

# Manor Park School & Nursery Newsletter



October 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM MR COTTERILL

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits. As we welcome the vibrant colours and crisp air of autumn, I wanted to take a moment to update you on the first four weeks of our Autumn Term. It has been a busy and exciting start to the school year, and I am pleased to share our highlights and important information with you. Firstly, we have a new look newsletter. We hope to combine much needed information with a taste of the many fabulous activities and achievements that take place in school.

The children have been very busy in September and October learning about their various projects with many classes taking part in visits to bring their learning to life. Our students have embraced the new term with enthusiasm and diligence. Teachers have been impressed by their hard work and commitment to learning. In the past four weeks, we have already seen some remarkable progress in the classroom, with many exciting lessons and projects underway. Children have visited: Nantwich to support the History Project about the Great Fire of London (Nantwich had its own great fire long ago) and Peak Wildlife Park to support Science learning about classification. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions about their progress or the curriculum.

We are in the middle of our Parent Evening weeks and I would like to thank you all for attending and for your kind and positive words that you share about our school. Our new booking system seems to have been a success so thank you to you all, and to our brilliant Admin team for making this work.

## IMPORANT INFORMATION

**Nut Allergies** – We have a number of children with severe nut and sesame allergies. Please ensure all packed lunches and snacks are nut and sesame free.

**Coats and Wellies** – With the weather getting wetter and colder can you please ensure your child has a coat with them daily. We also recommend wellingtons for access to the field and spinney. These can be sent in daily or left in the welly sheds. Please ensure your child's name is written inside each wellington.

**Lost Property** – Our pile of lost property is ever growing! Please ensure you name your child's items. This helps us to reduce the amount of lost property and rehome misplaced items.

**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.

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.

## KEY DATES

- 17/10/23 – Open day
- 18/10/23 – Parents evening
- 20/10/23 – Break up for half term
- 30/10/23 – Return to school
- 03/11/23 – Y5 & Y6 Trip to Jodrell Bank
- 08/11/23 – REC trip to Knutsford Library
- 09/11/23 – Y1 & Y2 Dance taster at Knutsford Academy
- 15/11/23 – SSP Parents evening
- 23/11/23 – Y5 & Y6 Girls football tournament
- 24/11/23 – Nasal Flu
- 29/11/23 - REC & KS1 trip to The Lowry
- 02/12/23 – Knutsford town Christmas light switch on
- 08/12/23 – Y3 & Y4 Little Champions at Knutsford Academy
- 13/12/23 – REC & KS1 Christmas performance (afternoon and evening)
- 18/12/23 – KS2 Christmas performance (afternoon and evening)
- 19/12/23 – KS2 Christmas performance (evening only)
- 19/12/23 – Class Christmas parties
- 20/12/23 – Break up for Christmas
- 08/01/23 – Return to school

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You can claim free school meals for each of your children that attend school in Cheshire East. We suggest you do make a claim for free school meals even if your child is in key stage 1 as this will enable us to claim additional funding (pupil premium) for new equipment and resources.

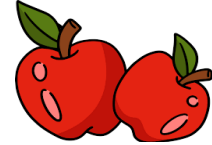
You can also apply for nursery-age children if they attend before and after lunch sessions.

Phone 0300 123 5012 for further information and help.

To find out if you are eligible and to apply for Free School Meals [click here](#).

## VACANCIES

We are looking for a part time kitchen assistant to join our team. The position would be 10 permanent variable hours (£10.60 per hour) term time only. If you are interested please contact the school office via 01625 568837.



## SPORT ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our year 5&6 netball team who have taken part in two matches so far against Mobberley and Egerton. Congratulations to the children awarded 'Player of The Match' Felix Newitt (Mobberley match) and Charlie Whitaker (Egerton match).

Some of our KS2 pupils took part in the Knutsford Academy athletics event. Every child showed resilience and they were rewarded with a medal to take home.

Following an exciting game, our Y5&Y6 football team won 4-2 in their match against St Vincent's.

Well done to everyone that took part in one of our sporting events, you should all be extremely proud.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Manor Park School Council met for their first meeting on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. Huge congratulations to them all for getting voted on to the council by their classmates. In the meeting, we discussed initial ideas for what the children would like to achieve throughout the year.

The children were also offered the opportunity to apply for the roles of Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Minute Taker. Presentations will take place during our next School Council meeting on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November.



## YEAR 3&4 TRIP TO PEAK WILDLIFE PARK





# SHARING LEARNING

Our Reception children have been using oil pastels to create self-portraits for their lovely classroom wall display.



Y3 have been working hard on their stone age project learning about cave markings and having a go at creating some of their own.



# YEAR 2 TRIP TO NANTWICH MUSEUM





## MPSA UPDATES

### MPSA HALLOWEEN DISCO

KS1 – 3.15pm to 4.15pm on 02/11/2023

KS2 – 4.30pm to 5.30pm on 02/11/2023

Thank you to the MPSA for their continued support.

If you would like to volunteer and help in any way big or small please contact the school office.



## ATTENDANCE

Every week each class has the opportunity to add money to their piggy bank by winning the award for the highest attendance percentage. The prizes are as follows

1<sup>st</sup> Place - £5

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - £3

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - £2



The team that places 1<sup>st</sup> will also be rewarded with a non-uniform day! This will normally take place on a Friday.

At the end of the school year each class will have the opportunity to choose a reward to share and enjoy.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please contact us to discuss them. As a school we want to support you to improve attendance as this will ultimately improve your child's enjoyment and progress at school.

## SAFEGUARDING KEY PEOPLE

Mr S Cotterill – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs S Jeffery – Deputy 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.

## SAFEGUARDING

Are you caring for somebody else's child? Do you know what Private Fostering is?

If you are caring for someone else's child for 28 days or more this is called Private Fostering. Private fostering is when a child is under 16 years of age (or under 18 if they have a disability) and is living and being looked after for more than 28 days by someone who is not:

- A parent
- A close relative i.e. grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt or step-parent (by marriage)
- A person with parental responsibility for the child
- this does not include a child looked after by the Local Authority

Many people do not know they are private foster carers as they have made informal arrangements with friends. Parents and carers are required by law to inform us if they have a private fostering arrangement in place

To find out more check out:

[Private Fostering Information and Advice \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](http://cheshireeast.gov.uk)



## SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS

The increase in the cost of living and the impact of Covid have hit many people hard. If you need an emergency food parcel we are able to make a referral on your behalf. Please contact Mrs K Thatcher via 01625 568837 who will be able to talk you through the process, answer any questions you may have and complete the referral. Once this has been completed, Hope Central will provide you with a food parcel which can even be delivered straight to your door.

Hope Central are also able to help in other areas such as

- Supporting people out of debt
- CV writing and interview skills equipping people in their search for work
- Helping people to take control of their finances and learn how to budget
- Supporting people to break free from life-controlling habits

