

### **A message from the Chair of Governors**

Our Governors are a vital team of volunteers who mostly work 'behind the scenes' to support the school, monitoring our progress and successes as well as carrying out their roles as 'critical friends' and holding school leaders to account. Our Chair of the Governing Board, Mandy Roberts, asked me to include a message from her in this newsletter. One of the priorities in the coming year is to communicate better with parents, the Governing Body are included in this aim.

I am very proud to be chair of Governors at Manford Primary and thankful for such a committed and talented staff team who care deeply and are dedicated to the children of Manford and the development of the school. This morning I was in the Year 6 leavers assembly, the atmosphere in the room was one of excitement at the new chapter which awaits the students as well as sadness at leaving the Manford community. Our school's vision of empowering children to change the world was really evident in the children's maturity, thankfulness and respect. As we move to a new academic year, we wish them all the best and I look forward to supporting Manford's journey in a changing educational climate.

### **More celebrations!**

Many thanks to our West Hatch work experience students who have completed a 2-week placement-they were a pleasure to have in school and I hope the experience leads them to consider teaching as a future career.

I had a great 'award ceremony' with the 19 children and 3 staff who won their gold 100% attendance awards- they didn't miss a day of school all year-very impressive!



Year 6's performance of Bugsy Malone on Friday was really special, staff, children, parents and residents from the Pinewood residential home enjoyed the shows. Some of the residents who attended have been in touch to thank the children and staff saying, "an afternoon which will live long in our memories" I'm sure the Year 6 children were relieved when the final performance was over! Today we had a moving farewell assembly and our traditional Manford 'clapout' at the end of the day.

### **Thank you from the staff**

Many staff have come to me very appreciative of the kind words, cards and gifts families have shared. I know that all of the staff at Manford work incredibly hard to care for and support your children so that they thrive in school. The wonderful young people our current Year 6 pupils have become are testament to this. Staff are always thankful for the recognition and thanks they receive from the families they work with.



### Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September- children return to school

Weeks 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September- Parent welcome meetings with teachers

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 'Dress like a rock star' 2025 launch of Times Tables Rock Stars-TTRS (all children welcome to join in with dressing up, TTRS used with years 3 to 6)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September- 'Welcome' coffee morning with Mrs Donnelly, sharing school priorities

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September- school celebrating 'European Day of Languages' including special menu

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September- Year 6 residential starts

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest food donation opens, donations for Redbridge Foodbank

Week of 20<sup>th</sup> October- Parents evenings, appointments to be made available nearer the time

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October- Year 1 Harvest Assembly for parents

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October- INSET- no children in school- Mental Health training for staff

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> October-Half Term

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November- Parents Forum- interested in joining? Come and find out more at 9am

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November-INSET-no children in school-Improving teaching and learning