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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy end of term we are having! It was great to see so many of you at the Weybridge Fair on Churchfields. I was very proud of our Year 2 Choir who performed again. This week we have had performances by Drama Tree and Rock Steady and of course, our wonderful end of year Leavers' Performance by Year 2. What a polished performance it was! The children learnt and performed their lines incredibly well. The children made staff feel very proud.



Year 2 Leavers' Performance



Drama Tree



As this is my final Newsletter of the year, I'd like to thank various members of the Manby Community.

Our School Governors

Governors do a range of activities to hold us to account and to support us. Termly meetings and visits are just a couple of the many tasks Governors carry out. It is really important for you to know that Governors are volunteers and they give up their own time to carry out this role.

This year Oliver Barrett is stepping down from his role as Vice-Chair. Oliver has been a Manby Governor since 2017. He was on my interview panel in the Summer of 2018. I thank him for the time he has given up to be a Governor at Manby Lodge and for all his contributions over the years.

FOML & Class Reps

This year has been an amazing year in terms of putting on events for children and adults. It has been amazing because it has been a lot of fun and FOML have raised an extraordinary amount of money for our school.



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Leading Parent
Partnership Award

2023-2026



I feel that it is important to give most thanks to **Jacqui Brand** and **Rachel McIlroy** for all the time and huge amounts of effort that they have put into FOML this year. They have been supported by a wonderful community of parents, grandparents, other family members and friends.

Class Reps too have played a big part in sharing information about each class and helping to organise events. Again, FOML and Class Reps are working on a voluntary basis.

**Thank you to each of you for your efforts to make FOML a success this year.
Manby Lodge would not be the school it is without you all.**

Manby Staff

Last but by no means least, thank you to all the Manby staff, who work incredibly hard to make Manby such a success. I hope you agree with me that our staff go above and beyond.

I remind you that Miss Blackburn will be leaving at the end of next week, so please join me again in wishing Miss Blackburn every success for the future.

FOML

FOML Chair Jacqui Brand, and Treasurer, Rachel McIlroy have some information to share about the work that has been done over the year and the extraordinary amount of money raised by FOML.



Dear Parents and Carers,

With the economic news a little bleak and our household budgets feeling the pinch, we are overwhelmed with how generous everyone has been this year. As a charity, we are so very grateful for every penny and every pound we receive.

Increase in staff salaries and utilities means our school's budget only covers so much. Miss Morris works tirelessly to seek external funding to bridge this gap.

This is where Friends of Manby Lodge helps, we hope we have filled the past academic year with fun and engaging events for both your children and parents/carers. We certainly have had lots of fun planning and hosting.

Highlights have been the return of our new Reception parents' welcome drinks evening, handcrafted Mother's day flower shop and of course our Christmas and Summer Fairs.

A big mention to our Quiz night and most recently the hugely successful Miami themed Summer Ball.

We are proud to announce that all of your generous donations have allowed us to reach a phenomenal record-breaking final figure of **£31,687.96!** (We may well be able to push past the £32K mark - depending on whether some match funding will come through by August)

This will help us to

- contribute towards the renovation of the garage;
- host our New Reception 2023 parents welcome evening;
- book our Christmas pantomimes;
- contribute to school trips, workshops and much much more.

Finally, we'd like to thank all the parent volunteers who helped make every event possible.

We wish you all a wonderful fun-filled and where possible a restful summer.

Much love and thanks, Jacqui & Rachel



I've been Headteacher here at Manby Lodge for 5 years now, and each year I enjoy it more and more. And every year I comment on how quickly the children seem to pass through Manby. They come into Reception and it's their first experience of school. Sometimes there are certain children we worry about more than others.

But each year we are incredibly proud of the progress each child makes. And when the children leave us, at the end of Year 2, to move on to Cleves or elsewhere, we feel that they are ready.

That time has come again. For those of you returning, we look forward to seeing you and your child in the Autumn Term.

For those of you for whom the Manby journey has come to an end, keep in touch. We love to see you and your children when you come back to visit - it is always a joy to see how the children grow up.

I hope you get to have a wonderful summer holiday.

Kind regards,

Miriam Morris