



January 19th 2018

## Newsletter 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

### Attendance

Improving attendance continues to be a priority for the school and I am pleased to say that the attendance in school since Christmas has been good. We had a school overall of 96.4% for the first two weeks with the majority of classes over 96% during the first week back. We appreciate all of your support on improving our attendance.

Week Ending January 12th	
Year 4	98.9%
Year 5	98.9%
Year 1/2	97.9%
Year 2	97.9%
Reception/Y1	96.4%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 6	93.6%
Overall	97.1%

Week Ending January 19th	
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 6	95.6%
Year 1/2	93.1%
Reception/Y1	90.4%
Overall	95.7%

Well done to Years 5, 4 and 2 who have achieved the best overall attendance for the past 2 weeks.

### House Shield Competition-

Our school council is pleased to announce a competition to design a house shield for each house. The children believe that teamwork and

the feeling of belonging to a team is very important. Lucie and Phoebe presented the council's ideas to the children this morning in our celebration assembly. Children will have until Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> to create the design for the house that they are in. The winning design will be recreated on a large flag and will be displayed in school and also used when children represent their houses in school competitions.

Each of our 4 house names: Warren, Mainwaring, Warburton and Lycester are historically related to the Knutsford area, so it would be wonderful if the children could research the origins of their house name and this could be included in some way on the design.

Shields will be sent home with children tonight.

### School Uniform

A polite reminder of the school's expectations in relation to school uniform. If children wear a shirt with a collar then they should also wear a school tie. Also if children use bows and bobbles to tie their hair back, they need to be in the school colours: Dark Blue and Dark Green. I am pleased to say that the vast majority of children follow the school uniform code and look super smart. However, we are finding that we have to remind a minority of children what the expectations are on a regular basis. We appreciate your support on this matter.

Our School Uniform expectations can be found on page 5 of the school planners and also on our school website.

We have a school uniform donations box in the school reception, any uniform that you can donate to the school will be washed and ironed and then placed on our uniform rail in the meeting room. All items that are on the uniform rail are available to parents and carers for a £1 donation to the school. Please ask at the office for more information.

### MUGA developments

The final of the AVIVA community fund took place this week; unfortunately, we were not one of the lucky winners. The competition was strong and we did not quite make it over the final hurdle. I am pleased to say that Aviva have donated £500 to our school as a consolation which is much appreciated. I would like to thank all of the staff at Autonet Insurance for their support with our bid and also the children and parents who took time to vote and share the news with the community.

This does not mean that we have given up on our plans...watch this space.

### Year 3 and Year 4 School Trip

Both Year 3 and Year 4 had a fabulous time at Tatton Farm. They were given a tour of the farm buildings, meeting a variety of farm animals along the way. The children also learned about how the food was made for the livestock and also how grain was milled. Before the children left they were able to taste some freshly made flapjack. Thank you so much to the staff at Tatton Farm, in particular Jane and Ellie and also Parkinsons builders who funded the transport for the trip.

### Traffic/Safeguarding-

As I am sure you are all aware, there are times outside our school in the mornings and afternoons when the road is very busy and the volume of traffic can become a problem. This is also a concern that has been raised by the children in school when we talk to them. The school has been in consultation with the local residents and council for some time in relation to this issue. Work will begin shortly on new road markings outside of the school which will restrict parking and waiting time between 8.30am-9.30am and 2.30pm and 3.30pm on Monday to Friday. Can I please ask that all parents and carers take note and follow the new signs and markings when they are completed.

This can only be good news to our children and families as it will create a safer environment for them when they come to and leave school.

We do currently have a bike stand for children to leave bikes and scooters and we will be looking into the possibility of installing a more weather proof facility in the future.

### Pastoral Team supporting

Our pastoral team continue to go from strength to strength. Alongside the great work which is happening with our children, we are also beginning to host events designed for the wider community. This week we welcomed a number of professionals from local schools as well as the school health team to take part in training designed to raise awareness of mental health issues with children and adolescents.

We are grateful to Sam and Lori, Public Health Development Officers, who led the training for us.

We also look forward to welcoming parents and the wider community to our second Healthy Minds Day which will be occurring after the Easter holidays.

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.*

25/1/18 Film night
31/1/18 R/1DP Chester Zoo Trip
7/2/18 Year 3 International Day
12/2/18 Pastoral Governor Meeting
14/2/18 MPSA Valentines Disco (TBC)
15/2/18 SCHOOL CLOSES
16/2/18 INSET DAY
26/2/18 SCHOOL OPENS