



June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 Newsletter 17

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Attendance

Congratulations to Year 4 who were this week's attendance winners with an attendance of 98.5%. Also, congratulations to our Reception children who were our winners for the previous 2 consecutive weeks with attendances of 98.3% and 99.6%. As the term draws to a close, please look out for information regarding our attendance treat for those children who have achieved 98% attendance or above during the summer term.

May we continue to remind you that all absences can now only be authorised when accompanied by a written note/email. Please still phone to let us know why your child isn't in school, but then follow it up with a note when they return.

#### 100% Attendance

26 of our children took letters home yesterday regarding the Manchester Airport Reward trip to Stockley Farm. This visit will take place next Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> and is for those children who currently have not had a day off school all year. I'm sure you'll agree that this is a fantastic achievement, so a huge well done to both the children and their parents. Next year it would be amazing to have even more children attending the visit.

#### Year 6 Class Assembly

Well done to all the children and staff from Year 6 who took part in their class assembly on June 15<sup>th</sup>. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase the many talents of your children and the wide variety of work which has been completed throughout the year.

#### Year 2 Class Assembly

This week, it was the turn of Year 2, who gave us a whistle-stop tour of a year in the life of a

Year 2 child. The children spoke clearly and confidently and again it was impressive just how much they have learnt in the last year. In particular, the writing that the children shared was amazing. Special mention to our three mini-teachers, well done girls!

#### New BIG Screen in the hall.

The school is currently investing heavily in technology to support children with their learning. As part of this investment we have had a new, large display screen fitted in the school hall. This will enable children to showcase their learning and also encourage innovation in new technologies and presentation. This would not be achievable without the support of the MPSA. The entire project has been funded by the MPSA with funds that they have raised over the past 12 months. Thank you to them for their hard work.

#### School fair

Speaking of fund raising... Our summer school fair takes place next Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July between 12pm and 3pm. The more people who attend and support the school the more opportunities we will be able to provide for the children. So please find time to join us. If you can please donate any bottles, jars of sweets and cakes that would be much appreciated. A letter has been sent out to parents with more information.

#### Parking before and after school

Can I politely remind parents that they are not to park in a way that could be dangerous either in the mornings or after school when they drop their children off. They are busy times of day and the road is used by commuters and also the local bus service so we need to work together to make sure that the roads are safe, particularly for the children. I can confirm that the school has been in contact with the council, police and the bus service provider over the past year to try and alleviate this problem. We will continue to pursue this moving forward.

#### Healthy Minds Day

On Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup>, we held our Healthy Minds Day. The children spent time during the

day, considering how their brain works, trying out some relaxation techniques and looking at different feelings and how they can identify them. They also considered different acts of kindness which they could carry out and how good this could make people feel. For parents, there was the opportunity to spend some time in the classroom, followed by a coffee morning in the hall. As well as providing an opportunity to sit and chat, we also had tables from different organisations who supported our event. We are hoping to follow this up with a weekly coffee morning - on a smaller scale, in September, so look out for further information about this. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped to make our day so successful.

School Council @ Tatton Park

Our school council have recently visited Tatton Park to learn about gardens and wildlife. They learnt all about different plants and vegetables that you can grow in gardens and also about the bugs that live there. They will bring this new knowledge back to school and help Mrs Rogers and the Mini-Planters to make our new garden even better. "I had a fantastic time, we showed our own plants to take back to the school garden and we made our own mini bug hotel. It was an amazing trip" Molly Y3.

Speaking of Mini-Planters

Our school garden has really started to take shape over the last half term. All of the hard work that Mrs Rogers and the children have put in is taking hold. This Wednesday, we were joined by volunteers from Knutsford Academy to help us to finish the groundwork in preparation for the picnic benches. Unfortunately, due to the rain we were not able to complete the painting of the flower beds but we will have it complete asap. Thank you to all of you who have supported this project, if you would like to buy shares in this, they are still available at £10 per share. You will receive a share certificate and a dividend at some point in the year. Please contact the school office or Mrs Rogers for more information.

Continuing our 'green fingers theme'

Our school was represented at the prestigious Arley Hall Garden festival by Year 5. There were ten different school gardens. Year 5 children created a new design for Tatton Park's garden which included a kitchen garden and a formal garden. A big thank you and well done to Yanik, Sophie and Lewis from Year 5 who spoke confidently and informatively about what the class had done and the judges commended them for their work. The children were given a certificate to commemorate their hard work. I would also like to thank all of the staff who supported the event.

Sports Day

We were finally able to hold our Sports Day on Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> and it was a fantastic day. KS2 raced in the morning, followed by KS1 in the afternoon. The children showed some real resilience during the long distance race, as well as having lots of fun. In addition to the children's events, we enjoyed races with the teachers and the parents. There were some very competitive adults! Congratulations go to Leycester, who were the winning house, after the points from both events were combined. A big thank you also to the MPSA for their help with refreshments and to Mr Murphy for his hard work at organising everything. Roll on next 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.***

6/7/17 - Governors Teaching and Learning Committee meeting
8/7/17 - Summer Fair
12/7/17 - Starlight bag collection
13/7/17 - Year 5 + 6 My World Graduation
18/7/17 - Full Governing Body Meeting
20/7/17 - School Disco
21/7/17 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
21/7/17 SCHOOL CLOSES

