



December 23rd 2016

## Newsletter 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all of the parents and carers for their support of the school over the past term. I have enjoyed getting to know the children and see them grow and make progress in everything that they do.

### Attendance

Attendance to school is extremely important for all children. One of the basic rights of a child is to receive an education. The school takes attendance extremely seriously and as such we will be increasing the profile of attendance both in school with the children and also with parents and carers.

- 100% attendance - All children who have a 100% attendance during a term will be awarded a certificate in the final celebration assembly of the term.
- Also, all of the children who have achieved a 100% attendance will be entered into a draw and the winning child will receive a gift that will treat the entire family, (this is to acknowledge that all of the family are involved in supporting high attendance).
- Attendance treat - All children who achieve an attendance of 98% or above will be invited to an attendance treat in the first week of the following term, (13/1/17)
- We have also introduced a weekly attendance treat and competition where the class with the highest weekly attendance is awarded a certificate and they are placed on our attendance display in the hall.

Class attendance figures for the Autumn term are as follows:

Reception - 94.5%

Y1 - 94.4%

Y1/2 - 94.2%

Y2 - 96.2%

Y3 - 95.9%

Y4 - 92.6%

Y5 - 93.2%

Y6 - 92.1%

Congratulations to Year 2 who have the highest overall attendance. Let's all work together and try and increase attendance next term.

### School day

To support families in the morning, the school will not be closing the doors into school until 9:00am, the class teacher will then be closing the register just after 9:00am. Can you please make sure that all children are in school on time as this can have a really positive impact on the children's experiences of school life. The main entrance should not be used to drop children off unless the other doors are closed. Please do not bring your children to the main entrance before 9:00am as you will be sent back to the other entrances.

### Traffic

I can confirm that the school has contacted the local council with their views on the current traffic situation and I will keep you up to date with any further information.

### Knutsford Crib Service -

I would like to thank all of the children and families that supported the Knutsford Crib Service. It was a great turnout by the school and a wonderful community event.

### KS2 Christmas Concert-

Huge congratulations to all of the children and staff who were involved in the KS2 Christmas Concert. The children performed a selection of songs and also readings. They were all brilliant and showed what a talented bunch they are. A special thank you must go to Mr Patrick Jones who volunteered his time to support with the

music. Patrick is also a school governor and his support of the school is much appreciated by the staff and the children.

#### House Points

The house points have been counted over the term and I can announce that the winning team is.....Leycester. The House Trophy was awarded at our Celebration assembly today.

#### Christmas Lunch

I had the pleasure of joining Wendy and her team to help serve over 200 delicious Christmas lunches this week. The children were joined by the staff and had a wonderful time pulling Christmas crackers and listening to Christmas songs.

#### Christmas Jumper Day

Everyone looked fabulous in their Christmas jumpers last week and we managed to raise £137.27 for Save the Children. Thank you for your donations.

#### Sparkle

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 gave a wonderful performance of the nativity - they were all superstars and such confident performers! Thank you for helping the children to learn lines and lyrics. A big thank you to the infant staff for all their hard work. You also helped the school council raise £152.70 for their chosen charity which is Guide Dogs for the Blind. Thank you

#### Social Media

A polite reminder that whilst social media can be a great form of communication; it would be appreciated if parents and carers were mindful what they post online.

#### Parents Evening

After receiving feedback from parents relating to parents evenings, the school has decided to offer two parents evenings over consecutive weeks. This will allow each teacher consultation to be 10 mins instead of 5 thus giving more time to discuss the children's all round school experience. It also provides more

opportunity/choice for parents. The dates and times are listed below.

Finally, from everyone at Manor Park, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New 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.***

9/1/17 SCHOOL OPENS
13/1/17 Attendance Treat
18/1/17 Mad Science
19/1/17 Netball Tournament
26/1/17 Football Tournament
26/1/17 MPSA Film Night
2/2/17 Sports Hall Athletics
9/2/17 MPSA Family Bingo
9/2/17 Basketball
17/2/17 SCHOOL CLOSES

27/2/17 SCHOOL OPENS
28/2/17 Netball League
2/3/17 Football League
7/3/17 Netball League
9/3/17 Football League
14/3/17 Netball League
15/3/17 Parents Evening 3:30 -7:00
16/3/17 Football League
21/3/17 Netball League
22/3/17 Parents Evening 3:30 - 5:30
23/3/17 Football League
24/3/17 Comic Relief Day
28/3/17 Netball League
30/3/17 MPSA Easter Event
31/3/17 SCHOOL CLOSES

