



Manor Primary School

'Learning Together, Achieving Our Best'

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After so many snow-free years, it's hard to believe that we were disrupted on Monday for a second time this year. The decision to close the school is not taken lightly and we would always aim to open if at all possible, but on this occasion we had too many members of staff unable to travel to work, and with an amber weather warning in place we were concerned for everyone's health and safety. Let's hope that this is now all over and that Spring is around the corner!

On Tuesday we were visited by the other Headteachers from our South Devon Primary Partnership for a review day. Our visitors observed teaching and learning in most classes, including conversations with children and scrutiny of their work. Their feedback was very positive, and they particularly commented on the quality of the children's workbooks, which indicate that they are making very good progress. We were given some ideas for areas to work on, which we will be building in to our school development over the next few weeks. Two years on from our Ofsted inspection, we were very grateful to receive this feedback and will ensure that it is used constructively.

Diary Dates

Monday 26th March, 5-6.30— Friends School Disco

Tuesday 27th March, 2.30pm —Kestrels class assembly, parents and families welcome.

Tuesday 27th March—Easter mufti in exchange for a 'chocolate' contribution (Year 6 –hot cross buns).

Wednesday 28th March, 3-4pm—Friends' Easter Tea in the hall. All welcome.

Thursday 29th March – Last day of term

Monday 16th April— First day of Summer term

Menu Change—Last day of term

Please note that on the last day of term next Thursday, our main meal will now be fish and chips.

Grass Banks

May we please remind parents not to allow their children to walk or play on the grass at the front of school — something that can be a particular problem at the end of the day. This includes younger children who are waiting for their siblings to come out of school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Staff Changes

Mrs Mitton in the school office is retiring at Easter after almost 27 years of working at Manor. Mrs Mitton will be very much missed by us all for her expertise (she is the font of all knowledge about our children and families!), her hard work and her sense of humour, and we are sure you will all join us in wishing her a long and happy retirement. Mrs Morgan is stepping into the role after the holidays, with her job being filled by our new admin assistant, Mrs Jennifer Fricker, whom we look forward to welcoming onto the team.

We are also able to inform parents that Mr Wills will be leaving at the end of the Summer term—he is moving on to various new ventures, and again we will be wishing him well for a happy and prosperous future.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Douglas is expecting a baby, which is due in July. She will be going on maternity leave from the end of the summer term. This is the first baby amongst Manor staff for quite a while, and we are all very excited!

Well done to Kestrels who have won the attendance shield with an attendance rate of 98.6%

Congratulations to Oak for winning the House Points Cup with 145 house points.

Well done to this week's winners of Gold Certificates—Isabelle and Rhys (Hedgehogs), Caitlyn (Stoats), Scarlet (Hares), Noah (Kestrels) and Ethan (Otters)



Forthcoming 'Theme for the Week'

Easter—the Easter story, and what Easter means for different people.

