



September 9th 2016

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank people for being so friendly and offering many messages of support over the last few days. I hope that you have had a lovely summer. Can I also thank everyone who completed the parent questionnaire at the end of last term - your views are very important to the strategic development of our school. The returns will be considered at a forthcoming governors meeting and suggestions planned for, where possible. Once again, thank you for your support.

Manor Park Values

Over the first few days of term, we have introduced the children to the characteristics of 'a Manor Park Learner'. These values are to support the school in ensuring that all children develop into rounded individuals with a thirst for learning. The values are: **Respect, Pride, Responsibility, Resilience and Reflection.**

Morning registration -

The school has changed the routine slightly for children at the beginning of the school day. We will be opening the doors to the children at 8:45 and children will be expected to enter school and make their way to their class, quietly and calmly. The class teacher will be waiting for them in the classroom along with a focused learning activity. A member of the SLT will always be on the playground for you to talk to and there will also be a member of staff at each door if you need to pass messages onto a class teacher. The doors will be closed at 8:55 and the register taken. This enables the children and class teacher to ensure that every opportunity to learn is being maximised.

Morning Snacks

From Monday 12th September, we will be changing the system that we use to deliver snacks for the children. Could you please send your child to school every Monday with the payment for their snacks in a sealed envelope. Could you please pay the entire week of snacks on the Monday. The costs per day are:

Milk with Toast or Fruit - 30p

Toast - 20p

Milk - 20p

Fruit - 20p

This will encourage the children to be responsible for their own snack money and also develop independence. Thank you for your support.

Website

Please take time to look at our school website. We will be using the website more over the next year to showcase some of the amazing learning that has taken place. We are also going to develop the use of the website to support communication.

Contact Details

We will soon be contacting parents and carers via email to reduce the amount of paper that we use. We are currently checking our records and will write to you over the next few weeks to ask for up to date contact details. It would be helpful if you could get these details back to us as soon as possible. Thank you.

Free School Meals

Since September 2014, all infants have been eligible for a free school meals, 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..

Please remember that teachers are with their classes from 8.45am to 3.15pm (KS1) and 3.20pm (KS2) and should you need to speak with a class teacher, a time after school is preferable. If you need to speak with me, I will always try my best to do so. Appointments may not always be necessary.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

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.

Wk Beginning 12 th September- Roald Dahl Week
13/9/16 Dress up as a Roald Dahl Character
14/9/16 Swimming Y5 & Y6 begins
14/9/16 Multi Sports After School Club begins
22/9/16 Cross Country competition
27/9/16 Netball league begins
29/9/16 Football league begins
6/10/16 MPSA Beetle Drive - details to follow
14/10/16 Harvest Celebration - details to follow
19/10/16 Parents Evening 3:30pm - 7:00pm
27/10/16 MPSA Halloween Disco- details to follow
27/10/16 Tag Rugby tournament
28/10/16 SCHOOL CLOSES

7/11/16 Inset Day
8/11/16 SCHOOL OPENS
10/11/16 MPSA Race night - details to follow
10/11/16 Football Tournament
17/11/16 Girls Football Tournament
24/11/16 Hockey Competition
1/12/16 Mini Games
14/12/16 MPSA Tea with Santa - details to follow
21/12/16 Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance - details to follow
22/12/16 Class Christmas Parties
23/12/16 SCHOOL CLOSES

9/1/17 SCHOOL OPENS