

The Manor Preparatory School

MANOR MESSAGES

Friday 28 May 2010

Temporary Farewells

I would like to wish Mrs Sarah Fifield, Teaching Assistant in 2P, and Mrs Lenka Murdoch, Teaching Assistant in RK, extremely happy Maternity Leaves. Mrs Fifield leaves on 28 May and we welcome Miss Tracy Heath who will take over her

rôle until the end of term, before joining a Y1 class next year. Miss Heath will also be assisting Mrs Murdoch running Extended Day, taking full responsibility for this when Mrs Murdoch starts her Maternity Leave on 18 June.



We welcome Mrs Judith von Eichstorff who will cover Mrs Murdoch in RK until the end of this term and Mrs Helena Davey who will take over the rôle from September 2010.

Have an enjoyable Half Term!
Piers Heyworth, Headmaster

Reminders: w/c 7th June

Whole School	•
Pre-Nursery	• Wednesday 9 June. No taster session due to Settling in Afternoon for September intake.
Nursery	• Please apply sun cream before school and provide a hat.
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 8 June Reception Sight tests. • Wednesday 9 June RK's turn for PE. • Friday 11 June Swimming for Reception.
Year 1	• Please apply sun cream before school and provide a hat.
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 8 June Trip to Wittenham Clumps. School tracksuits, shorts, shirts, trainers and sun hats. Packed lunch required unless school packed lunch ordered. • Wednesday 9 June. Trip around Abingdon. PE kit and sun hats. No lunch needed. • If any parents would like to volunteer to accompany us on the above trips, please see Miss Porter.
Year 3	• Friday 11 June. 3B Class play. Parents are invited to see the play at 8.55am with the school.
Year 4	• Friday 11 June. Depart for the Ridgeway. Please check your Ridgeway letter for all the details.
Year 5	• Please return Parents' Evening Slips by 9 June.
Year 6	• Tuesday 8 June The Manor Essay Competition. Please refer to Y6 letter about this.
Sports Fixtures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 8 June. U8A and U8B Rounders v Chandlings (Away) Meet 3.45pm Leave 3.50pm Start 4.30pm Return 6.15pm. • Tuesday 8 June. U11 and U10 Manor Swimming Five School Gala (Home) Meet 3.55pm Leave 4.00pm Start 4.30pm Parents to collect at 5.45pm from Abingdon School. • Wednesday 9 June. U8-U11 Manor Athletics Meeting v Portsmouth Grammar School (Home) Meet 3.55pm Start 4.00pm Finish 6.00pm. • Wednesday 9 June U11A and U11B Rounders v Portsmouth Grammar School Start 1.30pm • Thursday 10 June Manor Mini Sports Day for Y1 and Y2 with Long Furlong School, St Nicolas School, St Swithun's School, West Oxford School and Appleton School Start 1.30pm Finish 2.30pm. • Friday 11 June Manor Riding lessons at Ambitions Equestrian Centre Groups from 5pm-8pm.
Music	•

Recent News In Brief...

The hottest days of the year so far did not deter the sporting activities of both staff and children last weekend! On Saturday, the Supporting Sisters, a team made up of members of staff at The Manor and their friends completed a gruelling **twenty mile walk** to raise money for Breast Cancer Care whilst the U11 Netball team had a very successful day at the **Oxfordshire Junior Netball League Versatility Tournament** on Sunday 23 May. Playing against clubs

teams a year older than them, the girls competed impressively against 9 other teams, finishing third overall. Davina McLaverty was named as "Players' Player of the Year 2010", a fitting tribute to her skill and sportsmanship on court. The **tennis matches** against The Dragon and the **rounders matches** against Cokethorpe and St Helen's resulted in happy afternoons and many wins and close matches for The Manor. Musical talents have been

represented in two stunning **Music Afternoons** this week, reflecting the hard work and achievements of the singers and instrumentalists in Year 4 and Year 5.

Year 4 have had many quick changes this week! As well as their House Swimming Gala and Music Afternoon, they brightened up the school as they arrived in Tudor costume ready for their day at **Sulgrave Manor** on Thursday saw the advent of the first "**School Lights Off Day**" which focused our thoughts on how to make small adjustments in our lives to help the

environment.

The week has been punctuated by **swimming galas** for Years 4, 5 and 6 all of which saw strategic teamwork and the slashing of records.

The school was united twice on Friday. Firstly, at the delightful **Nursery Assembly** and secondly for the **Whole School Photo**. Both went without a hitch!

Please also see the Latest News page of The Manor's website.



The Supporting Sisters



Y4 Music Afternoon



Y6 Swimming Gala

Notices



Garden Toys

If you have any unwanted garden toys you would like to pass on, please deliver them to Pre-Nursery who will very pleased to take them off your hands.



Kenya Assembly/Book Insert Fund Raiser

On Wednesday 9 June, Fiona Rushbrook is going to talk in assembly at 9am about her work in Kenya. This is linked to the continuing fund raiser of buying and decorating book inserts, on sale in the library. The money raised will buy books for her charity.



FOTM Country Fayre Saturday 12 June — Final Call for Tickets

The closing date for tickets is Friday 28 May, but provided you bring your form and payment into school by **Monday 7 June at the very latest** you will be able to purchase tickets.



Prizes for the Fête

If you have any unwanted toys, DVDs, books in good condition which can be used for the Tombola at the School Fête please pass them to Mrs Stokes. Raffle prizes will also be very gratefully received.



Lost & Found...

Please could you check the unmarked Lost Property Box located outside Mrs Stokes' office—it is overflowing with unclaimed items!

