



The Manor
Preparatory School

To Parents of Children in Years 5 and 6

Friday 17 April 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome to the Summer Term

We wish we could be doing this in person, but we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back after the holidays – we hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break. I would also like to warmly welcome you, albeit remotely, to the Summer Term and I trust that this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

Remote Learning in the Summer Term is sure to be busy and exciting and we are keen to make you aware of some of the understandable changes that have been put in place, until our return to school.

To assist with the continuation of the need for Remote Learning, pupils in Years 5 and 6 will be expected to work following amended new timetables, which are now available for you to see on the Parents' Login page on the website. Timetables have been amended throughout the school to enable the whole community to sustain a potentially long period of time of remote learning. The teaching of core subjects has been moved to the mornings with non-core subjects falling later in the day.

We would like children to continue to use Google Classroom to access their assigned work daily. Within Google Classroom the pupils can use the class front page, known as the 'Stream', to ask their teachers any questions they may have and to maintain contact with their teachers. The 'Classwork' tab enables children to access their independent work which is set according to the amended new timetable. Your child will be directed to their relevant online 'Classrooms' for subjects taught by other specialist teachers throughout their timetabled day. Teachers will be available within the allocated lesson time to assist with questions that the children may have. Private comments and feedback between pupil and teacher can be given within assigned work. Pre-recorded video lessons will be used to support some lessons and Google Meet, which will offer the opportunity for live video calls, will be introduced pastorally by the Form Teacher at the start of term during registration time (08:30-09:00) and will also enable the teachers to assist in lessons where appropriate.

In Year 5, children will be focusing on the following topics:

- English and Maths - Senior School Entrance Exam preparation
- Science - Solar System and Forces
- Geography - Jurassic Coast
- History - The Stuarts, The Great Plague & The Great Fire of London
- RE - Christianity

In Year 6, children will be focusing on the following topics:

- English - Autobiography project for extended writing; deepening comprehension skills
- Maths - Financial Awareness, Graphs, Investigations & Problem Solving
- Science - Evolution and Inheritance, Microbes
- Geography - France

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- History - Post-War Britain, Battle of Hastings, Bayeux Tapestry
- RE - Christianity, Islam

Mindfulness continues to form a valuable part of our school curriculum and video-lessons on this topic have been posted to the school website for children to access during school closure to support their mental health and wellbeing. Within the Parents' Login page on the website Mindfulness activities have also been shared for the pupils to use. In addition to this, ongoing tasks and extended activities have also been uploaded to the school website, within the Parents' Login Page for Art, Cookery and DT. On a Friday afternoon, the children have a "Wellbeing Carousel" where they have the choice of which activities they do. These will be the activities which have been set for that particular week by the teachers of the various subjects mentioned on their timetable.

Further communication will continue to come to you via our weekly mailing and to you directly from Mr Thomas and Mrs Copson.

As always, should you have any questions surrounding the care of your child, your first port of call should remain with their Form Teacher but I am also available, should the need arise. Please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is: njackson@manorprep.org. For further assistance with academic and pastoral concerns please contact vevans@manorprep.org or vfootring@manorprep.org.

I cannot believe how quickly the year is flying by! We are very much looking forward to supporting your child through their last term of Year 5 and 6 at The Manor. Let's hope the sun shines and that we are back together before the end of the school year.

Yours sincerely

Mr Neil Jackson
Head of Years 5 and 6