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HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to see how settled the children have been in their classrooms over the past couple of weeks and how focussed they have been on their learning. We have had a bit of a wet start to the term, but we have enjoyed the sunshine today when playing out on the field at lunchtime.

Our Year 3 children have made a wonderful start to joining Manor Junior School, settling in beautifully and embracing the new routines with enthusiasm. It has been lovely to see them being Ready, Respectful, Safe and Kind both in lessons and during playtimes and lunch times. A highlight so far has been our 'Fantastic Fairy Tale Day Dress-Up Day' – the effort put into costumes was incredible, and it really brought the stories to life. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support in making the day so special!

Year 4 had some visitors in on Thursday from Hart Leisure Centre to deliver an assembly on water safety. This was an excellent addition to their current PSHE unit on the subject and Year 4 enjoyed learning more about how to stay safe at the beach and at the swimming pool. We are very grateful to Heather, Paula and the Bee Active bee for their time and expertise.



I have seen some beautiful work from our Year 5 pupils including space poems and art work. They have really applied themselves in their books and when writing their poems up neatly. Year 5 are looking forward to their trip to the Winchester Science Museum on 15th October. Don't forget to sign your child up for this if they are in Year 5 by Wednesday 1st October on SCOPAY.

Year 6 have been out and about on local walks over the last two weeks as part of their geography learning. They have also started to undertake a range of responsibilities around the school, including setting things up for assemblies, helping to set up sports equipment and supporting children at the infant school during lunchtime. Thank you, Year 6!

Lunchtimes

We have started using the sensory garden more at lunchtimes where we are developing a mud kitchen area for the children to play. In addition, we are hoping for the children to remain using the field for as long as possible as we progress into the Autumn as this provides more space and opportunity for games.

If you are able to send a spare pair of welly boots or older trainers to school in a plastic carrier bag that can be hung on their peg this is really helpful when we want to continue outdoor play and learning in the wet weather. Please make sure your child's bag and footwear are named!

Homework

Children will bring home a spelling homework sheet each week which they should complete and return to their teacher. Please note that this replaces the online Spelling Shed homework that we trialled last year.

In addition to this, each year group will have a homework project set every half term. This will have some activities for children to choose from to support their learning in school and will be sent home by email shortly.

Later in the year, Years 5 and 6 will have additional Maths and English homework. Parents of children in these year groups will be contacted about this nearer the time.

As well as this set homework, in all year groups it is important that children are reading regularly. Any reading that they do – independently or with an adult – can be recorded in their reading record. Children also have logins for Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) and Oxford Reading Buddy which are useful tools for practising maths and reading skills at home. Please ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions about homework.

Keeping your child safe online

There has been lots of concern recently on the news about the dangers of the internet and AI, especially for children. We see the results of this in school with children finding it difficult to concentrate when away from a device or being victims of online bullying, scams, sexual content or screen addiction. There is also proven links between increased screen time and poor mental health and studies have been published which show the effect that internet use and Social Media can have on children's brain development.

We know all our parents care deeply for their children and it is very hard in today's world to keep a child completely "screen free". However, there is a lot of support available to make sure your child can access the positive educational and social side of the internet whilst minimising the potential harm.

Basic tips include:

- **Having agreed time limits on devices and clear boundaries on using them.**
- **The internet only to be used in public areas of the home (living room)**
- **Regular and open conversations with your child on what they are doing online**
- **Set up parental controls on all devices and with your internet provider** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

To support parents to keep their children safe, the NSPCC have free online training <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>

There is also lots of information available for parents on the following websites

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

If you have any questions about how to keep your child safe online (or anywhere else) you can always email our family support worker l.hoggan@manor-junior.hants.sch.uk or ring her on 01252 544072. Alternatively, you can find her at the back gate in the mornings or at the first coffee morning at 8.45 am on 25th September.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Blissett, Mrs King, Miss Henderson and Miss Torbet who took part in the 'Surrey 5 Peaks Charity Hikeathon' (For the Surrey Care Trust). They walked the 13 mile route from Shere Village Hall to Christchurch Community Hall in Brockham. Well done ladies!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming your children back on Monday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Findlay
Headteacher