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Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

As the spring term ends, please can I thank you for all the support you have given the school to help the children achieve their very best at The Manor. It's been a very busy term with amongst other things, the opening of the Scrapstore playpod, parent meetings, the Year 6 residential and all the other things the children have been busy doing in their classrooms. More recently we hope you enjoyed the Easter Church service at St Michael's Church and the opportunity in the last few days to visit your child's classroom.

As many of you know, we have a number of staff changes after Easter with some teachers and Teaching Assistants leaving the school or starting temporary secondments at other White Horse schools. The following changes will be taking place:

- Mrs Weatherburn will be leaving The Manor to enjoy her retirement and to spend more time with her family. Mrs Weatherburn has worked at The Manor for 25 years as a Teaching Assistant and supported the learning of many, many children. Her dedication to the school and our community has been simply brilliant and we wish her the very best in her retirement.
- Miss Hammond, one of our Teaching Assistants at the school, has been training over the last few years to become qualified teacher. She recently completed her training and has secured her first teaching job to start after Easter. We know she will develop into a fantastic teacher and wish her the very best as she begins her teaching career.
- Miss Rance will start a one-year secondment as the Early Years Leader at another White Horse school. It is a fantastic opportunity for Miss Rance to work in a much bigger school and we know she will be brilliant in her new role.
- Mrs Woodhams will be working at Shaw School for a summer term secondment before returning to The Manor in September. This is a great opportunity for Mrs Woodhams to further develop her teaching experience in a different school and class.

We wish all of them the very best as they start their new challenges and opportunities.

In our final Worship Assembly tomorrow morning at 9.15, we will be saying some goodbyes as well as celebrating all the children's achievements this term.

While we are sad to see members of staff leave us, we are excited to welcome new colleagues to the school after Easter and have some experienced teachers and TAs joining our school team. Our class structure after Easter will be as follows:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception	Mrs Wells	Mrs Knight
Year 1	Miss O’Kane and Mrs Penny	Miss Osborne and Mrs Cubberley
Year 2	Mrs Cheeseman	Miss Mills
Year 3	Miss Webley	Mrs Goulding
Year 4	Miss Deedigan	Mrs Mortimer
Year 5	Miss Brown	Mrs Blackey and Mrs Burge
Year 6	Mr Foyle	Mrs Chivers

Mrs Prendergast will continue to provide leadership support as the Acting Deputy Headteacher for part of each week and Mrs Brindley will still be SENCO and able to support parents with any SEN enquiries.

It’s been a jam-packed term and I think everyone is ready for some rest and recuperation. On behalf of everyone at the school we wish you and your family a happy and peaceful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to start our summer term on Tuesday 16th April.

Diary Dates

Date	Activity
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term 4
	End of term Celebration Worship at 9.15
Monday 15 th April	School closed – teacher training day
Tuesday 16 th April	Children return to school
Wednesday 17 th April	Swimming starts for Reception and Year 5
Tuesday 30 th April	Book Fair at The Manor
Wednesday 8 th April	Visit by the Archdeacon of Wiltshire
Monday 13 th to Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Monday 20 th May	Class photos
Friday 24 th May	End of term 5
Monday 3 rd June	Children return for term 6
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Salisbury Cathedral
Wednesday 19 th June	NSPCC Workshops in school
Saturday 22 nd June	PTA Summer Fete
Wednesday 26 th June	Meeting for new Reception parents
Thursday 27 th June	Ceilidh band visiting
Tuesday 2 nd -Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 6 transition days to Melksham Oak
Friday 5 th July	Sports Day
Monday 8 th July	School closed – White Horse Federation training day
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 production
Tuesday 23 rd July	Year 6 leavers assembly
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term 6

Future teaching training days when the school will be closed

Monday 15th April

Monday 8th July

Term dates in the academic year 2023-24

Term 4: Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 5: Tuesday 16th April to Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6: Monday 3rd June to Wednesday 24th July 2024