



September 15th 2017

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is a pleasure to welcome you all back to a new school year. This is the first newsletter of many and already we have lots to talk about. I hope you have all had a great summer and are ready for the new school year.

Manor Park on Facebook

Can you please visit Manor Park on Facebook? We will endeavor to showcase the learning that is taking place at Manor Park in many different ways. Facebook is a way in which you can keep yourself updated on some of the amazing activities that we do in school week in week out.

School Uniform

I would like to say a big thank you to all parents for their support with our drive on school uniform and its link with pride and standards. The children have looked magnificent since we came back to school in September. It seems like they are standing taller and have straighter backs because they feel smart and proud of their appearance.

British Values

Last year the school introduced its 5 Core values and they had a huge impact on the school. We also introduced the idea of British Values to the children in the summer term. We intend on increasing the profile of British Values with the children so that they become as second nature to them as our own values. We have held our first British Values day in school today and as part of that we have voted for our school council representatives today. Results to follow.

Morning Snacks -

We have tweaked the way in which we organise the morning snacks. You can now send money in with your child each day for the snack, they will

keep the money safe and then go to the hall at break and pay for their own snack. We feel strongly that this will help to develop even the youngest children to be responsible. We will also be reviewing orders for snack on a half termly basis for those of you who would rather pay that way. After a few initial issues, the snack queue was completed in 5 minutes today and the children were all outside having fun.

Communication

Unfortunately, due to reasons out of the school's control, we have experienced some problems with its telephone system earlier in the week. These problems have all been fixed and the telephone systems are working. I

Coffee Morning

Building on the success of our healthy minds day, we will be holding regular coffee mornings in school for parents and carers. Our first will take place on Monday and will be a place where parents and carers can discuss matters that are important to them. The morning will be led by Miss Moreland who is our learning mentor and will also be attended by a member of the School Leadership Team. Did I forget to mention that there will be cake and biscuits involved?!

Computing Suite

I am pleased to report that our new computing suite has been a real hit in the first few weeks of term. It is a dedicated place to teach the computing curriculum and also for children to use their computing skills in the wider curriculum.

Playground markings

The new playground markings that were installed in July have really brightened up the playground. They have also given the children more opportunities to play different games together at breaktime and lunchtime. We are continuing to review the outside experiences for our children and hope to add new resources soon...watch this space.

Attendance

It is extremely important that the children are in school every day to ensure that they do not

miss any learning. Correspondence will follow shortly from the school regarding its stance on absences.

Free School Meals

Since September 2014, all infants have been eligible for a free school meal, but some children may be eligible for extra funding through the pupil premium.

It is worth registering for Free School Meals anyway because if you register:

> School receives a 'pupil premium' - an extra payment which can be spent on useful services;

> Registering your child may also get you financial help for extra things like uniform, trips or music lessons.

Whether a child is entitled to pupil premium is confidential between your family, the class teacher and the senior leadership team. The rest of the school community (including governors) can only see anonymous data.

Please see Mrs Simmons in the office or visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm or call 0300 123 5012 to see if your child is entitled or to make an application.

And Finally..

Manor Park operates an 'open door' policy which means that we will always endeavour to speak with you and support families in any way that we can. Please arrange to speak to a member of the team should you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to a successful year and working in partnership with you.

Yours Faithfully,

Simon Cotterill

Head Teacher

Diary Dates Ahead

Please check the school website regularly and remember all letters are put on to the website for your added convenience.

18/9/17 Coffee Morning
21/9/17 MPSA Film night
5/10/17 Little Champions
6/10/17 MPSA AGM
13/10/17 Harvest Celebration - details to follow
18/10/17 Pastoral Governors Meeting
19/10/17 Cross Country Competition
19/10/17 MPSA Halloween Disco- details to follow
20/10/17 SCHOOL CLOSES

30/10/17/16 SCHOOL OPENS
1/11/17 Parents Evening
8/11/17 Parents Evening
9/11/17 Tag Rugby Tournament
22/11/17 Resources Governor Meeting
23/11/17 Girls football tournament
1/12/17 MPSA Christmas Fair
2/12/17 Knutsford lights switch on
6/12/17 Learning & Teaching Governors meeting
6/12/17 Hockey taster session
7/12/17 Football tournament
18/12/17 Full Governing body meeting
19/12/17 Carols around the Tree - KS2
20/12/17 Reception and KS1 nativity performance
21/12/17 Class Christmas Parties
22/12/17 SCHOOL CLOSES

8/1/18 SCHOOL OPENS
