

21st June 2024

What's been happening in school?

- Coffee mornings have been held to discuss the Relationships and Sex education curriculum as well as information about special educational needs.
- Our pre-school children have been on a visit to the local shops
- Year 1 have visited Brocket Wood
- Year 4 presented an assembly all about the Jewish festival of Shavuot
- We have celebrated all of the staff school who work hard to teach your children by joining in with [Thank a Teacher Day](#).
- Year 5 attended a taster morning at The Forest Academy today
- The whole school has taken part in National School Sports Week (see below)

There are only 4 more weeks left of this academic year and there are still lots of things in the school diary. There are dates **at the end** of this newsletter.

Sports Week

The sun has been out for our Sports Week this week. As a link with the Paris Olympics due to take place this summer the children of Manford have taken part in a run to Paris-they have run a total of 461 kilometers! We have had all of the track and field events and have run heats, semis and finals, in standing long-jump, hurdles and javelin. We have been lucky enough to have Year 10 PE students



from The Forest Academy to help at the end of the week. When I was out on the field yesterday afternoon the children were having lots of fun and being great at cheering each other on and encouraging their peers. A number of children have told me that this has been the best sports week ever.

Safeguarding update

Over the past two weeks we have had two visits to school from 'Improvement Partners'-experienced leaders from other authorities who advise schools. One of these was a safeguarding advisor from Havering who was impressed with the culture of safeguarding in school.

Unfortunately, there have been some incidents at the park on Manford Way. I have let the Safer Neighbourhood Officers know and they will have an increased presence over the coming weeks.

Behaviour Policy

We are reviewing our behaviour policy over the summer holiday and will be using an online platform, hopefully this will be ready for September. Next week we will be taking input from the

children. We will continue to hold our weekly 'Celebration Assemblies' where we praise good attendance, achievements outside of school and good learning behaviours.

After School and Breakfast Clubs-Wraparound childcare

We have been planning to extend our after-school club opening hours until 6pm for a while. I am pleased to tell you that we are in a position to be able to offer after school childcare from 3.15 until 6pm, hopefully in September. We have also applied for some funding for new equipment.

Warmer weather

As we seem to be heading into summer at last, please make sure you apply sun cream before school. You may also want to provide your child with a hat and a bottle for water.



Do you have a two-year old?

We are currently looking into extending our pre-school to open a Nursery for [funded 2-year-olds](#). Fingers crossed we will be able to open this in January. More information to follow.

Year 6 leavers

Transition is well underway now as our Year 6 pupils prepare to start secondary school in September. There are lots of events planned for them to mark the end of primary school. Dates are below but details will follow from the class teachers. These events are not part of curriculum teaching and therefore children who do not meet behaviour expectations may not be allowed to join in.

Thurs 11th July-sailing at Fairlop Waters

Friday 12th July Party Time

Wed 17th July-Leavers Performance- 9.15am (with babies)

1.45 adults only

Thurs 18th July- Pizza party

Friday 19th July-shirt signing

Please check the [school calendar](#) for the dates children are expected to attend their new schools.

Dates for your diary

Thurs 27th June- Meeting for new Reception Parents 2pm or 4pm

Wed 3rd July- Coffee morning, 9am, with Educational Psychologist about SEN.

Thurs 4th July-Polling Day, only Year 5 and Pre school to come into school. Work for other year groups will be on google Classroom.

Fri 5th July- Year 4 trip to London Zoo

Monday 8th July- Year 6 visiting Hainault Youth Centre for a 'World of Work' event

Thursday 11th July- Year 4 and KS2 young carers have been invited to see 'Matilda' by the drama students at The Forest Academy.

Mon 14th July- Recorder Group attending Arts Festival at Coppice Primary

Tuesday 16th July- music recital performances

Wed 17th July- Year 6 leavers performance

Fri 19th July School closes for the Summer **2pm**. No after school/breakfast club

Wed 4th September-School re-opens for Autumn Term