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(Letter 12)

Dear Parents / Carers

Please note that the school will be closed on Thursday 8th June for the General Election.

Welcome back to the final half term of the year. I hope that you all had a lovely week with the children, and enjoyed the sunshine.



This week is **Science Week**. It is a chance to have a real focus on all aspects of science and there is a lot planned. I hope that the children enjoyed the half term homework that was set, and that they had fun focusing on some science to present. I have enjoyed seeing the range of projects that the children brought in to school this morning. We have a special science show taking place tomorrow, followed by workshops for each class. Each year group has a science challenge to complete, and a round robin of activities that will be done with different teachers. We have the **Science Fair** taking place on Wednesday 7th June, straight after school. We have more stalls than ever before,

and plenty to keep the children (and parents!) busy.

I look forward to seeing lots of you there – it is always a fun event.

It will not have escaped your notice that there is a **general election** happening this week. The children will be thinking about what this means, and what democracy looks like. We are having **an election of our own** in school so that the children get to participate in the process. Each class is setting out what they stand for and what they think is important. On Wednesday there will be an **Election Assembly** where each class presents their standpoint and the children will cast their votes on Wednesday afternoon.



I hope that the children enjoy the opportunity of taking part in democracy in action.



The Unicef Day for Change on the Friday before half term went well. The classes all enjoyed taking part in their sponsored activity (we have started to count the money!), and the Y2 Cake Sale at the end of the day proved very popular! It was good to see so many international outfits being worn – very colourful, and some with a lot of thought having been put into them. The School Council ran a special tuck shop which proved very popular at breaktime.

A big thank you to the School Council and staff that helped to organise the day. We will let you know how much money was raised as soon as we have finished collecting and counting it.

You will all be aware of the **Manor Values** that we set out at the start of this year, that underpin all that we do with the children and sum up what we feel that the school stands for. I hope also that you will have seen the **new Values Boards that have been put up in the playground** to reinforce these. The School Council worked with Mr Buckley to choose the photos and the quotes for each of the boards, and they are very pleased with the finished product. We had a special ceremony where the School Council officially 'opened' the boards with a cutting of a ribbon! Have a look at the photos of it on the events page of the website.



You will probably be aware that **Ramadan** has now started. For those of you whose children are opting to fast can you please make sure that you have completed the form that was sent home so that we are aware of it. If the weather remains as warm as it has been we will ensure that children fasting are able to remain out of the heat over lunchtime.

Some dates for this term for your diaries:

Science Week – 5th – 9th June
Science Fair – Wednesday 7th June
POLLING DAY – Thursday 8th June – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Sports Days – 11th – 13th July
International Food Fair – Friday 14th July
Transition Day – Wednesday 19th July

Parents' Evening – Wednesday July 5th

ASSEMBLIES

Eid-UI-Fitr (Muslim) – Wednesday 28th June
Leavers' Assembly – Friday 21st July

Please see the school date cards or the website for further dates.



The **September return date** is Wednesday 6th September. There will be INSET days on Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September for staff. The children will return to school on Wednesday 6th September. I would ask that you keep this in mind when making any holiday arrangements as any absences in this week will be unauthorised.

As previously explained, Newham Council are currently reviewing the way in which they fund the **free school meals for KS2 children**. The governors are keen to continue offering the free meals to all children, and are looking into ways in which this might be done. We will continue to keep you updated as to decisions made on this scheme.

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