



November 17<sup>th</sup> 2017

## Newsletter 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Attendance

Please find our recent attendance figures below; it is a priority for the school to raise the overall attendance figures. A **BIG** well done to Year 4 as well as Year 1/2 and Year 6 who have come first over the last 2 weeks. Just a quick reminder, - if your child is off ill, please send a note into school when they return so we can authorise the absence.

Week ending 10/11/17	
Year 4	97.2%
Reception/Y1	95.2%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 1/2	94.1%
Year 2	94.1%
Year 6	94%
Year 3	92.6%

Week ending 17/11/17	
Year 1/2	97.2%
Year 6	97.2%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 2	95.9%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 4	94.5%
Reception/Y1	90.4%

### MUGA

Can you please just have one last push and ask as many people as possible to register and vote for our MUGA project. We have nearly 4000 votes and it would be amazing if we could break the 5000 mark.

<https://www.aviva.co.uk/good-thinking/community-fund/>

We have also received a further boost when myself and members of the MPSA attended the town council offices last week to make a presentation of our ideas. We were awarded a grant of £6,000 towards our project!!

### Christmas Fair

The school will be holding a Christmas fair on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. All families and friends are welcome. Please come along, there will be opportunity to: play some games, buy some Christmas presents, meet Santa Claus, share a drink and a mince pie and much more.

### Blossom

We were visited by a new member of our school community yesterday. She actually created quite a stir! Blossom is the latest recruit to Manor Park and she is already a school favourite. Blossom is a Clydesdale Horse who is owned by Tatton Farm, the school has sponsored Blossom and she visited us this week, she even donated a wheelbarrow of manure for us to dig into our allotment. Mrs Rogers was a very happy lady!

### Allotment - the Next Phase!

Due to the huge success of our allotment development and the mini-planters society, the children are keen to develop the area further. They came up with many ideas from a helipad, (with Manor Park Helicopter) to a giant trampoline park! Whilst we welcome and encourage limitless thinking, we felt that the best idea that was also in keeping with the area was to try to extend the allotment into the spinney and incorporate a fruit orchard and possibly rear our own chickens. We have already gained access to the area with the installation of a set of double gates. I would like to thank Jayne and Elly, (Jake and Alfie's mum) from Tatton Park for their support on this and also Steve from F Parkinson Building Contractors who have gone above and beyond to help our school.

### Year 2 Visit the Transport Museum

For those of you who are not parents of Year 2 children, much of the children's learning has been centered on a brilliant book called - 'The Naughty Bus' The bus is very mischievous and has been causing trouble in school throughout the term. The children are loving their learning and to make it even more interactive, the children visited a Transport Museum

'We saw lots of trams which were different colours' - Chloe

'I learnt that when a tram has a light on and the end - that is the back. If there is no light, it is the front' - Ezra

### Remembrance day

It was an honour for the school to be asked to create a display for St Cross Church for the Remembrance Day events. All of the children were involved in creating our amazing display which took pride of place in the church. It's still there if you want to go along and have a look at it. Thank you for all your donations for the Poppy Appeal the school raised £233.64

### Parents Evening

The school has held two parents' evenings over the past few weeks and I would like to thank all of the parents and carers who left lovely notes for their children. When they were read the next morning, the children felt 10 feet tall. If you have found it difficult to attend either evening, please contact your child's class teacher and we will arrange a mutually convenient date. The staff would like to thank you for all of your kind words and positive feedback received during the evening.

### Online Safety Event

There are still places for the Online Safety event in school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 6-7pm. You can choose to turn up on the night so don't worry if you think you need a ticket. Social Media is the chosen platform of communication for the vast majority of our children. Even

children at primary school are probably more aware of social media than we think. It is an opportunity to learn more about how social media can impact on children and also become more informed as to the risks that they can pose as children grow up.

### Communication

As we are about to enter the Christmas period and this can be EXTREMELY busy for us all, I thought it would be a good idea to give a small reminder of the different ways which we can communicate with each other.

- The school website has much information about the school day, letters, class pages, curriculum details and contact details.
- Email/text, please let us have your up to date email address and mobile phone numbers as the school often communicates in this way.
- Old fashioned letters, please check book bags for letters.
- There is always a member of the SLT outside every morning and also a member of staff on each door for messages.
- Teachers always release their class at the end of every day and are available to talk to.
- New School planners- please put messages in the planners and teachers will reply to them.
- Our office staff are always ready with a smile and a warm welcome if you need to call us or speak to someone in school.
- We have a notice board in the school Office and also a board about the school attendance.

## Online payments

Did you know that payments for dinners, swimming and trips can be made online which you may find more convenient to access outside of school hours? Please find the attached link.

<https://online.cheshireeast.gov.uk/SchoolShop/ParentLogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fSchoolShop%2fSecureApp%2fParentHome.aspx>

The process of setting your child up is quick to do by following the dropdown parent tab on the home page of our website. Alternatively, if you prefer a member of staff to guide you through the process, please call in to the coffee morning held on Monday at the start of the day where we will be able to help you.

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*

17/11/17 MPSA Race Night
22/11/17 Resources Governor Meeting
23/11/17 Online Safety Day in school
23/11/17 Online Safety Parents Evening
23/11/17 Girls football tournament
1/12/17 MPSA Christmas Fair
2/12/17 Knutsford lights switch on - MPPS Choir will be performing.
6/12/17 Learning & Teaching Governors meeting
6/12/17 Hockey taster session
7/12/17 Football tournament
15/12/17 Christmas Jumper Day
18/12/17 Full Governing body meeting
19/12/17 Carols around the Tree - KS2
20/12/17 Reception and KS1 nativity performance
21/12/17 Class Christmas Parties
<b>22/12/17 SCHOOL CLOSES</b>

8/1/18 SCHOOL OPENS
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