

# Manor Park School & Nursery Newsletter



October 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS JEFFREY

I'd like to start this newsletter by thanking each and every one of you for your incredible support over the last half-term. As we approach the holiday, it's the perfect time to reflect on the many positive experiences we've shared as a school community. From the very first day of September, it has truly been a time of growth, kindness, and celebration.

We started the term with our *Play Festival*, a fantastic event that brought children, staff, and families together. The energy, excitement, and sense of togetherness made it an unforgettable occasion, setting a perfect tone for the term ahead. We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to its success.

On a daily basis, the children have continued to impress me with their positive attitude, both in the classroom and around the school. Their kindness, enthusiasm for learning, and support for one another continue to reflect our school values, and I couldn't be prouder of them.

A real highlight has been the overwhelming generosity shown during our *Food Bank Donation Drive* over the past few weeks. Your contributions have made a significant impact, and it's been heart-warming to see our community come together in such a meaningful way. Thank you again for your ongoing kindness and support.

Another exciting addition has been the introduction of our new *House Teams*. The children have been earning points for their houses through hard work, positive behaviour, and acts of kindness. It's been wonderful to see such tremendous teamwork and a healthy sense of competition across the school. We'll be announcing the winning team for this half-term when we return, and I know the children are eagerly awaiting the results!

I also want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt thanks to you, our parents and carers. Your support—whether through volunteering, attending events, or simply offering kind words—means the world to both myself and the entire staff. This strong partnership between home and school helps us provide the best possible experience for our children, and we are truly grateful.

Finally, as we head into the break, I hope you all enjoy some well-deserved rest. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, November 4th, ready for another exciting half-term together.

## KEY DATES

- **04/11/24** – Return to school
- **05/11/24** – Open day
- **12/11/24** – Fluenz Vaccinations
- **14/11/24** – Open the Book school visit
- **14/11/24** – Football tournament Y3&Y4
- **18/11/24** – Reception stay and play
- **20/11/24** – Reception stay and play
- **28/11/24** – Girls football tournament Y5&Y6
- **12/12/24** – Sports hall athletics Y3&Y4

## PUNCTUALITY

**Lateness** – It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others. If you are experiencing difficulty with punctuality and would like to talk to us about it please contact the school office. The registers are taken at 9am therefore arrival after this time will result in a late mark.

A polite reminder that the end of the school day is 3.15pm for KS1 and 3.20pm for KS2. Children must be collected from the playground at this time.

## BUDDIES

Team Earth and Team Mercury had a lovely afternoon meeting their "buddies". Team Mercury were amazing and showed the school values of 'Respect' and 'Responsibility' supporting Team Earth on the school trim trail. We had lots of very excited children making great new friendships!



## HARVEST EXPERIENCE

Team Saturn enjoyed visiting Knutsford Methodist Church for their Harvest Experience.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Here at Manor Park we pride ourselves on how smart all of our students present themselves every day. We would like to politely remind parents/carers to ensure the correct uniform is worn each day. Trainers are not to be worn in school with uniform. This includes black trainers.

Our uniform including PE kit can be purchased via the following link

<https://classworx.co.uk/school/manor-park-primary-school/>

## JOIN OUR TEAM

We're looking for enthusiastic and friendly individuals to join us as Playleaders for lunchtimes (11:45 am - 1:15 pm) to bring even more fun to our childrens' day! If you love being active, enjoy working with children, and have a knack for making playtime safe and exciting, this could be the perfect role for you!

Please email

[businessmanager@manorpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:businessmanager@manorpark.cheshire.sch.uk) or pop in for a chat – we'd love to hear from you!

# PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING !

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes came into force on 19 August 2024.

## Penalty Notices will be issued for

**Term time leave (holiday):** Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

**10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period:** A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays

## Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

### Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

### Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.

We advise parents/carers to avoid taking children out of school in term time. Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. If you decide to take your child/children out of school, please call into the office for a Leave of Absence Form to be completed. This is so that we can accurately identify where a child is.

Please remember that taking your child out of school without the school's authorisation may result in the Local Authority issuing a Fixed Penalty Notice to each parent/carers for each child.

# SAFEGUARDING

## Keep water beads away from young children



Children love water beads. But it's really dangerous if a young child swallows them.



They expand in the belly and can block the bowel. Some grow as big as golf balls.

A child may need major surgery to remove them. So please keep them away from young children.



If you suspect a child has swallowed a water bead, get medical help straight away.

Scan to learn more



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## Button batteries can badly hurt or kill a small child if they swallow one



### Look

around your home for button batteries. Think toys, lights, remote controls and more.



### Check

for products with loose backs and button batteries that have dropped out.



### Store

button batteries in a safe place, up high and out of your child's reach.



### Dispose

of used button batteries as soon as you can. They are still unsafe.



