



October 21st 2016

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe that it is nearly the end of the first half term. A big thank you to everyone for making myself and Mrs Jeffery feel so welcome.

MPSA

Last night the MPSA held a meeting at school to discuss lots of different ideas about how they can support the school in moving forward. The meeting was very constructive and there are exciting times ahead for the school. The partnership between the school and the MPSA is extremely valuable in shaping the future for all of the Manor Park children. The school will be notifying parents of upcoming events and meetings, if you could please find the time to support in any way that you can then it would be much appreciated.

Hallowe'en Disco

Coming up next week is our Hallowe'en Disco. Please return the slips if you would like your child to attend this spooktacular event.

Race Night

An exciting event after half term is the MPSA Race Night which takes place on Thursday November 10th. Children have already brought home information about this, so please check your child's bag if you haven't seen it. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reception Librarians

On Wednesday, Reception visited Knutsford Library to find out all about the things we can do at the library. Alison and Hilary, the librarians, very kindly showed us around and let us look at lots and lots of books. We all had a go at using the machines to check books in and out of the library. We were very lucky to have a book read to us, it was the Kitchen Disco By

Clare Foges. It was really funny and we enjoyed having a go at dancing like the fruit in the book. The best bit was doing the conga!

Lewis "I was a helper, I held up the books."

Isaac " I liked doing the Conga in the library, it was from a book."

Swetha "I found a Cinderella book, a beautiful Cinderella book"

Y2 visit Beeston Castle

The children in Year 2 had an amazing time at Beeston Castle on Monday. Following a steep and challenging walk to the top of the hill, the children looked for King Richard II's treasure at the bottom of the well. 'If I find the treasure, I will share it with my family and friends' said Daniel.

The children then shouted loudly through the arrow slits to deter potential enemies, as was the tradition back in the 13th century. They had a go at lifting heavy metal swords and other weapons and even had the opportunity to wear a knight's helmet.

The children then enjoyed a well-deserved picnic in the sun followed by a few rolls down the hills.

What a fun day it was!

School Council visit the Town Council

On October 13th 2016, the School Council went on a trip to the council offices and we saw the Mayor. We asked questions about the council and about being Mayor. We also held a council meeting with Jayden, our chairperson, leading it. We spent time discussing various issues and put forward a number of proposals to discuss in future meetings. (Written by Ava)

Junior Recycling Officers

Mrs Lucinda Hodges (Waste Education Officer) came into school on Monday October 17th to meet our newly recruited Junior Recycling Officers - Ebony Queeley, Hannah Goulden and Thomas Mair. She provided them with starter kits and spoke to them about their responsibilities within their new role.

Swimming

A quick notification about swimming for Year 5 and Year 6 - Swimming is not on next Wednesday, 26th October 2016, it will begin again on Wednesday, 9th November 2016.

Staff Professional Development

I have attended the Cheshire East Head Teacher conference which provided a good opportunity to network with other Head Teachers. Mrs Jeffery has also attended the conference for Deputy Head Teachers. Miss Moreland has been appointed as a full time Learning Mentor and we will be developing her role in school over the next term. We have also been visited by a Head Teacher from another local school to support them in developing their Nursery and Two year old provision.

Harvest Celebrations

WOW! We were all so proud of the children after our Harvest Celebration Assemblies. We quickly realised that we needed two assemblies due to the demand for tickets. In total over 130 parents, grandparents and friends of Manor Park attended. We received many kind messages afterwards and I would like to thank people for that. All of the messages were relayed to the children and staff. Thank you

School Photographs

Our school photographers will be in on October 26th. If you could please ensure that your little ones are looking fabulous and also wearing the correct uniforms. There is a short amount of time first thing in the morning to include siblings in photographs. A form has been sent out with the children, if you could please get this back to the office by Monday, 24th October as space is limited and we would not want people to be disappointed.

Parents Evening

Thank you for supporting the school by attending our parents evening this week. It was a good opportunity to discuss how well your children have settled into the new term, and for us to be able to share some of their learning with you.

Phonics workshop

On Wednesday 12th October Mrs Devenport and Mrs Power ran a 'Phonics Workshop' for Reception parents. We discussed what 'Phonics' actually was! We talked about the ways we teach reading, writing and spelling in school and gave parents ideas of how they could help their

child at home. We showed parents how to correctly form the letters and how to say the sounds correctly! We looked at some resources that would be useful to support the children with phonics at home. Thank you to those parents who attended. The pack that was given out at the meeting has been given to all children.

EYFS donations

In EYFS we are always looking for donations to add to our learning environments. If you work at a factory / office that throws away items e.g. piping, cardboard tubes, paper, card, buckets, paint brushes, bowls, logs etc., we always have many uses for these sorts of items! We also have a wish list of these sorts of items and others so even if you don't work at a company maybe you can help us. Come and speak to us. Thank 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.

26/10/16 School Photographs
27/10/16 MPSA Halloween Disco
27/10/16 Tag Rugby tournament
28/10/16 SCHOOL CLOSSES
7/11/16 Inset Day
8/11/16 SCHOOL OPENS
10/11/16 MPSA Race night
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 CLOSSES
9/1/17 SCHOOL OPENS