



September 21st 2018

Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

We have seen some mixed attendances since the start of term 3 weeks ago and have been hit by some very early bugs. However, Year 1 are obviously very healthy at the moment with some fantastic attendance figures!

May I also remind parents to report any absences on the day your child is ill, but to also follow it up in writing when your child returns.

Week ending 07/09/2018	
Year 1	100%
Year 3/4	95.2%
Year 2	94.7%
Year 3	93.9%
Year 5/6	92.2%
Reception	91.4%
Year 4/5	89.6%
Overall	93.7%

Week ending 14/09/2018	
Year 1	99.1%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 2	96%
Year 5/6	95.6%
Reception	95.5%
Year 4/5	91.3%
Year 3/4	86.5%
Overall	94.3%

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for the meet the teacher sessions. We hope you found them useful and you were able to see the classroom, where the coat pegs, toilets are etc. We have uploaded the presentations along with a class timetable and newsletter to each class page on our website.

Netball & Football

Our children have started training for the forthcoming football and netball competitions.

A better example of resilience you will find difficult to find. The children and staff were outside during storm Bronagh on Thursday after school practicing and working on their teamwork!

As always we will be taking part in the full range of events that are arranged by Knutsford High School. A full diary of sporting events will soon be loaded onto our website. Can we please ask that you support the children and the school in attending these events wherever possible. If there is any way that the school can help with this then please speak to Mrs Hoyle who is our Sport and PE leader or your child's class teacher.

Timestable Rockstars

The school will be launching the online phase of Timestable Rockstars next week. There will be a KS2 assembly dedicated to informing the children about all of the different things that they can do. We are also holding a parent workshop on Tuesday 25th September at 3.30pm where we will be modelling timestable strategies with parents and also 'walking you through' the website and the different games that children can play. This will also make up part of the weekly maths homework for KS2 children. A guide will also be sent out with the children.

MPSA

The MPSA held their AGM last week and it was fabulous to see new members join the group. The MPSA continue to move from strength to strength and are integral to the future development of our/your school community.

Over the past 3 years, the MPSA have helped to raise over £20,000 which has been invested directly into teaching and learning resources in school which benefit of all of the children. Some of the resources which have received funding support from the MPSA are as follows-

Computers for the computing suite, electric drop down screen in the hall, New books for our library, playground equipment, maths and

science resources, support with transport costs for trips, paying for the recent theatre production, £10,000 donation for the impending MUGA installation.

I would like to thank every parent who has supported at our community events and all who have attended. Particular thanks must go to the all of the MPSA committee members and Caroline Williams who is the chair. The school would also like to thank Cathryn Walley and Lyndsey Smalley for their work on the Knutsford School Ball and also Mr Geoff Gallie for continuing to support the school via his work at Barclays Bank.

Toft Cricket Club

Toft Cricket Club are holding an Oktoberfest on Saturday 6th October 2018 7pm til 12. Ticket details at SOCIAL@TOFTCC.CO.UK

Phonics Workshop

Our Reception staff held a phonics workshop for parents this week and I am pleased to say that it was well supported by parents. The staff modelled the various strategies that we use in school to teach phonics, they also explained the home phonic packs that go home each week along with our new phonic books.

Home-school collaboration is integral to a child successfully making good progress with their education. Moving forward we will be holding several parent workshops where we can model our good practice to you and also provide you with tips and resources that will help you with the children at home.

Are there any wellies out there?

Can we appeal to any parents and carers of children who are in Reception, Y1 and Y2 if they have any wellies that their children have grown out of. Our 2year olds and 3 year olds regularly visit the spinney and we would like them to continue this throughout the winter. If you have any wellies that you could donate to the

school then please either take them to the main office or directly to Mrs Hoyle in the Nursery.

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.

4/10/18 Pastoral Governors Meeting
5/10/18 MPSA Family Bingo Event (3.30 start)
8/10/18 Christmas Cards out to parents
9/10/18 - 19/10/18 Harvest Lunch with children
17/10/18 Parents Evening
19/10/18 Christmas Card orders back to school
24/10/18 Parents Evening
25/10/18 MPSA Halloween Disco
25/10/18 Resources Governors Meeting
26/10/18 SCHOOL CLOSES

5/11/18 SCHOOL OPENS
15/11/18 MPSA Film Night
30/11/18 MPSA Christmas Fair
5/12/18 Learning & Teaching Governors Meeting
13/12/18 Full Governing Body meeting
18/12/18 Carols around the Tree - KS2
19/12/18 Reception and KS1 nativity performance
20/12/18 SCHOOL CLOSES

7/1/19 SCHOOL OPENS
