



19th April 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We had a few days of warm weather but the heating is back on in school again now! It's been great to welcome everyone back for the start of the Summer Term, especially Year 6 proudly wearing their hoodies to mark their last term in primary school. Children will be awarded their attendance badges in assembly today. For each full term attendance, they are given a 100% badge, we have a number of children getting their silver badge today for having 100% attendance in Autumn and Spring. Hopefully they will keep it up and get their gold badge at the end of this term.

Staff changes

Three members of staff have secured promotions and are sadly leaving Manford. Mrs Fricker, who worked at the school for many years is now working for the SEN team at Redbridge. Similarly, Mrs Holyoak will soon be starting work as an outreach teacher-sharing her expertise across a number of schools. Miss Hood in the school office has accepted a job much closer to her home-her commute each day is even longer than mine at the moment! We are currently advertising and interviewing to replace these staff, although Mrs Gould has already started as Mrs Fricker's replacement in the SEN team at school.

Additionally, Mrs Choudhry has some very exciting news-she is expecting her first child in the Summer and will be going on maternity leave at the end of this term.

Parent Governor

I have sent out the information about this role with this newsletter. We are hopeful that a parent will be interested in this role, although so far, we haven't had contact from anyone. If you are interested, please get in touch! The closing date is Tuesday 23rd April.

Abuse towards staff

Unfortunately, in the days before the Easter break and again this week staff have been subject to abusive behaviour and language. The vast majority of you recognise how hard we work and how much we care, often going above and beyond to help children and families. Just as in other professions, we should not have to put up with being shouted at, threatened or sworn at. We will not engage with parents who behave in this manner and they may be banned from the school site if their unacceptable behaviour continues.

Communication

I know if you are reading this then you are a parent who checks their emails! However, we have a number of parents who don't know what's going on in school because they don't check their emails. So, when you get an email from school could the email checkers remind your fellow parents to look at their emails? I know there are parent whatsapp groups etc-perhaps someone could post on there when there is an important email from school.

Going to the park after school

Every year I have to let you know that there is regularly unacceptable and anti-social behaviour in the park on Manford Way after school. This isn't just Manford pupils, it's local children and teenagers from other schools too.

Dates for your diary

April

Monday 22nd- Reception hearing and vision checks (children that have not been seen so far)

Tuesday 23rd-deadline for applications to become a parent governor

Wednesday 24th Year 5 Eid Assembly

Monday 29th Our special guests arrive- duck eggs ready to hatch

May

Thursday 2nd-School closed for polling day. Preschool, Year 6 and 5H in school as normal

Monday 6th Bank Holiday-school closed

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th Year 6 SATs tests