



February 2nd 2018

Newsletter 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Improving attendance continues to be a priority for the school and we aim for all classes to have attendance of over 96%. As you can see from the table below, we did not achieve that last week, with attendance being the lowest it has been for some time. Hopefully as the weather improves, some of the bugs and illnesses will also disappear!

Can I also remind parents that if your child is unwell, please let us know in writing once they return to school. This can be a letter, e mail or a note in your child's planner. If we do not receive this, we will be unable to authorise your child's absence.

Week Ending January 26th	
Year 5	95.6%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 1/2	94.8%
Year 6	94.4%
Reception/Y1	92.4%
Year 4	91.6%
Year 3	90%
Overall	93.4%

House Shield Competition-

Reminder for all of the 'Design a House Shield' Competition- We have had some amazing entrants already but we would welcome more. Remember, the winners will be turned into the official house shield for each house and we will get the designs made into a flag.

Safeguarding-

School Car Park- please do not park in the carpark unless you are a disabled badge holder and it is by prior agreement. We have had damage to 2 staff cars in the past 6 months.

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 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.

School Governors

I am pleased to say that the school continues to be supported by a dedicated team of governors. Our governing body meets every term as a Full Governing Body and also as 3 separate committees, (Pastoral, Learning and Teaching, Resources). Governors also support the school with specific school priorities and particular areas of school life: We have been visited this term by Governors supporting us with- PE and Sports premium, Curriculum developments, Singing/Choir and Health & Safety. If you would like to learn more about our Governors then please look on our school website. I would like to thank the governors for all of their hard work and dedication that they show to the staff and children at Manor Park.

Reception/Year 1 trip to Chester Zoo

Reception/Year 1 enjoyed a cold day at Chester Zoo on Wednesday. We are learning about animals and we took part in a workshop run by Chester Zoo Keepers about 'Curious Creatures'. It was very exciting and interesting looking at and touching real objects such as Zebra skin, dried Seahorses and real leopard skin and an elephant's foot and pool!

Poppy, "I like the black monkeys because they are funny".

Savannah "We went to see some Flamingos some orange and some pink ones. We saw an Aye Aye in the dark with a long finger trying to get bugs".

Armani "We saw animals, snakes and monkeys. I like the snakes because they go in water".

Cleaner/Mid-day Assistant Vacancies

We currently have 2 vacancies, we require a Cleaner 13 hours per week term time only and a Mid-day Assistant 6.25 hours per week term time only, if you are interested in applying please contact Mrs Simmons in the school office.

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.

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
