



December 9<sup>th</sup> 2016

## Newsletter 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are gearing up for the festive season with lots of rehearsals and practices happening all over school. Schools really are magical places but particularly so at Christmas.

### Music Recording

We have been lucky enough to have a recording studio in school this week so that the children can record their own Manor Park Christmas CD. The day itself was superb with all of the children enjoying the experience of singing with a professional record producer. I am pleased to say that over 50 CDs have already been ordered, they would be great keepsakes or Christmas presents. We are still able to take orders up until next Friday so please contact the office if you wish to place an order. You never know, we could make the Christmas top 40!! I would also like to pass on the following feedback, "your children are some of the best behaved and respectful children we have been lucky enough to meet whilst visiting schools," Well done everyone!

We also held a competition for the CD cover; this was won by Hannah Goulden in Year 5, well done Hannah.

### Knutsford Lights Switch on

I am extremely proud to inform you all that Lia Callaway- Harrison from our Year 5 class sang a solo at the Knutsford Lights Switch on last Saturday night. She is a very talented young singer and I am sure that we will be seeing more of her in the years to come. I can also confirm that this is an event that the school will be supporting in the future with a school choir.

### Traffic!

As I am sure you are aware, we are in contact with the council to try to improve the safety of the road outside of the school. Until we have a solution to the traffic problem, you will see me on the road outside of the school between 8:40 and 8:55 most mornings. If you see any driving that you feel is a concern, can I ask that you make a note of the time, place and what happened and pass the information onto the staff in the school office. Please try not to engage in any discussions with any other parties wherever possible. The more evidence we can get that changes need to be made, the better chance we have of improving the road safety outside our school.

### Mini Games

Last week our year 1 and year 2 children took part in a mini games event along with children from the other Knutsford Primary Schools. The children had a great time with lots of running, throwing, catching and jumping taking place. As always the children represented the school with real gusto and continued to display the Manor Park Values.

### By Royal Approval

As part of their topic this term, Year 2 have been learning about the Royal Family. They have been using lots of different ways to find information and one of them was to write to the Queen herself. Well, THEY HAD A REPLY TODAY! Hot off the press...The Queen has thanked the children for giving her so many wonderful letters and she has read them all! Year 2 were so happy and excited to get a letter from Buckingham Palace, it has been put on the WOW wall in the classroom and is also on our Twitter page.

### Christmas Events

Letters for the Infant and Junior Christmas nativity and Carol Concert have been emailed or handed out to children today. Can I ask that you order your tickets as soon as you can as we will have a limited amount of space in the hall. There will be no charge for the tickets and they are available from the School Office.

Tea with Santa is next Wednesday and will be a fabulous event for the children. This is an event that is organised by the MPSA so a big thank you to them.

Nursery will be having their Christmas sing song on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December so all parents of children in our Nursery please speak to the Nursery Staff to check on the arrangements.

Our Reception class have created a wonderful Christmas Tree for the St Cross Christmas Tree Festival. The festival is taking place this weekend and the Church will be open until 7pm tonight, between 10am and 6pm on Saturday and between 11:30am and 4pm on Sunday. It would be great if you could pop in and support our local Church.

All of the children's Christmas parties will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December in the afternoon and details will follow.

#### Knutsford Crib Service -

Manor Park have been invited to sing at the Knutsford Crib Service this Saturday at approximately 6pm outside the Lost and Found pub. It should be a lovely community Christmas event and I am sure the children will do the school proud. Again, it would be great, if you are in town, if you could offer the children your moral support.

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.*

21/12/16 Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance
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

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 @ 9.15am