



November 11th 2016

Newsletter 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

How the weather has changed! Winter has definitely arrived, frosty mornings and leaves covering the ground. It is a sign that Christmas is on its way.

MPSA

Last night the MPSA held a race night at the school which by all accounts was a huge success.

Along with the Beetle Drive and a very **scary**

Halloween disco, the MPSA have been extremely active in supporting the school. Thank you to the MPSA and all of those who have supported these events. All of the money raised by the MPSA goes directly to support the education of all of the children.

Coffee and Cakes

On Friday 18th November at 2:00pm the MPSA are providing Refreshments in the school hall as a welcome session for new parents or friends of Manor Park. It is a great opportunity for anyone to pop along and see how they support the school and to meet the people involved.

Traffic!

The school has been contacted by some parents to air their concerns over the traffic outside the school, particularly in the mornings. As a school we take the safety of the children and parents extremely seriously and are acting on your comments. From 8:30 every morning there will be a member of staff outside the school gates with a 'high vis' jacket to support parents with any traffic issues. I have also mentioned this issue to our local PCSO who will support the school in any way that he can. Ultimately, the school can only do so much, we will be contacting the relevant authorities who are in charge of the roads and ask what support they can offer

the school. If I could ask parents and carers to talk to their children about road safety and we will do the same in school. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Pupil Premium

A letter has been sent out to all parents asking for certain information which will help the school moving forward. For each child who is eligible for Free School Meals the school receives extra funding which goes directly to supporting the children. Although all children in KS1 currently receive a free school meal, we still need this information to apply for the extra funding. Even if you have other children receiving free school meals in the school, could you please return the completed form to school as we have to apply for each individual child. Thank you.

School communication

From Monday, 21st November 2016 the school will be sending letters, forms and newsletters home to parents via email unless a signature from parents is required. For those of you who haven't provided an email address to school you will be provided with a named hard copy. However, don't forget that all letters can be found under the parent>letters tab on the school website.

If you have an email address and haven't yet provided it to school please do so by emailing the school office on admin@manorpark.cheshire.sch.uk putting your child's name in the subject line.

Children in Need.

Next Friday is Children in Need day and the school is hoping to raise as much money for the school as possible. A letter went out yesterday with more information but if your child can be as 'spotty' as possible next Friday, (18th November) then that would be brilliant. All money raised will go directly to Children in Need.

Mad Science

On Tuesday this week, the children were treated to an afternoon assembly of

'MAD SCIENCE'

Our visitors wowed the children with lots of different tricks which were all based around science. A letter has gone out to you about an after school club where children can learn more about Science through play.

Tag Rugby

Before half term, the school managed to take **TWO** tag rugby teams to a Knutsford tournament. The children were amazing and a real credit to the school. We have attached some photos from the event on our school website. Thank you to Mr Murphy and Mr Williams, (Evie from Year 3's dad)

Year 3 and Year 4 Football

Last night the school took **TWO** teams to the year 3 and year 4 football tournament. All of the children were brilliant and displayed many of our School Values before, during and after the games. Well done to all of the children who were involved. Thank you to Miss Thorley for your football coaching skills, Pep Guardiola needs to watch out!

Photographs

The Tempest school photograph order deadline has been extended to **WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER.** Please ensure you have handed in your photograph order by then.

Attendance

The school's attendance during our first half term was:

Whole School - 94%

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Reception	-	
Year 1	-	94.2%
Year 1/2	-	94%
Year 2	-	96.7%
Year 3	-	96.5%
Year 4	-	92.5%
Year 5	-	92.9%
Year 6	-	90%

As you can see, the whole school attendance is below the minimum of 95% set by the government. It is vitally important that children attend school, as every day that they are away is a missed opportunity to learn.

Over this half term, the school will be launching some new ideas to reward children and families who have a high attendance % on a weekly and termly basis alongside the 100% attendance reward at the end of the year. We will also continue to support children and families who are finding it difficult attending school regularly.

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.

16/11/16 Tempest Photograph order deadline
17/11/16 Girls Football Tournament
18/11/16 Children in Need - Dress in Spots day
18/11/16 @ 2pm Refreshments with MPSA in the Hall
24/11/16 Y1 Trip to Beeston Castle
24/11/16 Hockey Competition
1/12/16 Mini Games
9/12/16 Year 3 trip to Techniquet - details to follow
13/12/16 Nursery Christmas Singalong
14/12/16 MPSA Tea with Santa - details to follow
15/12/16 Nursery Christmas Singalong
20/12/16 KS2 Carols Concert - Details to follow
21/12/16 Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance - details to follow
22/12/16 Class Christmas Parties
23/12/16 Toy day in school
23/12/16 SCHOOL CLOSES
9/1/17 SCHOOL OPENS
26/1/17 MPSA Film Night
9/2/17 MPSA Family Bingo