

Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

It is always an incredibly busy time in all school at this time of year and this year is no exception! I know that all colleagues are working as hard as possible to ensure that everything is in place for the end of year and the imminent transition, whilst ensuring that our students receive maximum learning time right up until they leave their class.

We have had a very productive week this week as it has been Activity Week and all staff have worked very hard to ensure that it has been such an enriching and varied experience for all our students. A particularly big thank you to our Key Stage Leaders for all their hard work over the last few months in organising the week! The feedback from the students has been overwhelmingly positive and a quick walk around the school at any point this week has revealed such a range of activities to meet the needs of all students. The focus has been 'Mind, Body and Soul' and we have had: animation workshops, Reading Rockets basketball coaches, Reading FC coaches, dance, a theatre company, an orchestra (music for autism), art, cooking, gymnastics and sports days to name just a few! A massive thank you as well to all the colleagues that led these activities. It is greatly appreciated and shows what talent and skills we have across the school.

In addition to Activity Week we have also been working on class lists for 2014-15. All information will be going home today regarding your child's class teacher and HLTA next year. I would like to take this opportunity to further advertise the 'Meet the Team' Day on Thursday July 10th at 2pm. This will give all parents the opportunity to meet the whole team who will be working with your child in September. We are all excited about our new class groups for September 2014, although it is always emotional to say goodbye to students who you have worked so closely with and have seen make such good progress!

All colleagues really appreciate the two INSET Days that we have before the transition period starts and so they will be working hard on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th July to share and exchange all relevant information with colleagues and therapists. This enables the transition period to be as effective as possible when it starts on Monday July 14th. It is always a challenge for colleagues to have such a lengthy transition period at the end of the year, as most schools do a morning and then allow the year to wind down comfortably. We all feel though that the hard work in July really pays off in September when all the students are so much more settled and ready to learn more quickly!

Please enjoy reading your child's report, which is coming home today. Please do contact the class teacher with feedback about the report and the whole school year, whether it is positive or constructive feedback. We are always keen to see how we can further improve and develop as a school.

With best wishes
Nathan Aspinall
Acting Headteacher

SLT news and messages

Nathan Aspinall—Acting Headteacher

A huge thank you to all the Key Stage Leaders - Shelley Thomas, Sarah Mitchell, Eleanor Sheehan, Jenny Hooper and Chris Richards - for all their hard work in making Activity Week such a big success and for all their work throughout the year in raising standards across the curriculum.

A massive thank you to all colleagues who led activities this week during our special themed week; Steve Brosnan, Nikki Bagshaw, Rosie Palmieri, Karen Kelly, Tania Hynard, Rebecca Burnett, Ryan Brownlie and Rebecca Comerford all made it such a success

Joolz Scarlett—Secondary

I'd just like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who have been involved in one way or another in doing something a bit special for Activities Week. With the theme of Mind, Body and Soul it's been such a hugely enriching experience for the students. My biggest thanks has to go to all the Key Stage Leaders for planning such a fantastic range of activities and working so hard this week to ensure things went to plan! Well done to all of the students for their fantastic work, the excellent T-Shirts they designed should be a lovely keepsake to remind them of the wonderful week they've had.

Some of our students attended a boatability event on the Thames during Activities week. They had races and a tug of war.

Thank you to Wendy Woodham, Ryan Brownlie, Sarah Fraser, Jane Gale and Ashleigh Palmer-Jones for supporting them.



Key Term Dates Week 36

Thursday 10 July	Staff Training Day Meet the Team Day 2pm—3pm You can meet your child's team on Thursday 10 July between 2 – 3 pm. The afternoon will commence with refreshments at 2pm in the Reception area.
Friday 11 July	Staff Training Day
Monday 14 July	Transition to new classes
Wednesday 23 July	End of Term 1.30 p.m.

House of the Week

I am pleased to report that the winning House for the week is:

1st Storey	=	713 pts
2nd Weir	=	689 pts
3rd Simmonds	=	684pts
4th Peacock	=	662pts

Primary Department's Stars of the Week

Simon Koszte, Alex Matthias, Gurshan Tiwana,
Callum Berry, Dan Martin, Jamies Mackie

Secondary Department's Students of the Week

Ben Brewis, Imogen Johnson, Sm Luscher, Adam Whitehill, Lee Sayward, Liam Newton, Joanne Pantridge, Jack Hearn, Rebecca Lee-Tanner, Vartan Yousofian

Term Dates 2013-14

Term 1 starts on 5.9.13
Term 1 ends on 25.10.13
Term 2 starts on 4.11.13
Term 2 ends on 20.12.13 @1:30
Term 3 starts on 7.1.14
Term 3 ends on 14.2.14
Term 4 starts on 24.2.14
Term 4 ends on 4.4.14 @1:30
Term 5 starts on 22.4.14
Term 5 ends on 23.5.14
Term 6 starts on 2.6.14
Term 6 ends on 23.7.14 @1:30

Please note:

Year 11 leavers finish on Friday, 27 June 2014

All other leavers, including school transfers andKS5/Post 16 students finish on Wednesday, 9 July 2014.

Attendance at school

Attendance at school is essential for students to progress and achieve. Ensuring that students attend school is the legal responsibility of their parents or guardians.

The school is obliged to promote 100% attendance of its students and report any concerns regarding poor attendance to the Local Authority.

As the Headteacher of Manor Green School, I have no legal right to authorise term-time absence, apart from absences related to exceptional circumstances.

Please note that holidays do not fall into this category, however compelling the reasons for booking them in term time...

