



January 11<sup>th</sup> 2019

## Newsletter 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to all of our children and families and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope everyone had a lovely time over Christmas, spending it with loved ones and hopefully enjoying a rest. As always at Manor Park, we have an action packed term ahead of us. My newsletters will continue every two weeks and all past newsletters can be found on the school website.

### Attendance

We are pleased to be able to report that our overall attendance for the Autumn Term was 96.3% which is a significant increase from the same period last year. We look forward to continuing to make improvements during the rest of this year as we aim to keep our overall attendance above 96%.

On an equally positive note, congratulations to Sonny in Year 1 who was the lucky winner of a family cinema voucher. Sonny achieved 100% attendance during the autumn term and won the draw for the voucher.

We look forward to your continued support as we continue to improve our attendance figures through 2019.

Week ending 20 <sup>th</sup> December	
Reception	96.4%
Year 3/4	95.8%
Year 3	95.1%
Year 4/5	94.4%
Year 5/6	91.4%
Year 2	91.1%
Year 1	90.1%
Overall	93.6%

Autumn Term Attendance	
Year 2	97.3%
Reception	97%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 5/6	96.4%
Year 3/4	95.9%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 4/5	95.2%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>96.3%</b>

### Homework

Thank you to all parents who took part in our homework survey during December. After reviewing the feedback from parents and children, we have developed a new homework policy which will come into force from this week. The policy is on the school website and a letter has been sent out to all parents to outline any changes.

### Homework Club

We are pleased to confirm that we have both in school and after school homework clubs to support the children and busy families with the completion of homework. The homework clubs will run as follows-

Monday 12.10-13.10 - Y1,Y2 and Y3

Tuesday 12.20-13.10 - Y4, Y5 and Y6

Tuesday 15.20-16.15 - Rec - Y6, (children must be accompanied by an adult).

All homework clubs will be held in our computing suite and be supported by a member of staff.

### TT Rockstars Morning Club

We have the amazing opportunity of offering a morning TT Rockstars Club for children in Y2 and Y3. Currently, all of our Y4 children have a daily 10 min Rockstars session from 8.45am. We are fortunate that we can now offer additional time for our Y2 and Y3 children to access TT Rockstars before school. The TT Rockstars morning Club will run as follows-

Monday and Tuesday 08.30-08.45 - Y2

Thursday and Friday 08.30-08.45 - Y3

Our school wide target is to help ALL of our children to successfully make the journey from Wannabe to Rock Hero.

Class Newsletters + Website

At the beginning of a new term, all parents will receive a newsletter from their children's class which will outline: the learning focus, any events or trips that will be happening during the term and also a reminder about daily timings, logistics, homework and PE kits etc. The class website pages will also be updated with the new details. If you have not received this or cannot access this on our website then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Unwind your mind

It is a pleasure to announce that Rachel Edbury and Bridget Wall,(who are mums at our school) will be running an after school club for our children during this half term. The club will focus on helping children to relax and giving children strategies to manage their feelings and overcome challenges that they might face. The club is for children in KS2 and will run on Wednesday from 3.20pm-4.20pm. This is a brilliant idea and further develops and supports much of the amazing pastoral work that we already do in school for our children. A huge thank you to both Rachel and Bridget for supporting the children of Manor Park in this way.

Governor Support

The school continues to be supported by hardworking and dedicated governors, (who are all volunteers). Before we finished for Christmas, our learning & teaching committee met as did the full governing body. Governors continue to challenge and support the school on the school priorities and beyond. On behalf of all the children, parents and staff, I would like to thank the governors for their support.

For more information about our governing body and the important role that they have in our school, please visit our school website.

Our Stars and Geniuses were -

Week ending - 11 <sup>th</sup> January	
Genius of the Week	Star of the Week
Theo	Summer
Miaha	Oscar
Jess	Aiden
Charlie	Destini
Paige	Megan
Archie	Millie
Eilidh	Esme

Again, welcome back to school. I wonder what we will all achieve together this year?

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.*

21/1/19 Y5 Bikeability level 2
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31/1/19 MPSA Film Night
7/2/19 Pastoral Governors Committee meeting
4/2/19 Children's mental Health Week
14/2/19 MPSA Valentines Disco
<b>15/2/19 SCHOOL CLOSES -</b>

<b>25/2/19 SCHOOL OPENS</b>
5/2/19 Y3 Trip to Halle-Bridgewater Hall
15/3/19 Comic Relief Day