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Newsletter 18

Dear Parents/Carers,
Attendance

Congratulations to Year 4 - 100%, who recently won our weekly attendance award. Our school attendance target remains 96% but this year our overall school attendance was just 94.5%. Below is a breakdown of the attendance for each class this academic year. Congratulations to Year 2 for reaching the 96% target.

Class	Yearly Attendance %
Year 2	96.2%
Year 1/2	95%
Year 1	94.7%
Reception	94.6%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	93.2%
Year 6	92.8%

May we also 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. If you require any help with this, please as at the school office as they have some pro-formas which you can use.

Stockley Farm 100% attendance trip

26 children achieved an attendance of 100% over this academic year and they were treated to a trip to Stockley Farm. The overwhelming feedback from the children was that it was amazing. It is a real achievement to be in school every day for a year so a big well done to them. It would be great if we could send more children on this treat next year. The school would like to thank Manchester Airport who supports our attendance scheme and who funded the trip for the children.

Playground markings

You should see a difference to the playground when you come to school today. The school is continuing with its investment plan to improve the outdoor environment for the children. We have updated the playground markings which will provide the children with a broader variety of games and activities to play at break time and lunchtime. This was also a suggestion by our school council and pupil voice monitoring activity when asked the question- What could we do to improve the school? Our children have been involved in the planning and development of the new playground.

Awards Night

On Wednesday night, we held our first annual awards night in school. The following awards were given to children from the reception class to Year 6: Sports Legend, Book Worm, Maths Wizard, Star Writer and Role model alongside two Head Teacher awards, a community award from the Knutsford Rotary and the 'changing of the guard' for our Head boy and Head Girl. I would like to congratulate all of the children who were involved. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the children in school for their hard work and dedication to their learning. It goes without saying that it was extremely difficult for the staff to choose the recipients. We will continue to reward children on a daily basis in school with: Star of the week, genius of the week, house points, stickers, moving to silver and gold and head teacher stickers.

Art Competition

All of the children in KS2 were invited by our local mayor to take part in an arts competition. The remit was to depict a local building in whatever art media that you choose. I am proud to say that the standard of the artwork was very high, however there could only be 1 winner per class. The winners were as follows: Year 3- Aiden, Year 4- Rahul, Year 5- Hannah and Year 6- Hanna. All of the winners were presented with their prizes by the town Mayor on Tuesday of this week. Visit from our new MP

Last Friday we were visited by our new MP for the Tatton Constituency- Esther McVey. It was lovely to show Miss McVey around our school and share some of our new initiatives and developments. She spent time with our school council where they explained what impact they had had on the school in the last year and they also asked some quite challenging questions. We also showed her our celebration assembly. I managed to have a polite chat about school funding and the difficulties that schools are facing during the challenging times which we find ourselves in. Miss McVey was very positive about our meeting and we will endeavor to meet again moving forward. Finally, we did talk about the Learning Pit in school and the school values. We both agreed that this was as relevant to adults as it was to the children. Our parting words were to keep being resilient and aspire for a Pit Score of 10! (the children will understand).

Summer Fair

We held our Summer Fair on Saturday 8th July and it was a resounding success. The weather was sublime, the burgers were delicious and the stalls were plentiful. It was great to see so many people from our community visiting our school. It felt like the day encapsulated what a great year Manor Park Primary School has had. I would like to thank everyone who helped out during the day in whatever capacity. Without support from volunteers, events such as our summer fair would not be such a big success. The event raised nearly £2,500 which is amazing; all of that money will go directly to supporting the children in school.

Kitchen Assistant

Kitchen Assistant required 12.00 til 1.00 pm Monday to Friday Term time only £7.85 per hour to start week beginning 11/9/17. Please leave your contact details with the school office.

My World Graduation

On Thursday 13th July our Year 5 and Year 6 children attended Tatton Park for the graduation of their My World Project. This project gives our children the opportunity to

visit local places of work and experience many different jobs that they could choose to do in the future. The children were split into groups and each gave a presentation of the project to parents and local dignitaries. They also wore a cap and gown and were presented with their graduation certificate by the Chief Lieutenant of Cheshire, (who is the Queen's representative). We would like to thank Great Places, Manchester Airport, Tatton Park and Barclays Bank for supporting this project for our school.

...I would like to finish our final newsletter of the year by saying thank you. Firstly, thank you to all of the staff at Manor Park who have worked tirelessly to make the year the success that it has been. I would also like to thank parents and carers who have supported the school throughout the year. Finally, I would like to thank all of the children who make my job such a pleasure and a privilege. We truly do have the best children at our school and I am proud of every single one of them.

I look forward to seeing you all back in school on 6th September for the next exciting chapter in the life of Manor Park School. Onwards and Upwards!

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.

21/7/17 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
21/7/17 SCHOOL CLOSES

4/9/17 - INSET DAY
5/9/17 - INSET DAY
6/9/17 - SCHOOL OPEN FOR CHILDREN
8/9/17 - MPSA - Teddy Bears Pic-nic for new Reception