



September 29<sup>th</sup> 2017

## Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Attendance

As I am sure you are all aware, it is very important for a child's education that they attend school. As with many schools, increasing attendance is a priority for us. We already have many treats and rewards for children and families whose attendance is good. There will be some communication before half term clarifying the Local Authority and school's position on attendance moving forward. Obviously we will support all children and families as much as we can to ensure the attendance is high. Below are the attendance figures for week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September.

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| Year 1/2     | 98.6% |
| Year 6       | 98.3% |
| Year 3       | 98.1% |
| Year 4       | 97.9% |
| Year 5       | 95.0% |
| Year 2       | 90.0% |
| Reception/Y1 | 85.8% |

### School Council -

It is my pleasure to inform you all who the members of our new school council are. As part of our British Values launch day, the children voted for who they believed would represent their views on the school council. Each candidate produced a manifesto and made pledges to the class. The children cast their votes into the Manor Park ballot box and the results are as follows.

Rec/Y1 - Riley & Jess

Y 1/2 - Tom & Destini

Y2 - Izzy & Ezra

Y3 - Adam & Ruby

Y4 - Lucie & Jack

Y5 - Tabitha & Alfie

Y6 Joel & Phoebe.

These children will meet every two weeks with Mrs Durban to ensure that the children have a voice in the direction of the school moving forward.

### Trim Trail -

As no doubt you have seen over the last week, we have had a new trim trail installed on the field. We are all very excited about this! The children will be able to access this at break and lunchtimes every day and there will be a timetable in place to ensure that all children have equal opportunities to use it. Developing our outdoor area was something that the children have recognised and requested via the school council and also through pupil discussions. This is a great example of children understanding the needs of their own school and how they can be involved in improving the provision that we offer.

Can I ask that you refrain from letting the children use the trim trail before and after school until further notice.

### Morning Snacks -

I would like to thank parents for their feedback on the recent changes to morning snack. Some parents had concerns about the amount of time it took to deliver snack to the children, they were concerned that the children did not have much break time left. After we reviewed the delivery, we adapted how we served snack to the children and it is now much more efficient. It now takes 5-6mins on average from start to finish. Thank you for your support on this matter.

### Coffee Morning

Our weekly coffee and cake mornings will continue in the meeting room every Monday morning. Please pop in if you can as it is a chance for you to speak to Miss Moreland who is our learning mentor about any concerns that you may have or anything that you think the school should be aware of. It is also a way that we can offer support for you and your families on a variety of different things.

### British Values launch day -

On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> September the whole school spent the day learning about British Values. We have used this as a launch day as we will continue to talk about what they are and what they mean to us. We have linked them to our school values as they are already very important to us and the children are confident when talking about the Manor Park Values. Our assemblies will focus on British Values and we will be exploring how they apply to us in 2017 and where they originate from.

### La Journée Européennes des Langues -

On Tuesday this week the children, (and staff) had an amazing day where we celebrated being part of Europe and the diverse nature of our continent. The children took part in lots of activities and learnt about: different foods from across Europe from Bulgaria to Spain and Italy to Switzerland, they also learnt about Spanish songs and dancing, had a taster of speaking in German and Welsh and played traditional French games. It was wonderful to see all of the children enjoying their learning. A special thank you must go to: Mrs Malloy (Luis and Adam's mum), Mr Alvarado-Bisson (Ciara's dad), Miss Atherton and Miss Joubert for helping to make the day so magical for the children. You will be able to find more information on our website soon. If you are unsure as to what the subtitle means - European day of Languages -

### Football and Netball -

I am pleased to inform you that our Netball and Football teams played their first competitive games this week and whilst the results were not what we had hoped, the children's team work, resilience and attitudes were fabulous. Well done and lets look forward to the next match.

### Walking Routes to School - Mobberley to Knutsford Academy & Knutsford Academy, The Studio

You may be aware that the Council's Cabinet agreed, on 12 September 2017, to commence a period of engagement with the local community about proposals to withdraw some free school

transport for Knutsford Academy pupils living in the Mobberley area.

A final decision on the proposals will not be made by Cabinet until January 2018.

You are encouraged to participate in the engagement process in order to help inform that decision. The engagement will be open from 20 September until 17 October 2017.

You can express your views in a number of ways:

□ By completing the online survey available at <http://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/AWRPH2A/>

□ By emailing [walkingroutes@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:walkingroutes@cheshireeast.gov.uk) with your comments

□ By requesting a postal information pack and survey form. Please telephone 0300 123 5012 (option 1) to do this (please note that comments by telephone cannot be recorded)

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.*

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| 5/10/17 Little Champions                           |
| 6/10/17 MPSA AGM                                   |
| 13/10/17 Harvest Celebration - details to follow   |
| 18/10/17 Tempest - Individual and Family portraits |
| 18/10/17 Pastoral Governors Meeting                |
| 19/10/17 Cross Country Competition                 |
| 19/10/17 MPSA Halloween Disco- details to follow   |
| <b>20/10/17 SCHOOL CLOSES</b>                      |

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| <b>30/10/17/16 SCHOOL OPENS</b> |
| 1/11/17 Parents Evening         |
| 8/11/17 Parents Evening         |

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| 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                          |

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| 8/1/18 SCHOOL OPENS |
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