



**The Manor**  
Preparatory School

## **To Parents of Children in Nursery**

Friday 10 January 2020

Dear Parents

### **The Spring Term**

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! We look forward to hearing about the children's Christmas holidays as they settle back into the Spring Term and warmly welcome the children joining us this term.

Looking at the term ahead, our topic is based around animals and is titled "Wild about Animals". You can find an outline plan of our term's activities on the curriculum boards in the cloakroom. All other activities are planned according to the children's developing interests and taken from observations the staff make.

If there are any changes to your child's PE, Music or Forest School groupings we will let you know but if you are unsure please check the cloakroom board. Forest School sessions will start week commencing Monday 13 January. Please ensure the children are dressed appropriately for the weather and have a spare change of clothes in school.

This term we would like you to think about a Nursery Rhyme for your child to learn. This is in response to our upcoming Nursery Rhyme Festival. We will practise reciting your chosen Nursery Rhyme very informally in class and then gather for a special Early Years assembly where the children will have a chance to recite it to a larger audience. We ask that you send in a copy of your chosen piece for us to keep in our classrooms.

We would really appreciate it if cuddlies and toys from home could stay at home to avoid distress at the end of the day when they cannot be found. If your child still needs the reassurance of a comforter or stays all day and needs a cuddly for quiet time, then please encourage your child to leave it in their bag or in the cuddly basket in the cloakroom.

For the safety of the children please could we ask you to ensure that the Nursery door is closed securely behind you, and you do not let any child out that isn't holding onto their parent's or carer's hand. Please also remember it is an EYFS requirement that mobile phones may not be used within the EYFS buildings; we appreciate your support with this.

Water is always available, and the children are given a choice of milk or water at snack times. Your child is welcome to bring in their own named water bottle but we

ask you to take it home at the end of the session and bring it back refreshed the next time they are in school.

Every Friday there may be letters for you to read in the school mailing at [www.manorprep.org/weekly-mailing](http://www.manorprep.org/weekly-mailing) for which you will be sent a link. Please inform the school office if you change your email address. Please also check "Manor Messages" on the website in case there are reminders for the week ahead. The website is regularly updated with the latest news of what the children have been doing throughout the school.

All of the events are also located on the school's calendar [www.manorprep.org/parents/calendar](http://www.manorprep.org/parents/calendar) and are clearly marked as #parentswelcome to indicate that we would love to see you there. Having said this, we thought it would be useful to highlight some dates for your diaries. More information will follow nearer the time.

**Saturday 11 January: Early Years Open Morning 10:00am to 12:00pm. This is an opportunity to visit Reception in preparation for the next exciting step in your child's education**

**Friday 7 February: "Starting School talk" at 9:30am**

**Wednesday 12 February: "Starting School talk" at 7:30pm**

**HALF TERM (Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February inclusive)**

**Tuesday 7 March: Nursery Parents' Evening from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Friday 20 March: "Mother's Day Breakfast" 8:30am to 9:15am (This will be repeated in June for Father's Day!)**

**Wednesday 25 March: Early Years Hospital Hop Charity walk. 9:15am to 10:00am**

**END OF TERM (Friday 27 March at 3:30pm)**

Finally, please remember to help yourself to parent contribution slips to record any new achievements you observe your child doing at home. We love to hear of these and had some lovely ones last term such as "learning the days of the week", "writing their names at home for the first time" and "swimming without armbands". Your contributions enable us to see the whole picture of your child's development and it is lovely to share these special moments together.

We look forward to a happy and busy term and seeing many of you at Parents' Evening later in the term.

Best wishes from all the Nursery team

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