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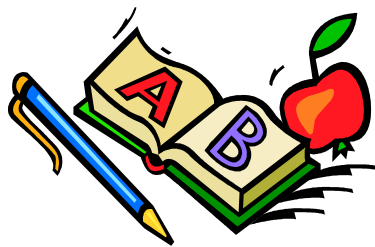
summer - that long anticipated stretch of lazy, lingering days. It's a hunt for insects, master handstands, practice swimming strokes, trees, explore nooks and crannies, and make new friends. It is sad that this is the final newsletter for the children who are starting September, many of them have been with us since babies. Where time gone!! Transition visits have taken place for the children to their reception class teacher and visit their new school, we hope

### Graduation

Both nurseries graduation ceremonies have taken place. An emotional event for all but we would like to take this opportunity to say what a pleasure and a privilege it has been getting to know your child. We wish your child many happy years in their new school. Thank you for all the gifts and kind words you have for our dedicated staff teams, it is much appreciated. We do not advertise our nurseries, as we place pride on recommendations from parents to fill our nursery spaces. If you have had a positive experience with your child being in our care, we would like you to share this by writing a testimonial for us so we can use this on our website and other literature for future parents and carers who are looking for a nursery place for their child. Please email me [Michele@goodmanors.co.uk](mailto:Michele@goodmanors.co.uk) with your responses.

### School Readiness

As your child entered their final term with us, we concentrated on a more focussed programme of your child's individual targeted learning within a school readiness programme. This programme is the first time we have devised a comprehensive fun will give your child a fundamental school. Throughout the school in delight when seeing the effects of large frozen marbles, learned how their own bubbles, concentrated on time on a clock face and many more



we can be reflective and implement what was successful this year into our programme for next year.

programme of activities that we believe solid start to their journey to primary readiness weeks children have squealed an explosive volcano, made scented to change in and out of a PE kit, blown letter formation and recognising the activities. All have been documented so

**'Coming together is a beginning; growing together is progress; leaving with skills for the future is success'**

### Summer Trip

Both nurseries parents and children really enjoyed the summer trip to 'Adventure Wonderland' in Bournemouth. For the younger children staying behind they had the whole run of the nursery and the time was filled with fun activities such as making stretch playdough, various craft activities and decorating fairy cakes with marshmallows and other toppings. During the month of August staff will be relieved from formal planning and your children will enjoy spontaneous activities and theme days. At **Miller Drive from 28<sup>th</sup> July** for

one week the theme will be 'Food' - on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July** there will be a teddy bear picnic. Children are requested to wear the colour blue for the day and bring along a favourite bear or cuddly toy friend. **Manor Lodge from 28<sup>th</sup> July** for one week it will be 'Pirate Week' – we ask all babies and children to be dressed up to impress and staff will be dressed up on the Friday. Please look out for details of these and forthcoming themes and activities in parents letters and memos on entrance doors.

## Themes



Our theme recently in both nurseries displays have depicted varying

professionals that care for us to our armed forces that help and protect us. The Manor children have enjoyed a visit from our local police with their police van and a visit from a nurse. The Miller nursery children have had a visit from a paramedic who brought in a skeleton and a visit from a dentist for the children to learn about oral hygiene. A visit from a detective has also been planned. The children currently are learning about the Japanese Marine Festival which is also known as "Ocean Day" or "Sea Day". This is a national holiday in Japan celebrated from the third Monday in July. The purpose of the holiday is to give thanks to the ocean's bounty and to consider the importance of the ocean. Therefore, the children will be learning about marine life, environmental issues around the protection of species and other sub topics associated with 'the sea'.

has been 'People Who Help Us', aspects of this topic from health

## Early Years Free Funding Entitlement

Presently, we offer the Standard 38 week (term time only 15 hours per week) free early years education term time funding. From this September parents of new and existing funded children who wish to "stretch" their free entitlement over a longer period than the standard term will be able to do so by "stretching" your entitlement over a maximum of 52 weeks per annum. There will be the opportunity to access the free entitlement in this "stretched" way to assist you to budget and balance work or other commitments consistently across a full calendar year. We want to ensure that the "stretched offer" is equitable, transparent and easy to understand for parents, so you will receive a letter outlining the optional 'stretched' offer in more detail.

## Requests

**Manor Lodge** - A gentle reminder for parents not to park on our driveway, as a space needs to be kept free for an emergency vehicle if ever needed. Please remember to check you have shut the front door and back gate behind you when coming and going from the premises.

**Manor and Miller Nurseries** - Please fold down any buggies, not folded down buggies cause inconvenience to other parents trying to use the same space. Please can parents/carers/grandparents not let other adults into the nursery if your not familiar with them.

*Finally we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support  
We send our best wishes to our children leaving us and we welcome our new children being part of our  
Good Manors family*