### Act

If you think your child may have swallowed a button battery, go straight to A&E or call an ambulance.



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## PLAY FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who attended the Play Festival. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying the facilities that we offer as a school.



## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Team Manor Park were well represented at the Knutsford Primary Cross-Country Competition. A special shout out to Blake, who came 1st in the Year 4 boys' race! Well done to all children involved. We are so proud of you!



## SAFEGUARDING KEY PEOPLE

Mrs S Jeffery – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs K Thatcher – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

If you have a safeguarding concern please contact the school office and ask to speak to one of the safeguarding leads.

## MPSA UPDATE

We are calling for volunteers - can you spare some time to join the MPSA committee and help? Help can come in many forms and there is no experience necessary. We need to add numbers to our small but brilliant team. We need help to make sure that this wonderful support can continue and thrive moving forward. You would be joining a team that has everything in place and just need some more hands to make the load lighter for everyone. If you are interested please contact the school office via [admin@manorpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@manorpark.cheshire.sch.uk).

Our Halloween disco was a great success. It was brilliant to see the children having fun, dancing and enjoying time with their friends. There were some amazing costumes!



## WRAP AROUND CARE

We are thrilled to announce that D.R Sports, led by the highly respected Coach Dave, will be joining our team to provide after-school care for our children (Reception-Year 6). Dave is well known in the local community and comes with glowing recommendations from a school where his company already provides after school care. We are confident that his team will deliver amazing activities and opportunities for our children, ensuring they have a fun, safe, and engaging experience. There will be 2 options available at all times. Your child can stay until 4.30pm and access a sport or craft activity, or stay until 6pm where they have the same initial choice followed by additional activities after 4.30pm. As part of the programme, snacks will be provided for all children, with those staying after 4:30pm receiving a more substantial snack. Menus will be shared weekly. All bookings and payments will be made via Dave and his team and more details for this will follow. School will continue to provide Breakfast club from 7.30am at a cost of £5 per child.

## LOST PROPERTY

We have collected a large amount of lost property. This is available for parents/carers to search through at the school office. Any items left for a number of weeks will be donated to charity.

A polite reminder to please put your child's name on any items they bring to school especially jumpers, cardigans and coats as this enables us to return them to their owners if they are misplaced. Any items that are not named will be put straight into lost property.

## HARVEST

We were extremely proud to support Hope Central Food Bank this year with our harvest donations. A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful community for your generosity. We were truly amazed by the abundance of donations. Your kindness will make a real difference.



# MEET THE TEAM

How long have you been at Manor Park?

**27 Years**

Favourite area of the curriculum?

**History, children love learning about the past**  
What do you like to do in your spare time?

**Countryside walks with my dog Rocco.**

**Mrs Durban**  
**Year 2 Teacher**

**Photo of me**



**About me:**

Favourite chocolate bar?

**Crunchie**

Any pets?

**Yes, Rocco the Cavapoo**

Dream holiday destination?  
**Canada as I would live to visit the Rocky Mountains and Niagara Falls.**

If you weren't in education where would you be?

**Forensic Scientist**

Favourite book as a child?

**A little princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett**

**Mrs Mrs McCall**  
**Business Manager**

**Photo of me**



**About me:**

How long have you been at Manor Park?

**Nearly 2 years but attended as a child too**

Favourite area of the curriculum?

**Maths**

What do you like to do in your spare time?

**Walking on the beach**

Favourite chocolate bar?

**Twirl**

Any pets?

**A cat called Frank**

Dream holiday destination?

**Anglesey**

If you weren't in education where would you be?

**An interior designer**

Favourite book as a child?

**The Faraway Tree**

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How long have you been at Manor Park?

**8 Years**

Favourite area of the curriculum?

**English and Geography**

What do you like to do in your spare time?

**Curling up with a good book**

**Mrs Jeffery**  
**Acting Head Teacher**

**Photo of me**



**About me:**

Favourite chocolate bar?

**Dairy Milk**

Any pets?

**An adorable three-legged cat called Charlie**

Dream holiday destination?

**Anglesey – The most beautiful, peaceful place I know**

If you weren't in education where would you be?

**Travelling the world**

Favourite book as a child?

**Black Beauty by Anna Sewell**

**Mrs Devenport**  
**Reception Teacher**

**Photo of me**



**About me:**

How long have you been at Manor Park?

**27 years**

Favourite area of the curriculum?

**Phonics of course!**

What do you like to do in your spare time?

**Boot camp, cycling (I like to stop for coffee and cake!) and skiing in the Alps**

Favourite chocolate bar?

**Double Decker**

Any pets? **No**

Dream holiday destination?

**South Africa and I would love to go on a safari**

If you weren't in education where would you be?

**A job in the fitness industry, possibly a PT**

Favourite book as a child?

**Books by Enid Blyton, The Famous Five and Malory Towers**