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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well it is the end of another year at Manor Park and what a year 2022 has been. It has been a great year for the school. We have worked hard to ensure that the children are happy and thrive both academically but also personally and grow into kind, considerate members of our community.

Our children have achieved record academic results this year from our Year 1 children and their phonics scores to our Year 6 children and their SATS results.

We have joined our local primary schools in many sporting events and school council initiatives. Our children have led the way in Times Table Rock star events across the schools in our Academy Trust.

We have developed a new vision - **Limitless Dreams and Endless Opportunities** and married this to a new school logo. Our new uniform will be introduced next year. Our school values of : Pride, Respect, Resilience, Reflection and Responsibility continue to be important to us all.

Our children have taken part in some very exciting trips and residential over the past 12 months and we have many more to look forward to - including our first residential to London with Year 6 in July.

Our Year 6 children set up a Pop-Up Italian Restaurant in the summer and served a very tasty three course menu that they planned,

sourced, costed, created and served themselves.

We continue to develop our grounds and resources for play via our OPAL project. The children have reported to us that they love their playtimes and lunchtimes. We have added a fabulous rowing boat to our beach area. We hope to add a beach hut next year. When the sun shines, we might even have a BBQ down there!

We have developed a '**Raising Aspirations**' project for our Year 5 and Year 6 children. This is a bespoke project aimed at educating the children about the many many exciting careers/jobs out in the big wide world. It will help them to understand the skills that are important and the values and culture of hard work and commitment and how we can reflect this in our school environment. The children will visit many different workplaces and they will also talk to visitors about their jobs and experiences and take part in on-line sessions with people from lots of different walks of life.

We have recently introduced the '**Bread and Butter Thing**' to our community in partnership with Great Places and many Knutsford businesses who have supported the initiative. It is a partnership where sustainability and environmentally friendly food consumption is important - primarily reducing food waste. Our first day was Tuesday this week and we will continue to support the community every Tuesday. The pick up will be at the Children Centre every Tuesday between 11.45 and 12.30. As well as signing up to be a customer, the group is also looking for volunteers who can help to pack goods on Tuesday morning. For more information please contact the school office.

Our curriculum continues to develop and we are certain that the school is in such a great place to support our children, families and community

Christmas Raffle

What a huge success our Christmas Raffle has been again this year. Thank you to all children, parents, grandparents and friends of the school who have purchased tickets this year.

We had great fun filming the raffle and hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed doing it.

We also had a raffle for the Advent calendar and a colouring the Christmas tree competition for the children which was great fun. Our winners were Emma in Year 3 and Arthur in Reception.

Christmas Sing-a-long

Thank you to Rev Paul and all of the volunteers at St Cross Church for being so welcoming this week for our children and staff. We had a great time getting into the festive spirit, performing our songs and Christmas Nativity. The children were wonderful and showed us again what a talented group that they are.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas Sing-along yesterday and thank you for your many kind comments. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by all. Thank you to the staff and children for working hard and making sure that their performances were as brilliant as we now come to expect from Manor Park children.

Visitors to school

We were very lucky this week that Santa Claus found time in his very busy schedule to visit us. He was in school for most of the afternoon on Thursday and spent time with all of the children from Nursery to Year 6.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising our visit. It is great having a direct phone line to Santa Claus. More than anything, a big thank you to Santa for joining us.

MPSA-

Thank you to all of the parents and staff who support the MPSA. Thank you for the hard work in organising gifts, raffles, prizes, treats for the children. All of the effort is greatly appreciated by the children, the staff and parents. Thank you very much.

Next Year-

We will continue to work hard and strive for the very best in all areas for your children. We will keep all of the wonderful things that we do and look to see what areas we can develop further.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers for being so supportive of our school, of our staff and supporting your children to keep challenging themselves on a daily basis.

There really is not a better school in Knutsford than Manor Park.

And Finally...Mrs Thompson has given birth to a beautiful baby boy named Freddie. Congratulations from everyone at Manor Park.

Diary Dates Ahead

16-12-22 SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS
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3-1-23 SCHOOL OPEN FOR STAFF
4-1-23 SCHOOL OPEN FOR CHILDREN
12-1-23 Local Governor Body Meeting
19-1-23 Sports Hall Athletics Y5 & Y6
24-1-23 Year 5 Bike-ability Level 2
25-1-23 Year 5 Bike-ability Level 2
27-1-23 Y5 & Y6 Visit to Great Places Head Office - Raising Aspirations Project
1-2-23 Year 4 Bike-ability Level 1
2-2-23 Sports Hall Athletics Y3 & Y4
7-2-23 Year 5 Knutsford Academy Science Visit
14-2-23 Year 6 Raising Aspirations Trip
15-2-23 Year 4 Raising Aspirations Trip
16-2-23 Year 5/6 Raising Aspirations Trip
16-2-23 Little Champions - Reception class
17-2-23 SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM

Finally, I would like to wish all of our school community and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Cotterill
Head Teacher