

# Parents' Newsletter 20

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Great Fire Experience



On Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, parents from years 1 and 2 were invited into school to take part in our Great Fire of London Experience. We hope that you enjoyed your tours!

## KS1 Sportshall Athletics



On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, Mrs Munns took 8 children from years 1 and 2 to Testwood Sports College to take part in this years rescheduled indoor athletics competition. The children performed exceptionally well. They tried their best and enjoyed the event.

## Praizin' Hands - All Change



Praizin' Hands visited Manor last week. They performed a 'Moving On' show which talked about the transition to the next year group. The children really enjoyed the performance.

## Work Sharing

It was lovely to see so many parents at our work sharing last Wednesday. Thank you for coming along.

## Year 1 and 2 HMS Bamboo Tamboo Concert



Well done to the

children in years 1 and 2 who took part in the final Hampshire Music Service Bamboo Tamboo Concert this year. We look forward to our music teacher, Sue Constance, joining us again next year to work with children in Years 1 and 2.

## School Council



We have had a fantastic School Council again this year. Our School Council includes pupils, LSAs, MDSAs, Governors, teachers and representatives from the church. This year the School Council have continued to develop the Healthy Schools target of healthy eating and keeping active, whilst also tackling issues that have arisen during the year. Some of the main activities have been:

Actions:	Impact:
Collection and visits to the Foodbank	Raised the profile of a local charity which some of our families have used. It taught the children about the value of donating to people who are less fortunate.
Ran stalls at the church fetes. The School Council organised for the children to enter the design a plate competition.	Raised funds for the church. Raised the profile of the school.
Promoted 'Bags For Life' fund raising at Tesco	We received the highest votes and received the largest amount of grant money - £12,000. The school was able to purchase the new play trail. The children are healthier as they are able to use the new play trail.
School Council ran a playtime rules competition	Improved behaviour at playtimes. All children know the playtime rules.
School Council carried out site risk assessments	All children are safer at school.
School Council organised discos	Children were active and keeping healthy.

	Children from across the school were socialising and enjoying time together.
Themed lunches	Raised the profile of school lunches and children have tried different foods.
School Council meal	Children fed back to HC3S about the school menu. Children were able to suggest ideas for food they would like and designed their own menu for one day. 1 child tried school dinners for the first time and has continued to have them.
School Council meetings	Children have had the chance to share their views and the views of their class. The school community has a voice through the LSAs, MDSAs, Governors and church. Children have been making decisions that impact on the whole school.

Thank you to the School Council for all that they have done.

### Manor's Got Talent

Yesterday we were again entertained by some fantastic performances ranging from magicians, singers, dancers and acrobats to puppeteers and comedians. Well done everyone for taking part.



### Calling all parents of under fives - 30 hours free childcare

Parents can now check if they are eligible for the Government's 30 hours free childcare for their three and four year olds by using the online childcare calculator at [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator)

From September 2017 parents will be entitled to a maximum of 1140 hours of free childcare, which doubles the existing 570 hours currently available to all three and four year olds. This could save working parents up to £5000 a year.

To confirm eligibility parents will need to submit an

online application via the Childcare Choices website [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).

They will receive a reference code which will need to be given to their registered childcare provider. The childcare provider will validate the code with the local authority and confirm eligibility. If authorised, parents will then be able to discuss when the free hours of childcare can begin with their childcare provider.

### **Tax-Free Childcare**

Parents can now check to see if they are eligible to receive up to 20% of financial help towards childcare costs from the Government through the Tax-Free Childcare scheme. This could help towards additional hours not covered by free entitlements; before and after school childcare and holiday childcare.

For an explanation of the eligibility criteria and for more details on all Government schemes offering childcare support, visit the Childcare Choices website at, [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

And finally...

As we approach the end of term I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children for working so hard at school this year. All of the staff and governors at Manor wish you a wonderful summer. We wish those children moving onto a new school the best of luck in Year 3, you have made us very proud. We look forward to seeing the rest of the children back in school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** for the start of the Autumn term

Best wishes,

**Michelle Hale**  
Headteacher



### Message from the Governors

As another year comes to a close, the Governors and I would like to thank Mrs Hale, the teaching staff, support staff, parents and carers, HC3S, PTFA members and most importantly the children for another great year.

To the children going on from Yellow class to other schools we wish them the best of luck in their future education, as we look forward to welcoming a new cohort into Blue class.

It has been another busy year for the school with some excellent achievements both academically and socially across the whole school.

We are particularly proud of the wonderful play trail that was installed thanks to the support of Tesco and the National Lottery Fund. The play trail will be a highlight for many of the current and future children at Manor, creating some wonderful, lasting memories.

As the summer holiday approaches we wish you a happy, safe holiday period and look forward to welcoming the children back in September for another productive term.

Take care,

Daniel and the Governors of  
Manor CofE Infant School



### Diary Dates

Friday 21st July	Last day of the Summer term 12.30pm Leavers lunch followed by an assembly
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Days – School closed

Academic Year 2017-18	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Children in Years 1 and 2 return to school
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Year R Home Visits
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Holidays
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	INSET day – school closed
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of the Spring term
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET day – school closed
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET day – school closed
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET day school closed
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Start of the Summer holidays

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