



November 25th 2016

Newsletter 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is not quite December yet so I will not mention the 'C' word but it is exactly 1 month today. I am not sure where the time has gone from September but this term is flying by.

Traffic!

I am pleased to say that the school is in contact with the Local Council to try and find a solution to the concerns we all have over the safety of the road outside of the school, particularly in the mornings. We are also putting measures in place where a member of the Senior Leadership Team is outside the school gate wearing a 'Hi-Vis' jacket every morning from 8:40-8:55. When we have more information, we will let you know.

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. Thank you to those who have already replied. Next week we will begin to contact people by telephone to ensure that we secure as much funding as we can for the school. Please understand that we are taking this course of action to maximise the provision that we can offer ALL of the children in school. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Children in Need.

Children in Need was a huge success in school, there were many spotty children and some of the costumes were very inventive. The school managed to raise exactly £197.71 for the good causes. BRILLIANT!

Girls Football

Last week the school sent two football teams to a Knutsford Partnership girl's football event. Some of our girls were slightly nervous as they had never entered a football tournament before. I am proud to say that they displayed all of our school values and had a great time. The girls won many of their games but more importantly, they tried something new and really enjoyed it.

Year 3 and Year 4 Hockey

Last night we had two teams representing the school in a Knutsford Partnership hockey tournament. Again, they showed real pride and resilience in their performances and also worked hard together as teams. A special mention must go to Oliver Ward and Millie Birchall who were awarded medals for their positive attitude and hockey skills! A huge thank you to Miss Goodwin who gave the children some expert coaching sessions during lunchtimes and also to Mr Williams, (parent and governor) who has supported us in many sporting events this term.

MPSA

Thank you to the MPSA who held their AGM in school on Friday 18th November, I am pleased to say that through their hard work and commitment, they are supporting the school in funding many different activities that benefit all of the children in school. They have recently supported our development of the Nurture Room by donating the money to enable us to purchase a comfortable settee for the children to use. Thank you MPSA.

Safeguarding

At Manor Park Primary School we believe safeguarding should be at the forefront of our thoughts. Could all parents and carers please ensure that they do not take photographs or videos of children without consent from their parents, at any time? Also, that no pictures or videos are taken on the school premises without permission from the school. We have also been contacted by some parents who are concerned about large dogs at the school gates at home time. If we could all be mindful of some of our

younger children as they could be slightly worried as children can be afraid of dogs. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Y1 Beeston Castle Trip

Our Year 1 children enjoyed their visit to Beeston Castle as part of their topic on Castles. The staff from Beeston Castle commented on how sensible and well behaved the children were and also that some of the questions that they came up with showed what great learners they were. Well done Year 1.

Junior Recycling

Yesterday the school was visited by Lucinda Hodges from Cheshire East Council who led a recycling assembly alongside our junior recycling officers, (Ebony, Thomas and Hannah). The children learnt how to reduce, reuse and recycle different things to help our planet to become more sustainable. We also announced the winners of the school recycling competition and they were-

KS1 -

1st place - Molly Klages

2nd place - Chloe Goulden

3rd place - Imogen Ranfield

KS2 -

1st place - Veniya Vinoy

2nd place - Lucie Goulbourn

3rd place - Mollie Thorpe

Well done to those children.

Staff Development-

At Manor Park we understand the importance of ensuring that all staff receive up to date training and as such we have a robust training schedule in place for staff.

All of our teachers attended the second day of a two day maths course last week.

We have also received support from Mr Sheriff as our School Improvement Partner. Mr Sheriff visited the school along with his Pastoral team; we are hoping to return the favour over the next term.

Our Early Years team have attended 'ICAN' Training.

Mrs Jeffrey and Miss Moreland attended safeguarding training.

I attended training on the new 'Raise online' which is related to whole school assessment. I have also attended a global learning conference.

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.

1/12/16 Mini Games
9/12/16 Year 3 & 4 trip to Techniquet
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