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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are enjoying the signs of spring as much as I am. It's so lovely to see the children making the most of being outside at playtimes, and in the Year R outside area. **Thank you so much!** All the children are really enjoying playing with the new toys and resources that have been donated by parents. We are putting them outside in the undercover area of the playground at lunchtimes.

Book Week

We've had fantastic, busy time celebrating books and reading this week. Very soon Mrs Hughes will share the results of the competitions that children took part in.



Bedtimes Stories was a big success, and we were impressed by how many children came back into school in their pyjamas. Children also really enjoyed dressing up yesterday for World Book Day, what a fun way to acknowledge how important reading is!



Thank you very much to the parents who helped for Bedtime Stories, making and distributing hot chocolate and biscuits.

More photos available here - [Newsfeed | Manby Lodge](#)

FOML – Mother's Day Pop-up Shop

Another **thankyou** to the parents who helped with the Mother's Day Shop today. Children have enjoyed making up gifts for their mummies yesterday too.

Don't forget, that all the money raised by FOML goes directly into our school.



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New Governor information

Manby Lodge's Governing Body changes every now and again, and I'd like to highlight two recent changes. James Thomas, who served as one of our Governors since 2020, resigned at the start of this year. Following a period of Governor recruitment, we were joined by Johnny Clark as a Co-opted Governor, and Sarah Morgans as an Associate Member.

The Governing Body's work is all about making sure that the school delivers what it is supposed to – the best possible education and care for all the children who attend Manby Lodge. Our Governing Body is made up of parent governors, school staff and representatives from the community and the local authority.

There is lots of information about what our Governors do if you follow [this link](#).

Learning Animals

As I hope you're aware, we're currently giving out Proud Posts linked to our 'Learning Animals'. We have now taught the children about all of the Animals and the characteristics of learning that they will help children with. There is more information available here if you look at this page on our website - [Vision and Values | Manby Lodge](#)



Parent Voice - minutes

Class Reps attended a Parent Voice meeting last week. You will find the minutes from the meeting along with this Newsletter and they are also available [on our website here](#). A few points came out of the meeting that I'd like to share with you:

1. Parents may not realise how much is available on our school website. There is a wealth of resources and useful information for parents, ranging from information about our curriculum and teaching, to advice about attendance, Special Educational Needs, safeguarding, and much, much more. These pages may be useful to you. If you have a spare moment, please have a look, starting at these pages:

- [Curriculum Overview | Manby Lodge](#)
- [Key Stage One \(Year 1 and Year 2\) | Manby Lodge](#)
- [EYFS / Foundation Stage \(Year Reception\) | Manby Lodge](#)
- [Equality, Inclusion and Diversity | Manby Lodge](#)
- [Special Educational Needs / Disabilities \(SEND\) | Manby Lodge](#)
- [Pupil Premium | Manby Lodge](#)
- [Attendance, absences and punctuality | Manby Lodge](#)
- [Online Safety | Manby Lodge](#)
- [Safeguarding | Manby Lodge](#)

2. We use **Tapestry** in Year R for sharing updates (e.g. photos) about children's learning, although it's likely that we will be phasing this out from September.

Up until last year we used **Teams** to communicate learning updates for Years 1 & 2. Teachers used to send photos and videos of children's work via Teams (as it is a secure method for sharing such media). Earlier this year, in school, we agreed that we would not continue to use Teams in KS1, however we did not communicate this clearly with parents and carers. I apologise for this oversight.

We made this decision based on interactions with parents (there were very few) and also so that teachers can focus on teaching and learning in the classroom.

We continue to share photos of children at various points during the school year on our school website, except for in cases where parents have requested that we do not share photos of children. Here are the links for these two pages:

[Gallery | Manby Lodge](#)

[Newsfeed | Manby Lodge](#)

School Development Plan

During the Parent Voice meeting I shared updates about the progress we've made towards our School Development Plan. We have included a summary of the work we've carried out this year as an attachment with this Newsletter.

I'd like to highlight that with money raised by FOML we plan to install Air Conditioning into the school hall over the Easter holidays.

We are also in the process of planning and collecting quotes to develop our Year R outside area. **Watch this space for more information!**

Polite Reminders

School Uniform

- Please make sure that children are wearing simple studs only if they have pierced ears.
- Hair that is longer than shoulders should also be tied up fully. We ask this as it helps to reduce the spread of nits if one child gets nits! It is also safer considering how active children are.

Parking

- Please remember to be considerate to other road users when parking at drop-off and pick-up. Barrington Lodge is a residential street, and parents should never park in the residents private car parking spaces, nor should they block driveways when parking. The Cricket Green Car Park is a public space, and parents should be mindful not to block one another in.
- Try to be thoughtful about other people, particularly pedestrians on the footpath when you park your car on the pavement outside of school.

If someone with a buggy can't get through the space between a parked car and the fence, then they are put in danger if they must walk with their children in the road. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Miriam Morris

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about any child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to one of the DSLs as soon as possible.

[More information about Safeguarding can be found here.](#)



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