



7th June 2024

What's been happening in school?

- The Year Six children have now completed their SATs and are now preparing for their end of year celebrations as well as visiting their new schools and taking part in transition activities.
- Our recorder group performed brilliantly at the Recorder Festival and are now gearing up for a performance with our local schools in July.
- A number of staff were invited to attend the Redbridge Education Awards. Manford staff received 8 nominations and all of those staff received certificates from the Director of Education. Mrs Clarke in Year 2 was shortlisted for Teacher of the Year. Unfortunately, she didn't win at the ceremony but we are really proud to have her as a member of the team and it's great that her skills were recognised.
- The Reception classes welcomed parents for a stay and play session just before the half term break.

Staffing Update

We are fully staffed with teachers ready for September. Miss Sandhu who currently works in Year 1 is leaving the country to go travelling and her role is being filled by an experienced teacher, Miss Jones. Miss Hoque is joining us from another local school and will be teaching in Key Stage 2. Mrs Allaway is reducing her teaching hours. We have also appointed a new Deputy Headteacher to join the senior leadership team with myself, Mrs Anderson, Mrs James and Mrs Lawman. Mrs Prasad comes to us as an experienced leader at Cranbrook primary. We also have a new Midday Supervisor, Mrs Saroye.

School Trips

I wrote to you earlier this year about the significant challenges we are having with funding. This was after the parent survey revealed that you'd like your children to go on more trips, further than the local area. We currently have two trips booked, one for Year 4 to go to London Zoo and the Year 6 residential for September. Unfortunately, it looks like one or both of these may not be able to go ahead as we have not received enough payments/donations. For example, the zoo trip, which costs £9 per child, has only had contributions from 32 parents out of the 60 children in the year group. The school budget has no 'spare' funds for us to subsidise this trip.

Preparing for the new year

Teachers are busy writing reports about your children which will be shared with you in July. Some year groups have seen lots of children leave and new children join. This has resulted in classes not being balanced in terms of numbers of girls and boys or children with additional needs. We will be mixing some year groups up and hope to arrange children to spend time in their new classes before the summer. We know that some children find change difficult and we'll support them through the

process. For the last two years teachers have hosted a welcome meeting in the hall at the start of September so that you can meet them and they can tell you what to expect. We will be running these welcome meetings again.

Dates for your diary

6th June- Welcome meeting for new Reception parents

12th June Shavuot Assembly- Year 4

13th June Class and Group photos

17th to 21st June National School Sports week (details to follow)

19th June Coffee Morning- Race and Equality Awareness team

19th June National [Thank a Teacher day](#)

21st June Year 5 Taster Morning at Forest Academy

27th June New Reception parents meeting with teachers

27th June 'Colours of Redbridge' workshop for 30 selected children (this is part of a wider event at Fairlop Waters which we will send details of when we get them)

3rd July Coffee Morning-

4th July- School Closed-Polling. Year 5, 5H and pre-school are to come in as usual

5th July Year 4 trip to London Zoo (hopefully)

8th July Year 6 'World of Work' workshop (details to follow)

15th July local schools Arts Festival (recorder group performing)

16th July (tbc) Music Ensemble performance in school

19th July Children finish school at **2pm**

In addition, there will be a Year 6 leavers assembly and attendance awards in the last week of term