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Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Please find the latest attendance figures below. As you can see, attendance has started to improve and hopefully the upward trend will continue. Please can I remind everyone that all absences need to be followed up by a note in writing for them to be authorised.

Week Ending February 16 th	
Year 4	99.1%
Year 2	99.1%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	96%
Year 3	91.7%
Year 1/2	91.4%
Reception/Y1	84.6%
Overall	94.3%

Week Ending March 2 nd	
Year 2	99.3%
Year 1/2	97.2%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	96.4%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 3	92.4%
Reception/Y1	89.6%
Overall	95.2%

SAFEGUARDING

Can I remind parents that they are not to use the school car park under any circumstances. The only reason the gate is open is that cars need access to the health centre. As with any car park, it is not a place for children to be walking. Please ensure that the main pedestrian entrance is used for children at all times.

Weather

Thank you to all parents and carers who went the extra mile and ensured that their children were in school last week. The weather at times was not very pleasant, however the children

loved it! They enjoyed playing in the snow making snowmen and snow angels.

House Shield Competition

It is a pleasure to announce the winners of the House Shield competition are:

- Warburton - Rahul
- Warren - Joe
- Mainwaring - Toby
- Leycester- Maggie

We had an amazing response, thank you to all the children who entered. We will now look to develop the designs to introduce them into school life.

Manor Park Reading Week

We returned to school with a flourish as we launched our whole school reading week. We started the week by introducing the children to our new reading system and organising new reading books. It's been great to witness the children's improved enthusiasm for reading, particularly with some of our new books.

Alongside this we participated in Drop Everything and Read. This involved children and staff having books with them at all times as at a designated signal; everyone needed to stop and read. School was so quiet during these times. In a new venture, we organised for the whole school to focus on the same text for the whole week. It's been fantastic to see how all the different classes have interpreted the same book differently. Work linked to this will be on display near the school library within the next few weeks.

Another particular highlight was our guest readers. All classes were lucky to receive a number of guests throughout the week, who read some, or all, of their favourite story to the children. A huge thank you needs to be extended to everyone who took part in this as it was a very successful activity.

Accelerated Reader

This half term we have introduced the children to our new reading system - Accelerated Reader. This has involved all of the books in school being re-organised and banded into levels which now have a colour. The system focuses strongly on the link between word reading and

comprehension. All children from years 2-6 have completed an initial assessment which has guided their starting colour. Over the next few weeks we will complete an information leaflet for parents which will explain the system to you. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school during the week beginning March 19th. In preparation for this, children have been asked to design a book mark. There are 5 £5 vouchers available to spend at the book fair for the most inventive book marks. The closing date for this is next Friday - March 16th.

Year 5 Trip to Halle Youth Concert

Year 5 had a magical day visiting Bridgewater Hall in Manchester this week. They were entertained by the Halle youth concert and listened to a real mixture of modern music, film scores and classical music. The children commented on all of the different instruments that were being played and how they came together to form the orchestra. What an amazing experience. Thank you to Manchester Airport for supporting the school with this trip.

Manor Park Times

This is a very exciting development in school. A group of children have been challenged to develop and run a regular, printed school newspaper. The children will work in teams to develop exciting and interesting news stories from their point of view. We expect the first newspaper to come off the 'printing press' before the end of term. We would also like to open up future issues for guest articles to ensure that as many children as possible can be involved.

If you know any local company who would like to advertise in the newspaper for a small charge can you please forward the details to the school office.

Can I thank Mrs Dalzell who is a new school governor and also a grandparent who is supporting the children in developing the Newspaper. Many thanks

School Governors

We held our Resources committee meeting this week after school. Governors have also visited the school during the school day over the past two weeks to support us with - school finance, school newspaper, celebration assemblies, writing moderation and maths marking and feedback.

Class Assemblies

I am pleased to inform you that each class will be holding a class assembly in the Summer term. We received a great deal of positive feedback last year when the assemblies were introduced and felt that it was another way that we could invite parents and carers into school for the children to share and showcase their learning. I have put the dates below for your information.

Yours Faithfully,

Simon Cotterill

Head Teacher

Diary Dates Ahead

14/3/18 Y3 & Y4 residential to Conway Centre
15/3/18 Y3 & Y4 residential to Conway Centre
16/3/18 Y3 & Y4 residential to Conway Centre
19/3/18 Learning & Teaching Governor Committee meeting
21/3/18 Parents evening 1 - 3.30pm-7.00pm
23/3/18 MPSA event - Sport Relief
28/3/18 Parents Evening 2 - 3.30pm-5.00pm
29/3/18 MPSA event - Easter Egg Hunt
29/3/18 SCHOOL CLOSES
16/4/18 SCHOOL OPENS - SUMMER TERM
20/4/18 Attendance Treat
25/4/18 Healthy Minds Day
3/5/18 Year 1/2 Class Assembly
7/5/18 - SCHOOL CLOSED- MAY DAY
9/5/18 Reception Class Assembly
14-17/5/18- KS2 SATS
17/5/18 MPSA event - Quiz night
22/5/18 Year 5 Class Assembly
24/5/18 Year 4 Class Assembly
23/5/18 Pastoral Governor Committee meeting
25/2/18 SCHOOL CLOSES
4/6/18 SCHOOL OPENS -
7/6/18 Year 3 Class Assembly
8/6/18 Attendance Treat
14/6/18 Year 2 Class Assembly