m. and coming back to school at 4.00 p.m. Please return the slip at the bottom of this letter so that we know how your child is getting home – thank you.

In order to cover the cost of the trip and the Theatre Company visit, we will be seeking payments of £21.00 per child. **If insufficient funds are forthcoming the trip will be cancelled.** Please pay for this online via SCOPAY under the trips and events section. The deadline for paying for this is Wednesday 5th March 2025. If you are having financial difficulties, please contact the school office for advice. Pupils are required to wear their full school uniform on this day but may wear trainers as they will be on their feet for most of the day.

The children will need to bring a packed lunch (please remember, no glass or fizzy drinks) and **no products with nuts of any kind**. Ideally sent in a disposable bag that can be thrown away.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ONLY - If your child is entitled to free school meals, we will provide them with a packed lunch from the kitchen if you would like us to do so. Please email adminoffice@manor-junior.hants.sch.uk by Wednesday 5th March 2025 to request a packed lunch from school. Otherwise, it will be assumed that you will be providing your own from home.

If your child suffers from travel sickness and requires medication for the return journey then you will need to come in to the school prior to the trip to complete a medical consent form along with the full packaging of the tablet. Please ensure that your child has any medication that they may need with them on the day (inhalers, epipens etc.). This must be named and given to the child's group leader.

If you have any questions regarding the visit, please contact your child's teacher. We are looking forward to our visit to the Natural History Museum and the visit from the Treehouse Theatre. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Miss Dakin
Year 5 Lead

Natural History Museum
Arrangement for collection at 4.00 p.m.

Name of child: Class:

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I will collect my child at 4.00 p.m.

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My child will be collected by: at 4.00 p.m.

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My child attends Wraparound Care

Please tick one of the boxes above so that we know how your child is getting home – thank you

Signed:

Parent/Carer

Date: