

# Welcome Back

## Manor School Newsletter



Spring Edition February 2014



Don't forget to visit the MLE for updates on your child's progress, activities and much more!



Everything is progressing really well with our school improvement areas of focus at Manor School.

We have also been focussing on the development of planning, IEPs and the quality of teaching across the school as our aim is for all teaching to be at least good/ outstanding. Again great progress is being made in all areas and many of our teachers are taking part in various training programmes to support their work.

We have two new governors: Daniel Futter, a barrister, has joined our Governing Body as a Community Governor and Monica Booker, a parent of a Year One child, has been appointed as a new Parent Governor. We will be asking governors to write a brief update of their work each term to help parents gain a better understanding of their role and work with the school.

As always my door is always open should you wish to come in and have a chat about your child.

Best wishes, Jayne

### New Classroom Teachers

We would like to say a farewell to our Class 1 teacher Mary Ann and our Class 6 teacher Barbara. They have both been with Manor School for many years and will be greatly missed by all. Our new Class 1 teacher is Katie and our new Class 6 teacher will be Simona. We are also joined by a new Class 7 teacher Kate. We hope everyone will join us in welcoming our new teachers to our school.

### Sainsburys Active Kids

Sainsbury's are running an Active Kids scheme and you can collect vouchers whenever you shop with them between 29 January and 20 May 2014. We encourage parents and carers to send in any vouchers they receive in their child's school bag so that we can redeem them for sports equipment and activities. Alternately, the vouchers can also be given to Rehanna at the school reception.



### Chinese New Year Trip

Class 12 celebrated the Chinese New Year by visiting China Town. They learnt about Chinese culture, cuisine and architecture. They sampled Chinese Buns and noodles and then afterwards made their own in the school kitchen.

### Reminder - Reporting Illness

If your child is ill and will be absent from school please phone the school office 020 8968 3160 to let us know the reason why by 8:30am. If they have a medical appointment please bring us a copy of the appointment letter for our records. To keep all our children safe it is ESSENTIAL that we always know the reason for absence – Many thanks.

### Renovation Work

As many of you will have seen from your visits, our building works are under way and all windows, roof areas and brickwork will be refurbished and repaired by the end of April. Our internal works are also under way and we are just about to start on the refurbishment of three more classes.



## Spring Term Dates 2014

Spring Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> — 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014

Spring Term Ends: 4th April 2014

Spring Holiday: 7th — 21st April 2014

### PARENTS FORUM



Our meetings are the first Wednesday of every month and we'd love for all of our parents and carers to join us. The meetings are an open forum to discuss whatever people are concerned or happy about. Please come and join us, refreshments are available and it's a great opportunity to meet with other parents. Please contact Marian Swift at school if you have any queries.



### MUSEUM TRIP

The pupils of Class 4 visited the Museum of Childhood. They learnt about the use of the words soft and hard to describe the toys and investigated whether the toys were made from plastic or wood and if they looked old or new.



### World Book Day 6th of March



We have planned lots of exciting activities to celebrate the biggest celebration of books and reading in the world. Every child will be given a book token so they can visit a bookshop and choose a book for themselves. On Wednesday some children will be having Bag Book multi-sensory storyteller sessions and then on Thursday we would like to invite parents and carers to come and read stories to the children. We would love for you to dress up your child as a character from their favourite story. Finally, on Friday some children will be going to the Tricycle Theatre to watch a live performance of Sleeping Beauty.

### Free Swimming in Brent

Children under 16 can now swim for free during holiday periods in Brent Council swimming pools, except for weekends and Bank Holidays.



### Fundraising

Friends of MOPED would like to thank everyone for their continued support with our fundraising. Our next project will be an improved playground and garden area. The next fundraising event will be International Day (Wed 2nd April) and we hope you can join us. There will be more information on that event coming soon. Following last year's successful Fun Day, please put Saturday 7th June in your diary for Fun Day 2014. We'd also like to mention our New Facebook page: Manor Trust. Please check this for updates and we would love for people to follow and like our page.

### Reminder After School Club changes

The After School Club will run on Mondays and Tuesdays (3.10pm to 5.45pm). Please let the office know if you would like your child to join.