



March 1st 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Our attendance for the first half of the Spring term was 96.3% which is just above the 96% target that we have set. Let's try and hit that magic 97% over the next term. Attendance remains a priority for the school; please can you continue to support the school by ensuring that the children are in school and ready to learn every day. The school opens its doors at 8.45am and they close at 9.00am. Thank you.

| Week ending 8 th February | |
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| Year 3/4 | 97.9% |
| Reception | 97.4% |
| Year 3 | 96.7 % |
| Year 5/6 | 96.6% |
| Year 1 | 94.2% |
| Year 2 | 93.2% |
| Year 4/5 | 92.7% |
| Overall | 95.6% |

| Week ending 15 th February | |
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| Year 3 | 98.8% |
| Year 2 | 98.6% |
| Year 1 | 97.5% |
| Year 4/5 | 96% |
| Year 3/4 | 95.5% |
| Year 5/6 | 94.1% |
| Reception | 92.6% |
| Overall | 96.1% |

Comic Relief

There is much excitement amongst the children as Comic Relief approaches. We will be marking the day by holding a joke competition in each class. *You know when they say some prizes you just can't buy?* Well this is one of those times. The lucky winners in each class will be able to throw wet sponges at various governors, teachers and MPSA members with the overall winners having the honour of tipping an ice cold

bucket of water over the adults!, (Yes, I will be one of those 'lucky' adults!) Details have been sent out to all parents so if you have not received them, please get in touch with the school. The more jokes we receive the better.

World Book Day

World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 7th March. We will all be dressing up in our PJs/onesies to celebrate. There are many fun things planned for the children and the book fair will also be in school the following week. Further details have already been sent out to parents.

Parents Evening

All times for parents evening will have come out to parents and carers today. We have tried wherever possible to accommodate all requests for times and also to have meetings with multiple teachers of siblings as close together as possible. As always, the classrooms will be open for you to share in your child's learning. Please be aware that the school will be closing 10 minutes after the final appointment has finished.

MUGA

Well, as I write this newsletter, we have people working tirelessly outside installing our shiny new MUGA! We hope that it will be finished and ready for the children to use next week. The children are keen that everyone gets the opportunity to use it and that it is used for different things. We will therefore be creating a rolling timetable where different sports and games will be played and each class will be allocated time on there in a similar way to the Trim Trail. Thank you to everyone involved in making this happen.

We will be holding an official 'opening ceremony' in the coming months but until we do, you can be rest assured that the children will be enjoying the new MUGA.

Polling Day

Our school will be a venue for the Knutsford Neighbourhood Planning Referendum on Thursday 14th March. A letter has already gone out to parents with the details but I would like to reinforce that the school will be open as normal. The public will only have access to the hall and the school will be completely secure. The children will not be able to use the hall at lunch so sandwiches will be provided in class rooms for children who request a school dinner. If you require more information then please contact the school office.

Online Safety

As I am sure you are already aware, there has been another story nationally about safety concerns for children accessing online content. It has since transpired that this time it could be a hoax however hindsight is a wonderful thing and I am pleased that this has highlighted the fact that safeguarding and in particular ensuring that children are safe online is on top of our agenda at Manor Park. We quite rightly notified parents of the situation to ensure that they were fully aware and can then decide at home what actions they take with their children. Can I also point you in the direction of the school website where there are some internet safety guides for parents. Thank you for all of the supportive comments from parents and carers, we need to continue to work as a team to ensure that the children are happy and safe.

Our Stars and Geniuses were -

| Week ending - 15th February 2019 | |
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| Genius of the Week | Star of the Week |
| Isaac | Isaac |
| Riley | Oscar |
| Savannah | Logan |
| Mya | Ezra |
| Kaidy | Leighton |
| Oliver | Chloe |
| Jack | Niha |
| Week ending - 1st March 2019 | |
| Genius of the Week | Star of the Week |

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| Tiago | Liam |
| Armani | Alex |
| Maxwell | Isha |
| Elliott | Leo |
| Logan | Daisy |
| Oliver | Adam |
| George | Rahul |

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.

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| 5/3/19 Y3 Trip to Halle-Bridgewater Hall |
| 6/3/19 Reception class to Tatton Park |
| 6/3/19 Parents Evening |
| 7/3/19 World Book Day |
| 13/3/19 Parents Evening |
| 14/3/19 Governors Resource Committee Meeting |
| 14/3/19 Polling Day in School |
| 15/3/19 Comic Relief Day |
| 1/4/19 - 2/4/19 Year 2 Residential to Fox Howl |
| 4/4/19 MPSA -Easter Egg Hunt |
| 4/4/19 Full Governing Body Meeting |
| 5/4/19 SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER |

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| TUESDAY 23/4/19 SCHOOL OPENS |
| 24/4/19 Bikeability Y4 Level 2 |
| 25/4/19 Hearing & Vision Test for Reception |
| 06/5/19 SCHOOL CLOSED MAY DAY |
| 13/5/19-16/5/19 Year 6 SATS |
| 22/5/19 Class Photos |
| 24/5/19 SCHOOL CLOSSES |