



13th January 2023

Newsletter 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is my first newsletter of 2023 and I would like to wish you all a happy new year. I hope Christmas was everything that you and the children wanted it to be. I also hope that you have had a good start to the new year.

Class WhatsApp Groups

We have recently sent a letter to all parents asking about joining a class WhatsApp group. We feel that this could be another way to support parents with communication - for some of those things that can get missed when lives are so busy.

We will be sending the letter out again today but as a physical copy. Please send it back with your contact details and then we can begin to set the groups up.

Attendance

The school has reviewed all of our attendance procedures and have introduced a revised strategy for monitoring attendance so that it is very clear to everyone what our procedure is. This information has been communicated to all parents and is available on the school website.

Attendance to school is one of the most important factors in a child's development. We understand that there are times when this is difficult and we will support all children/families at these times. Can we please ask that you treat our staff with respect at these times as we are trying our best to support and to ensure that the children attend school to help them to develop and achieve their full potential.

We have also introduced challenges and rewards to all of our classes from Reception to Year 6. The class with the highest attendance each week will be able to come to school in 'home clothes' the following Friday and will also have an extra 10 minutes playtime.

We have also re-opened the Manor Park Attendance bank. The classes that are 1st, 2nd and 3rd in weekly attendance will receive £5, £3, £2 respectively. At the end of the Summer term each class will receive the total amount that they have earned and they can agree how it will be spent.

There will be a whole school display in the hall and staff and children will talk about attendance in a positive light. There is also a display in the school reception area with information to support parents.

Thank you for your support with this.

Schools Visitors and Trips

We have a busy term ahead of us with lots of exciting opportunities for the children. If you can please respond as soon as possible when we send out communication regarding trips, clubs, events. The office staff work hard to ensure that all children and parents have the opportunity to take part in events and it is really helpful if we have the information returned to us as at the earliest opportunity.

Bikeability

Bikeability sessions for Year 4 and Year 5 will be taking place this half term. There will be an allocated area on the playground for children to drop their bikes off at the start of the day. All children will need to be prepared for the Winter weather. You should have received a letter and replied to confirm that your child will be taking part. If you have any questions then please contact the school office.

Warm Hub -

Linked to the Bread and Butter thing every Tuesday, the school will be opening the hall to the local community as a 'warm hub'. This will be a space where people can come and have a cup of tea/coffee, some cake and biscuits and meet, chat and generally be comfortable whilst waiting for the bread and butter team to bag up all of the food. Everyone is welcome.

The hall will be open from 11.00am until 11.45am which is when the service begins from the bread and butter thing.

To allay any worries that parents might have on a safeguarding front -

- **The internal hall doors to the school will be locked at this time.**
- **There will be a member of staff in the hall at all times.**
- **Children will not access the hall at this time.**
- **Members of the public will access the hall via the Fire doors.**

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

Library Developments

I am pleased to announce that our Library will be developed over the next term to be a more welcoming environment for children to spend time there reading. Previously the library was set up in a more formal way to support the delivery of Phonics. We have re-purposed it and Phonics will be delivered elsewhere in school. When the developments are complete the library will be open and timetabled every day for classes to spend time there reading and enjoying books. This is part of our Reading for Enjoyment work that Mrs Smith is leading in school. Very exciting!

Diary Dates Ahead

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 5 Raising Aspirations Trip
16-2-23 Year 5/6 Raising Aspirations Trip
16-2-23 Little Champions - Reception class
16-2-23 School Disco
17-2-23 SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM

27-2-23 SCHOOL OPENS AFTER HALF TERM
31-3-23 SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER

Yours Faithfully,

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