



December 20<sup>th</sup> 2018

## Newsletter 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Attendance

Overall this term our attendance figures have continued to improve. However, last week showed our first real dip with many classes recording attendance which was less than 96%. Please continue to support the school in improving the attendance figures further. This remains a priority for us at Manor Park.

Week ending 7 <sup>th</sup> December	
Year 5/6	98.8%
Year 2	98.2%
Reception	97.9%
Year 3/4	97.9%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 1	92.5%
Year 4/5	91.9%
Overall	96.3%

Week ending 14 <sup>th</sup> December	
Year 2	99.6%
Year 4/5	96.1%
Reception	93.9%
Year 5/6	93.4%
Year 1	93.3%
Year 3	92.7%
Year 3/4	92.1%
Overall	94.4%

### Christmas Performances

WOW! What can I say apart from how proud I am of all of the children and also the staff. We have performed to over 500 visitors over the last week. The festivities started with our youngest children from our Nursery who were fabulous with their own portrayal of the traditional Christmas Nativity. This was followed by our older children from KS2 who wowed the audience with their acting and singing skills in a performance called 'Christmas

is Forever'. Finally, our KS1 children performed the 'Wriggly Nativity' demonstrating considerable confidence and verve despite their tender ages. I would like to thank all of the children and staff for their dedication and hard work in ensuring that all of the performances were outstanding and showcased our amazing talented children. Also thank you to all parents and carers for their understanding and support with evening performances and costumes.

### St Cross Church Christmas Tree Festival

Our Reception children enjoyed decorating the school tree for the St Cross Christmas tree festival. They also visited the festival and had a guided tour of the Church by Rev Paul. Our choir also sang at the festival during the Friday afternoon.

### School choir on tour

It has been a busy time for the school choir. They have performed at the Knutsford Christmas Light Switch on, the St Cross Christmas Tree Festival and Shartson House Residential Care Home. Thank you to the children and also to Mr Jones and Miss Moreland.

### Tree planting & Time Capsule

We planted a tree in the school grounds this week to commemorate Manchester Airport's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. We also buried a time capsule close by with lots of different items that have been suggested by the children and parents.

### House points winner

The house that has gained the most house points over the past term is....

## Leycester

Well done to everyone in Leycester, the trophy was awarded at our end of term assembly.

### Christmas Lunch

The children enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner last week. They sat in their year groups and were joined by the staff. It was wonderful to see the children getting into the Christmas spirit and sharing jokes from the Christmas Crackers, (some of the jokes were even quite funny!)

### Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children Fund

Our fantastic children managed to raise a grand total of £132.65. Many thanks.

### The Garden Gang's News

The Garden Gang are currently working on 2 new projects. The first is how fruit and vegetables will grow. They decided to focus on a potato and avocado which they have already set up. They are now eagerly waiting to see some new growth. The second project planned is to design and develop a new sensory area which everyone is very excited about.

### Our Stars and Geniuses were -

Week ending - 14 <sup>th</sup> December	
Genius of the Week	Star of the Week
Phoebe	Dexter
Sofie	Edie
Alex	Tyler
Ryley	Elliott
George	Sebastian
Oliver	Rhys
Natalie	Alfie

Finally, I would like to wish all of the children and families of Manor Park and Knutsford a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all bright and breezy on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January!

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.*

**20/12/18 SCHOOL CLOSES - Film & Toy Day**

**7/1/19 SCHOOL OPENS**

21/1/19 Y5 Bikeability level 2

22/1/19 Y5 Bikeability level 2

31/1/19 MPSA Film Night