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Dear Parents and Carers

School seems busier than ever as we begin the run up to Christmas! For the first time this week we heard, 'Little Donkey' being sung in the school hall as the Year 3 pupils began their rehearsals and this made us all smile in the office. It truly is these little things that make this time of year so magical in school. I know we have sent home lots of communications regarding the Christmas events this week and I thank you for your support in reading and responding to these.

#### Thank You!

Thank you so much to the parents and carers that helped after school on Wednesday, at short notice, to spread the mulch that we had delivered. Not only did the help from parents and carers save us a considerable amount of money (over £500!) and time, but it brought about a real community feel. We are so lucky that our parents and carers are so supportive here at Manor – thank you!

#### Parent / Carer Governor Vacancies

We currently have a parent / carer vacancy on our governing body. It is vitally important that we hear parent /carer views to inform the strategic vision, ethos and development of our school. I will be sending a separate letter about this, but please do not be afraid to come and ask if you would like to find out more.

#### Change of Footwear

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have sent in a change of footwear for their children. This is really helping to save our new carpets from being ruined by mud after PE and outdoor activities. A member of staff has however rightly brought to my attention that, with quickly growing feet, having two pairs of trainers can be rather expensive! If this is an issue for anyone, a solution suggested would be to send in normal school shoes on a PE day that can be slipped on if trainers get muddy. As always, if you do have any financial concerns or worries, please do come and speak confidentially with me or Mrs Hoggan our family support worker because we can often access grants or signpost support.

## **Year Group Updates**

For this newsletter, each year team has provided their own updates below:

### **Year 3**

Year 3 absolutely loved painting their Christmas art work for their calendar and gift tags and applying the skills they had learnt last half term. The results are amazing. Just to confirm more than one pack can be ordered online.

In maths, we have been learning the 4x table and how it links to the 2x table. We have started using TTRs to help us recall our times tables and all children have a log on so they can continue to practise at home.

Thank you for supporting Time to Shine Dress up day to raise awareness of Road Safety. The message that we focussed on was Be Bright to Be Seen.



### **Year 4**

Year 4 have made a positive start back to school after half term. They have learnt about pronouns, conjunctions and expanded noun phrases which they've put together to write a character description of a Minotaur. More multiplication and division facts have been looked at in maths alongside some perimeter work.

In RE, they have learned about the Hindu god, Vishnu, and the various avatars. On Wednesday, they became archaeologists and found an array of artefacts, from all eras, which has led them nicely into their Ancient Greece History Topic. They are all looking forward to learning more facts about them.

### **Year 5**

This week year 5 visited the Winchester Science Centre. We all learned so much about space and look forward to using the knowledge in our science lessons. Two of our pupils have written a report about our visit.

#### **By Inaara 5H**

It was great when we went to the Planetarium. We got to see all the planets and all the constellations. Well, maybe not all of them, there are way too many of them to see! We also got to see the planets close up whilst someone told us all the facts we needed to know. After, we explored and we got to press buttons to make the exhibits work. You could talk into some, listen to others and have your picture taken in a space suit. It was so, so good.

By Hannah 5H

On Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> November all of year 5 went on a coach to Winchester Science Centre. As a person and pupil of the school, I would say it was a 5 star experience, especially the planetarium. Now, I am not doing much detail because it is too amazing to put in full detail. First we went to the planetarium which was most people's favourite event; the seats were very comfortable.

Ollie, who was the presenter, took us around the universe and showed us the planets, comets, moons and stars. In the middle of the amazing show I felt like I was a beautiful asteroid floating in space because the giant dome and real life graphics was so good. Well that was fun. Time to move on to the next event and that was going in pairs and interacting with science. My favourite bit was where you could type your name and it would print it out in British Sign Language. Next we went downstairs and it was all to do with space. There were two rooms that people went crazy over – one room was had an optical illusion and the other room felt like a party room because of the different lights. Finally, in the workshop we had to solve light problems to help scientists view deeper into space. It was really fun!

### **Year 6**

Year 6 had a fantastic visit from Surrey Museum Services. Kathy ran a work shop in which the children were challenged to find out about and then name a mystery person linked to Farnborough. Each group rotated around various boxes of artefacts and tried to deduce what the person had experienced at various stages in their life. The children were fully engaged and it was a joy to watch them enact each scenario using the props and artefacts provided.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Findlay  
Headteacher