

# Manor Park School & Nursery Newsletter



May 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM MR COTTERILL

We are halfway through the summer term and we are still waiting for the weather to catch up. We have had a few days of lovely warm sunshine but I think you could have blinked and missed it. Hopefully, the rain will go away and come back another day!

It is the time of year in school where the children are reaping the rewards of their hard work and dedication. Our year 6 children have all taken their Key Stage 2 SATs and we are all immensely proud of every single one of them. They were treated to a lovely breakfast each morning during the week, culminating in bacon baps on the final day. Thank you to all of the children and parents who have worked hard all year. Also, a huge thank you to all of the staff who have supported our Year 6's throughout their time in school. We are very proud of all of the children in school from our Reception children who are nearing the end of their first year in school, our Year 1 children who are beavering away in preparation for their phonics screen and our year 4 children who are all working hard in readiness for the multiplication check. All of our children have modelled the school values in everything that they do and that is what makes our school such a wonderful place.

Class photographs – We have an INSET day for staff training on the first Monday after half term and the following day; Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Tempest Photography will be in school taking class pictures. **Can we ask that all children come to school in their full smartest, school uniforms please. If your child has PE that day, can they please bring that in their bag and they can change in school.**

There are lots of fun events taking place in the final half term of the school year. Please take a look at the key dates in our Newsletter and keep your eyes peeled for more information coming home.

**Our Summer Fair is fast approaching**, our brilliant friends in the MPSA have been busy planning and organising for the day so please keep the date free and come along as it is always a brilliant day. It will be good preparation for the two European Championship Quarter finals that are taking place later that day. Maybe England (Or Scotland) will be involved on their journey to meet in the final! (England 3 – 1 Scotland in case your wondered 😊)

Have a great Half term and see you back in school in sunny June!

## IMPORANT INFORMATION

**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.

## KEY DATES

- **24/05/24** – Break up for half term
- **03/06/24** – Inset day
- **04/06/24** – Return to school
- **04/06/24** – Tempest class group photos
- **05/06/24** – Nursery sports day
- **06/06/24** – Y3-Y6 boys football tournament at Knutsford Academy
- **12/06/24** – Sports day
- **13/06/24** – Music evening
- **14/06/24** – New reception parents meeting
- **20/06/24** – Y5&Y6 Rounders tournament at Knutsford Academy
- **25/06/24** – Y2 Foxhowl residential visit
- **26/06/24** – Reception visit to Lower Moss Wood
- **01/07/24** – Nursery to Reception transition afternoon
- **04/07/24** – Nursery to Reception transition afternoon
- **06/07/24** – Summer fair
- **12/07/24** – Nursery to Reception transition morning
- **19/07/24** – Break up for summer holiday

## SATS WEEK

Congratulations to our AMAZING Year 6s who have completed their SATs this week. You all showed such resilience, determination and pride. We are all so very proud of you.



## Y6 VISIT TO SALFORD UNIVERSITY

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Salford University. They were able to design their own dormitories, take part in a scavenger hunt across campus and learn all about the different types of courses available to study.



## 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 direct from Finesse School Wear in Macclesfield or via the following link

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



## Y3&Y4 VISIT TO THE SILK MEUSEUM

Year 3, Year 3/4, and Year 4 were able to become Egyptologists this week. They visited the silk museum in Macclesfield where they met Marriane Brocklehurst who was a traveller back in the 1800's. She shared her fascinating collection of Egyptian antiquities, including a real mummy! They also got to learn how to interpret Hieroglyphs and create their own pharaoh name. A great time was had by all!



## NURSERY

We have planted our own beans in the hope that they will grow into beanstalks -

inspired by a current favourite story - Jack and the Beanstalk.





# SAFEGUARDING

## Parental Conflict

A new app called 'Separating Better' has been launched for parents who have recently separated. It is completely free with no in-app payments and is available to download on Android and IOS.

### Key features include:

- An emotional readiness assessment to determine a parent's readiness for the separation process.
- A personalised parenting plan with co-parenting agreement options to help shape the practicalities in a parent's life post-separation.
- A budget planner to help parents gain control of their finances as a new co-parent and to plan ahead for any shared or split expenses for the children.
- *Work it out* scenario videos to help identify any poor communication skills or disagreements between co-parents and demonstrate how to improve upon them.
- Expert advice and guidance articles on a wide range of separation topics, from communication and living arrangements to finances and practical legal advice

Separating Better is designed to offer self-guided support for parents who are considering separation or are in the early stages of separation. This early intervention app offers emotional support and practical guidance. Separating Better is an early intervention support tool and progress tracker and therefore is **NOT** designed to offer support and guidance to parents who are involved in entrenched, high-conflict separation or dealing with post-separation issues such as parental alienation, interpersonal violence, or domestic abuse.

You can find more information here - [Separating better \(oneplusone.org.uk\)](https://oneplusone.org.uk)



## BAKE SALE

Our wonderful Year 6 children arranged a very successful bake sale to support Alita's family with their fundraising for her Mum's ongoing treatment. The bake sale raised an incredible £358 which has now been donated. A massive thank you to everyone who supported the bake sale by donating and purchasing cakes. We are so proud of how our school community came together to make a meaningful difference.



## MAYOR MAKING

On the evening of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, we hosted the Mayor Making in our school hall. A packed audience saw Colin Banks take up the position of Mayor of Knutsford for the next 12 months. Colin lives close to the school and is looking forward to learning more about us and getting involved in wider community events.



## GOOD LUCK MRS SMITH

Mrs. Smith has now started her maternity leave as she eagerly awaits the arrival of her bundle of joy! We are all thrilled for her and cannot wait to meet Baby Smith soon. We are sure you will join us in sending Mrs. Smith our warmest wishes during this special time in her life.



## 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.

## MPSA UPDATE

Our brilliant MPSA team will be selling refreshments and snacks at our sports days this year. Please make sure you bring along some change with you to purchase these items. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our parents/carers into school for what is set to be a fun filled day. All money raised from the purchase of refreshments will be put towards new equipment, experiences and so much more for our children to enjoy.

Our summer fair will be taking place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July. Please look out for more information with regards to volunteers and donations coming soon.

Thank you for all your invaluable support! These events could not take place without the continued help of our school community.

## ATTENDANCE

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/carer for each child. The penalties are shown below.

Penalties for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent
After 28 days	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your children's regular attendance

## LOST PROPERTY

We have collected a large amount of lost property. This is available for parents/carers to search through at the school entrance. 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.

## 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

