



May 19<sup>th</sup> 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Attendance

Congratulations to Year 5 - 98.8%, Year 6 - 97.8% and Year 2 - 99.2% who have won our weekly attendance award in recent weeks.

High attendance to school is imperative for all of our children, as there is much research to suggest that children who have lower attendance do not achieve their full potential and this can hold them back when they are adults. Unfortunately, attendance continues to be a concern for the school. We will be contacting all parents with support and guidance to improve attendance for the children over the coming weeks.

#### Parent Council

I would like to thank the parents who have put their names forward to join the parent's council. Unfortunately, we still have some classes where we do not have a parent representative. If you feel that you could spare a couple of hours every term to help the school to continue to provide the best opportunities it can for the children, then please speak to me when I am out and about on the playground or pop into the office and let them know. Many thanks.

#### Parent Survey

Thank you to all of you who replied to the parent's survey. We had over 60 replies which was great. We have read every response and your views will be shared with staff and also with the Pastoral Governors Committee next week. They will also be published on the school website. I can give you my assurance that your views are valued. It was very reassuring for the staff to hear from parents and carers that all of their hard work and dedication does not go

unnoticed. There were also some interesting suggestions that we are looking into for future school development planning.

#### Year 3 Class Assembly

Yesterday, our Year 3 children WOWED us during their class assembly. The children shared some of their learning throughout the year including: what they have learnt about Knutsford, swimming, writing and artwork based on a famous Brazilian artist. They finished the assembly with a medley of songs from Popera, which is a singing event that the class took part in earlier in the year. It was lovely to see such confident and happy children sharing their learning with their parents, grandparents and friends.

#### Reception Y 1&2 football festival

Well done to all of the children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who took part in the football festival recently. They all had a great time and learnt about the game and also playing as part of a team. Thank you also to staff who supported the event.

#### Swimming Gala

Congratulations to the year 5 and year 6 children who competed in the Knutsford swimming gala. The children showed much grit and determination whilst racing and that "never say die" attitude was evident throughout. Whilst the children did not win the event, the children's positive attitudes and their pride in their appearance was clear to all. The school was contacted today by a parent from another school to compliment us. Well done to Jayden, Thomas, Matthew, Sophie, Lia C, Leah W and Hannah.

#### Upcoming MPSA event

Please make a date in your diary for the Manor Park School Association quiz night. It would be great to see the hall full of teams having fun and testing their general knowledge. The date of the event is Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30pm. Remember that any money that the MPSA raises goes straight to the school and to

support all of the children so any support for these events is appreciated by the school.

### 10p 2p Trail

We will be holding our annual 10p 2p trail next week. Can I please ask that you search the back of your sofa, car seats, pockets for any spare 10p and 2p coins and send them into school with your child. The children will have lots of fun making their class trail with a winning class with the longest trail receiving a prize. Remember, all of the money raised through the MPSA goes straight back to the children to support their learning. Your support is appreciated.

### Fundraising

The MPSA have done a great job over the years and will continue to do so moving forward. In recent years they have been lucky to receive a match funding donation from Barclays. If there are any parents who work at Barclays or any other companies who could support the school in any way, could they please get in touch via the office or maybe catch me on the playground in the morning or end of day.

### KS2 and KS1 SATS

A huge well done to all of the children who have taken their SATS tests this year. All of the children were extremely focussed on achieving their potential and have worked extremely hard all year (as do all of the children in school!). I am sure our year 6 children are looking forward to enjoying their last half term at Manor Park Primary School.

### Sports Day

Unfortunately, the weather transpired against us this week. The children have been out on the field virtually every day since half term playing and practicing the events for our sports day. Our next date for Sports day is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, with the times staying the same.

Could you please ensure that the children wear the colours of their house for sports day. If you are not sure, please ask the class teacher who has a list.

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.*

22/5/17 - Science Day
24/5/17 - Governors Pastoral Committee meeting
24/5/17 - MPSA 10p and 2p trail
25/5/17 - Year 1/2 Class Assembly
25/5/17 - MPSA quiz night
26/5/17 - Y5&6 My World Booths Hall
26/5/17 - SCHOOL CLOSES

5/6/17 - SCHOOL OPENS
7/6/17 - School Sports Day
9/6/17 - Year 5&6 My World Manchester Airport
15/6/17 - Year 6 Class Assembly
16/6/17 - Year 5&6 My World Manchester Airport
22/6/17 - Year 2 Class Assembly
23/6/17 - Year 5&6 My World Barclays
26/6/17 - Governors Resources Committee meeting
30/6/17 - Y5&6 My World Tatton Park
6/7/17 - Governors Teaching and Learning Committee meeting
8/7/17 - Summer Fair
13/7/17 - Full Governing Body Meeting
13/7/17 - Year 5&6 My World Graduation
21/7/17 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
21/7/17 SCHOOL CLOSES