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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of your support since Christmas. As always, school has been packed with activities for our children to broaden their horizons and learning new skills to help them develop.

#### Attendance

Congratulations to Year 1/2 who won our weekly attendance award for the final week of last half term with an attendance of 97.3%. Year 5 are our latest winners of the attendance award with an attendance of 98.4%.

#### Chinese Experience

As part of the KS1 Topic, it was a pleasure to welcome Mr Murphy's wife, Maggie, into school last week. All of the children in Y1, Y1/2 and Y2 spent two days learning about Calligraphy, making Chinese fans and then taking part in a Chinese Fan dance and learning Chinese words and songs. They had a great time and it really brought their learning to life. Here is what some of the children thought-

"I enjoyed dancing to the music and the Kung Fu moves" Harvey

"The Calligraphy was fun, we used a special paintbrush" Leo

#### Sporting Events

Our Football and Netball teams continue to compete with our other local schools. The Football team drew with Egerton at last night's league fixture. We continue to offer extra training during lunchtime for the children, if your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and would like to take part, particularly in the Netball, if they could please ask their class teacher and we can include them in our plans.

#### Timestable Rockstars

Congratulations to the following Rockstars who are new entries in the school charts:

**Jacob Copping, Cheese Francis, Emily Reilly and Liz Rose**

A special mention must go to Jacob Copping otherwise known as - Marcio Manuel from Year 6 who has obtained Rock Legend Status for having a recall speed of 1.83 seconds for every multiplication fact. Well done.

Please try and find time for your children to access Timestable Rockstars and My Maths at home.

#### My Maths

My Maths and Timestable Rockstars lunch club is up and running, well done to all of those children who have attended and thank you to the staff who are spending time helping the children with any problems.

KS1 Math's Club - Wednesday lunchtime  
KS2 Math's Club- Thursday lunchtime

#### World Book Day

World Book Day was a real hit in school. We did have to postpone it for a day due to the Chinese Experience in KS1 but this did not matter one bit. The children and staff put lots of effort into dressing as various book characters and a fun day was had by all. As part of the day, children were encouraged to 'Find Wally' around the school to celebrate the fact that it was 30 years since the first Where's Wally book was published. Many prizes were won and the children had a great time!

#### Year 5 Music

Our year 5 children proudly represented the school in the annual Schools Music Competition. They played two songs: We will rock you and 12 bar blues and also sang. There were 8 primary schools and 3 secondary schools in the competition. The children performed extremely well and were praised for their focus and accuracy of pitch. What a great achievement bearing in mind the children had only been

playing the instruments since September. Well done to all and a big thank you to Miss Womack, Miss Thorley and Mr Patrick Jones, (School Governor)

#### Y1 Class Assembly

Yesterday, Year 1 held the first Manor Park Class assembly for their parents and carers and also the rest of the school. The children shared their learning with such confidence and pride but above all, they enjoyed themselves. Thank you to our visitors and thank you for all of the kind feedback which you gave, this was passed on to the children.

#### School Council Visit

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March our Year 5 and Year 6 school councillors met with their Bexton Counterparts. During the successful meeting we shared ideas, good practice and future plans. The children chatted with each other, asking and answering questions about their school councils. Our children showed great pride and responsibility in giving the children and adults of Bexton a tour of our school. It was a very successful and enjoyable event and we are keen to arrange another joint council meeting.

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.*

14/3/17 Netball League
<b>15/3/17 Parents Evening 3:30 - 5:30</b>
16/3/17 Football League
21/3/17 Netball League
22/3/17 Reception Class Assembly
22/3/17-24/3/17 Year 4 Residential
23/3/17 Football League
24/3/17 Comic Relief Day
28/3/17 Netball League
30/3/17 Year 4 Class Assembly

30/3/17 MPSA Easter Event
31/3/17 SCHOOL CLOSES

18/4/17 SCHOOL OPENS
27/4/17 Year 5 Class Assembly
1/5/17 School Closed - May Day
8/5/17 - KS2 SATS Week
17/5/17 - Sports Day
18/5/17 - Year 3 Class Assembly
25/5/17 Year 1/2 Class Assembly
26/5/17 - SCHOOL CLOSES

5/6/17 SCHOOL OPENS
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