Dear Parents and Carers,

I really cannot believe that we have come to the end of another very successful and happy school year. They say that time flies when you are having fun……

I hope that you thoroughly enjoyed sharing your child’s report and reflecting on their many successes and achievements with them. We are looking forward to sharing the children’s learning with you on Wednesday 18th July at our parents evening which will be held between 4pm and 6.30pm. All books will be sent home for you to keep at the end of the year.

Our national end of key stage data is now all confirmed, and I am delighted and very proud to inform you that it is amazing and significantly above the expected standard in all subjects at all key stages. Progress in all year groups has improved, as we continue to demonstrate a journey of continual improvement. I would like to say congratulations and thank you to all our wonderful children for their exemplary attitude and determination to meet, and in many cases exceed, their personal targets; our outstanding staff for their total dedication and hard work in making all this possible and all our parents and carers who have given us unconditional support throughout the year. Thank you to you all.

Our children spent a very enjoyable day in their new classes with their new teachers and learning support assistants. We are all now extremely excited about the new adventures that await us in the new academic year as we SOAR to success.

Water Bottles

Following feedback from parents, we are changing our policy on water bottles in the new academic year. We will no longer provide children with a water bottle, as managing the hygiene of these is extremely difficult. The new arrangement will be that children can bring a water bottle or drinking container in from home each day. PTA pay for water coolers which are available to all children across school for children to refill their bottles as they need. We will also provide cups in all classrooms for children who do not have a bottle in school.
**Sporting news…**

We are still missing lots of school sports clothing that was kindly borrowed out and has not been returned. Please can it be returned to me as soon as possible.

Last week, some of our Year 5 children played in the Level 3 County Hockey Finals, one of biggest competitions in the school calendar. Our fifteen strong team played amazingly well, in testing temperatures and did our school proud. Pleasingly, they won the gold medal and became County Champions again. This means we end the year as County Champions in two sports for the first time - Y5 Hockey and Y5/6 Indoor Athletics. Well done to all.

Our Year 6 Rounders team came second at the Coventry Finals at the end of June. They put on an excellent performance batting display in tough conditions. They went on to place 7th (out of 16) at the County Finals.

At the Xcel Centre swimming gala on 28th June, Manor Park placed first (unofficially) against stiff competition, particularly from Allesley Primary. There were lots of swimmers taking part in the team for the first time and the team spirit was amazing.

Mr Byrne, PE Coordinator and PPA Teacher

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**PE Shirts**

We would like to confirm the policy on the new PE shirts which we have recently added to our school uniform. Our reason for introducing the shirts, is to raise the profile of PE and sport in school. We continue to develop a sense of pride in this area of the curriculum; one in which we excel as a school. Several parents have also given us feedback that our children do not look corporate and smart enough when taking part in sporting events.

Our new PE uniform policy is that we will have only one PE shirt, which children will wear for both indoor and outdoor PE and when taking part in any sporting events. The shirts are not compulsory and there is no expectation for children to purchase one, although of course all children are able to do so if they would like to. The shirts will be phased in with our new reception children with an expectation that as new children join us the sports shirt will replace the white t shirt as our PE top. The shirts are manufactured as sports clothing and are comfortable and practical for this purpose. Thank you for supporting this new initiative.

School closes for children on Wednesday 25th July. I would like to wish all our Year 6 children the greatest happiness and success in their new schools. They are really lucky to have you all, as you are truly amazing! Remember to come back and visit us and follow your dreams……. Good luck and very best wishes to all the staff who are leaving us to embark on new adventures, they will be greatly missed by us all and we are extremely grateful to each one of them for the significant contribution that they have made to our school.

All that remains is for me to wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday. We really look forward to seeing everybody back in school on **Tuesday September 4th** ready to begin a very productive year. Thank you for your ongoing support in all areas of school which I really appreciate. Have a wonderful summer break.

Kind regards Jill O’Connor Headteacher
**Dates for your diary 16th - 25th July**

16th - Y2 Parent Event (9:30 - 10:30 am)
18th - Y6 Show (2:00 - 3:30 pm)
18th - Parents Drop In Sessions (4:00 - 6:30 pm)
19th - Y6 Show (6:00 - 7:00 pm)
20th - Achievement Assembly (3:00 - 3:30 pm)
20th - Y6 School trip - Red Kangaroo
24th - PTA Disco (3:30 - 5:00 pm - KS1) (5:15 -7:00 pm KS2)
25th - End of school year

As the end of the year approaches, please could all reading books (stage, AR and library) be returned ASAP so the reading team can take stock of our lovely reading books.

I would like to congratulate this year’s AR Millionaires who will be receiving their invitation to their special reward next week:

Mia (17), Taylor (19), Georgia (19), Leanne (19), Navneeth (21), Hannah (23), Anthony (23), Daniella (23), Peggy (23), Grace (23)

Well done to you all! - Miss Mullins

**Aspire Family Hub**

A family hub is a place where children, young people 0—19 years old (and up to age 24 where a young person has a disability) and their families can go when in need of help and support. The people working in the family hub will work in partnership with you and your community. They will help you find and get help from different services in area and will be able to give you information advice and support.

For details of your local family Hub please follow this link: [http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/38/family_support](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/38/family_support) and click on The South Family Hub (Gosford Park) or visit Coventry City Council website, select children and families - family support family hub – find your local hub – Aspire family hub.

For further support or advice please contact one of the Learning Mentors

Mrs D Perkins
Senior Learning Mentor & Safeguarding Lead
We have a limited number of private and funded places for rising 3-year-old children to start in our TreeTops extended nursery in September 2018.

We are delighted to offer morning, afternoon and full day places for this age group, including our before and after school provision to meet parental requests. Initially these places will be allocated to those children turning 3 in the Autumn term. Places will be allocated in conjunction with our admissions policy.

The charges will be as follows…

**Before School** 7.45am -8.45am or 8am -8.45am  £6.60

**Morning session** 8.45am -11.45am  £20

**Lunch sessions** 11.45am -1pm  £6.00 own packed lunch/ £8.10 school lunch

**Afternoon session** 1pm -4pm  £20

**After School** 4pm -4.30pm  £3.30
4pm -5.30pm  £10
4pm -6pm  £12.50

Please note fee and funded criteria are different to our existing 3-year-old places. Fees represent national funding costs and staffing, as this provision must operate on a 1:4 ratio.

Parents who think they may be eligible for 2 year old funding can check via [http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/39/nurseries_and_childcare/2054/free_early_education_and_childcare_for_2_3_and_4_year_olds/](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/39/nurseries_and_childcare/2054/free_early_education_and_childcare_for_2_3_and_4_year_olds/)

If interested in one of these places which we anticipate will be over subscribed, please e mail k_butlin@manorpark.coventry.sch.uk.

The closing date for interest is Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} July 2018. Places will be offered based on our admissions policy by Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} July.