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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. The children have been back in school now for a few weeks and it is great to see them all raring to go.

Attendance

Well done to all of the children who attended our first termly attendance treat last Friday. They had a great time together watching a film and having popcorn and juice. Hopefully next term we will have more children reaching the target of 98%.

All of the children who achieved 100% attendance in the Autumn term were placed into a prize draw. Congratulations to Veniya from Year 5 who won the family attendance treat for the Autumn term of family tickets to the Cinema and a large tub of popcorn.

Congratulations to Year 6 who won our weekly attendance award in the first week back with an attendance of 98.2% and Year 1/2 who won the following week, also with an attendance of 98.2%

I am sure that you will all agree that attendance is extremely important and we will continue to support children and families to ensure that their attendance is high.

School Visitors

It was a pleasure to welcome PC James and Sergeant Kelly into school to talk to the children about the roles and responsibilities of the Police. They brought some items with them to show the children and then answered any questions that the children had.

Timestable Rockstars

We have sent home log in details for the children to access Timestable Rockstars website. This is a fun website where children can practise their multiplication and division facts and also become a Rock Star. Congratulations to the following Rockstars who are at the top of the school charts at the moment:

**Verity Beckley
Ezra Richman
And Cheese Francis**

My Maths

The school has recently sent home log in details for My Maths. This is a website where the school now sets the maths homework for the children whilst also giving lessons to support them and parents.

School Uniform

Can I please remind parents and carers that Manor Park has a school uniform policy. This is clearly set out on the school website along with a link to a website where you can order more uniform. It is extremely important that we have high expectations in all areas of school life. Pride and Respect are two of our school values and when children look smart and wear the correct school uniform then they will be ready to learn. We will be talking to the children about high expectations relating to school uniform over the next few weeks, can I please ask that you support the children with this.

Class assemblies

One of the changes that the school has put forward in light of the parent consultation last year was to introduce class assemblies. Each class will hold a class assembly for parents/grandparents and friends. The assemblies will be held at 9:15 in the hall and will be a celebration of the learning that has taken place in class. More information will follow from the class teachers but some dates are in this newsletter for your diary.

Film Night

The MPSA have organised a film night for the children on January 26th. This will be a great event for the children where they will be able to watch Kung Fu Panda 3 with their friends and also have a Snack Pack to tuck into. Please return the permission slip and payment back to the school by Monday 23rd January.

Bingo

Reminder that the MPSA are holding a family Bingo night on Thursday, 16th February - more details to follow.

Manor Park Mini Planters Society

It is with great pleasure that I can inform you that the Manor Park Mini Planters Society is up and running. Initially, children are beginning to organise and plan the area and then they will quickly move on to preparing and planting when the weather improves. Can I ask that you support the Society by either investing in shares or by donating whatever you can to help. There is more information on our school website under the letters section. A huge thank you to Mrs Sellors who gave us our first donation of seeds this week.

Parents Evening

Please be aware that we have moved the date of one of the Parents Evenings due to a clash with the Year 4 residential. The dates below are correct and will not change. Full details will follow in due course. I have highlighted them in bold.

Mad Science

There has been a change to the Mad Science club dates. A note has already gone home, but just to clarify, the 8th & 15th March sessions have been cancelled and replaced with a double session on 29th March.

Multisports

Multisports club will begin again on Tuesday 14th February 2017 for 11 weeks. Details have already been sent home.

Bikeability

Bikeability for Years 5 & 6 will take place on 27th & 28th February. Forms and letters have

already been sent home with details. Please ensure you return any forms to the school office as soon as possible.

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.

26/1/17 Football Tournament
26/1/17 MPSA Film Night
2/2/17 Sports Hall Athletics
6/2/17 Book Fair all week - details to follow
9/2/17 Basketball
14/2/17 Multisports begins
16/2/17 MPSA Family Bingo
17/2/17 SCHOOL CLOSES

27/2/17 SCHOOL OPENS
27/2/17 Bikeability
28/2/17 Netball League
28/2/17 Bikeability
2/3/17 Football League
2/3/17 World Book day - details to follow
7/3/17 Netball League
8/3/17 Parents Evening 3:30 -7:00
9/3/17 Year 1 Class Assembly
9/3/17 Football League
14/3/17 Netball League
15/3/17 Parents Evening 3:30 - 5:30
16/3/17 Football League
21/3/17 Netball League
22/3/17 Reception Class Assembly
22/3/17-24/3/17 Year 4 Residential
23/3/17 Football League
24/3/17 Comic Relief Day
28/3/17 Netball League
30/3/17 Year 4 Class Assembly
30/3/17 MPSA Easter Event
31/3/17 SCHOOL CLOSES