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Dear Parents/Carers,

The weather forecast for next week is 16°C and sunshine. Hopefully this will mean that the children will be able to enjoy playing outside in the fresh air and we can begin to look forward to Spring.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 2 who won our weekly attendance award in the fourth week of Spring term with an attendance of 98.3% . Unfortunately, no class won the attendance awards last week as the attendance was too low in each class.

Year 2 -

Cooking with Year 2! Last week, year 2 journeyed to the local Coop to purchase ingredients for various sumptuous meals. They then helped to prepare and cook a Chinese Stir Fry and a Yorkshire pudding. The children then compared the different food as part of their topic learning about China.

"Walking to the Co-Op was cold but fun because we got to look for our ingredients" Ruby-Rae
"The stir-fry tasted so fresh, I have never had one before" Jasmine

Basketball

Last week our Year 3 and Year 4 children attended a Basketball Festival alongside other Knutsford Schools. We are very pleased to inform you that we entered THREE teams. Each team gave themselves a name, so we had: Bees, Iguanas and Frogs representing the school! All of the children played very well and enjoyed showcasing their new found skills. A great time was had by all.

Timestable Rockstars

Congratulations to the following Rockstars who are new entries in the school charts:

Verity Beckley, Frankie Rich, Maria Maroulis and Baroness Hazelmyer

Verity and Frankie are currently 'Rock Stars' , Maria is a 'Support Act' and the Baroness is a 'Wanabee'

Timestable Rockstars is our online multiplication game where children practice to improve their recall of multiplication and division facts. We also play in school with Rock Star Music. The children love it.

My Maths

I am pleased to announce that in light of parental feedback, the school can offer two clubs for My Maths. We understand that sometimes it can be difficult to access online homework; so the school will dedicate two lunchtime clubs where children can complete My Maths homework or enjoy some extra practice of their multiplication facts by logging onto Times table Rockstars.

KS1 Math's Club - Wednesday lunchtime
KS2 Math's Club- Thursday lunchtime

This is not meant to be as a replacement for children doing homework at home. It is there to support the children and families who find completing online homework at home difficult.

Manor Park Mini Planters Society

A huge THANK YOU to all of you who have supported the Mini Planters Society by making a donation or by purchasing Shares in the project. We have 15 shareholders at the moment and are keen for that number to increase.

It costs £10 per share and for that you will receive a Share Certificate and will be placed on our list of shareholders. When we are ready to harvest our food, all shareholders will receive a dividend from the Society in the same way any Privatised Company would give dividends to shareholders in the 'Real World'

You will also be supporting all of the children in school, as the children will be leading the Mini Planters Society and learning throughout the project.

Book Fair -

What amazing support the school received from children and parents during our book fair last week. The school sold £1147.60 worth of books which means that we will receive £688.56 of the proceeds to spend on resources to support reading in school. Thank you to all of the children and parents who spared their pocket money. Thank you also to all of the staff who supported the event throughout the week. A big thanks must go to Mrs Macdonald, Courtney & Rozanne from year 6 who dedicated lots of their own time to support this event.

Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs

It was a wonderful sight during our Friday Celebration assembly to see so many children in their various uniforms. The children were welcomed to wear their uniforms with pride to help to celebrate World Thinking Day. This event is celebrated by 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world and is the most important day in the Guiding calendar. It falls on 22nd February this year.

Parents Evening

Letters have been sent out for the forthcoming parents evenings. Please get your slips back to the class teachers as soon as you can. If you have not received a letter then please speak to the class teacher who will organise a copy.

National Formula Funding

The government have recently released proposals in a draft called the National Formula Funding. The idea behind this new proposal was that all schools national will be funded in a much fairer way. Unfortunately, this does not seem to be the case. We have sent a letter out today to outline the impact of the new formula will have on Manor Park.

School Council

The School Council organised a non-uniform day on Thursday 16th February for the Guide Dogs Charity. We raised £172.80 thank you for your kind donations.

School Holiday Calendar for Academic Year 2017- 2018

Also with this Newsletter is a revised School Holiday Calendar for 2017-2018 for your information. This is slightly different to the previous calendar and the amended dates are shown in bold.

Yours Faithfully,

Simon Cotterill Head Teacher

Please check the school website regularly and remember all letters are put on to the website for your added convenience.

Diary Dates Ahead

27/2/17 SCHOOL OPENS
27/2/17 Bikeability Y5 & Y6
28/2/17 Bikeability Y5 & Y6
28/2/17 Netball League
28/2/17 Chinese Experience Y1 & Y2
2/3/17 Football League
2/3/17 Chinese Experience Y1 & Y2
7/3/17 Netball League
3/3/17 World Book Day
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
28/3/17 Popopera Y3
30/3/17 Year 4 Class Assembly
30/3/17 MPSA Easter Event
31/3/17 SCHOOL CLOSES