



**The Manor**  
Preparatory School

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

Friday 10 January 2020

Dear Parents

### **Welcome to the Spring Term**

Happy New Year! We are delighted to see you all and hope you have all had a lovely Christmas. We warmly welcome the children who have joined Pre-Nursery this term and hope they settle happily.

Your child has a Key Person to co-ordinate their emotional wellbeing and care. In their absence, please see another member of staff if you have any questions or information that is useful for us to know. You are welcome to make an appointment with your child's Key Person to discuss their progress or share any worries you may have. We will always see you if we have concerns. A list of the Staff's Key Children is on the notice board in the wet room as well as a staffing timetable. Please also feel free to contact Miss Heath (Pre-Nursery Co-ordinator) at [theath@manorprep.org](mailto:theath@manorprep.org) or Mrs McConnell (Head of Early Years) at [pmconnell@manorprep.org](mailto:pmconnell@manorprep.org).

To fully endorse the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) we like the children to have the opportunity to experience outside play throughout each school day. As the weather is unpredictable at this time of year, please remember to make sure your child has a suitable coat and a change of clothes in their bag in case of accidents or over enthusiastic water play.

We are all looking forward to sharing the children's updated "All About Me" photograph book which will help your child settle back into the Pre-Nursery routine.

Please help yourself to any pictures the children have done from their Key Person's boxes on the table while you wait to collect your children from the cloakroom area.

This term our topic is "Things that Move". Timetables can be found on the noticeboard in the wet room and on the board in the Pre-Nursery cloakroom. Other activities will be planned according to the children's interests and next steps observed by staff.

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.

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

**Thursday 12 March: Pre-Nursery Parents' Evening from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Friday 20 March: "Mother's Day Breakfast" 8:30am to 9:15am**

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

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

Each term some Pre-Nursery children and staff will walk the short distance to Stowford House residential home to continue our community links with the residents. We do an array of interactive activities which is truly beneficial to all who take part. If you would prefer your child not to go on these outings, please let me know as soon as possible. A notice will be displayed to say when each visit takes place.

If your child still requires nappy changes could we please ask you to ensure your child's basket is regularly replenished with a supply of nappies/pull-ups and wipes.

For the safety of the children please make sure the Pre-Nursery doors and garden gate closes securely behind you. If you would like someone else to collect your child from Pre-Nursery please let us know in writing, either via a message in your home/school link book or by completing a permission slip located in the cloakroom area.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We wish you all a happy and fun-filled term.

Best wishes

Pippa McConnell

Tracy Heath and the Pre-Nursery Team