

Manor Park School & Nursery Newsletter



June 2024

A MESSAGE FROM MR COTTERILL

Well, it looks like summer has arrived after a few false starts. The sun has been shining and it has been nice and warm.

Our children have had a lovely summer term so far – From our Reception class spending time at Lower Moss Wood to our Year 2 children having a great time at Fox Howl, there is lots of exciting, fun learning taking place. I was fortunate to be able to join Year 2 at Fowl Howl for breakfast followed by some serious den building which was a real highlight for me.

Our year 6 children have opened a successful 'pop up' restaurant this week where they have served over 40 customers a three course Italian meal (the food was incredibly tasty).

We have also held a music concert after school where our children shared their musical talents with parents and grandparents.

Our children continue to compete in the sporting arena with the other Knutsford schools in football, rounders and athletics. Our rounders team came 2nd in a Knutsford School's competition.

Our sports day was a lovely day, celebrating what I believe the unique ability sport has, to help children learn about: teamwork, supporting and helping each other, to be resilient when things don't go to plan, learning to celebrate other's achievements and celebrating what a diverse range of talents and skills our children have. Well done to the children whose talents shone and received medals, well done in particular to Sonny (Y6) and Nyla (Y6) and Ollie (Y2) and Catarina (Y2) who were each awarded the trophy of 'Athlete of the Day', I am sure they are all very proud. More than anything, a big well done to all of the children who took part, competed and had a fun day. A wonderful day all round!

We were blessed with wonderful weather for our garden party last week. It was such a special day for the children that they could share their school and their lunchtime with you. The sight of parents, grandparents, children, siblings and staff all having a fun picnic in the sun chatting, socialising and playing was lovely.

Our summer fair is fast approaching. There are raffle tickets, wrist bands, non-uniform days and all sorts of things going on to prepare for the day. Saturday 6th July is when all the fun will be taking place. Please come along and support us. I can confirm that we host the best BBQ in Knutsford (bar none!)

Looking forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks.

KEY DATES

- **01/07/24** – Nursery to Reception transition afternoon
- **04/07/24** – Nursery to Reception transition afternoon
- **04/07/24** – Y4 Tennis Tournament
- **04/07/24** – Y4-Y6 Cricket taster at Toft Cricket Club
- **06/07/24** – Summer fair
- **12/07/24** – Nursery to Reception transition morning
- **18/07/24** – Y6 BBQ and Rounders
- **19/07/24** – Break up for summer holiday

IMPORTANT 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.

Y2 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO FOXHOWL



RECEPTION VISIT TO LOWER MOSS WOOD

Reception had an amazing trip to Lower Moss Wood Education Centre. We are exploring 'Our World' and we are comparing our local area with other parts of the world that we have seen in books and videos. Ray taught us about the different birds and the songs they sing. We saw ducks and butterflies. We really enjoying pond dipping and catching water boat men, water snails and little fish. It was a very hot day so we were glad to be under the trees!



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/>

SPORTS DAY



Y6 RESTAURANT

Year 6 have had a fantastic time serving their parents over the past few days at the year 6 restaurant. They created a fantastic 3 course meal of: Bruschetta, Pizza, Lemon Cheesecake and Lemonade.



Watch out in water

“This has highlighted the dangers posed when a child is left unsupervised for a short period of time and even in the shallowest of water.”

Coroner's report, bath seat drowning of 7-month-old

Drowning happens silently. A drowning child can't speak or control their arms. They slip quietly under the water. It's only in the movies they splash about and cry for help. It's a scary thought.

But once you understand how and where drowning happens, there are things you can do to prevent it.

Babies and small children – mostly drown at home in the bath or in the garden, in just a few centimetres of water. Keep your baby or young child in arm's reach all the time when they're in or near water.

Baths

- Get everything you need ready before bath time. You'll need to stay with your baby or young child all the time they're in the bath.
- Bath seats are great for supporting your baby in the bath but they're not safety aids. Don't leave your baby alone in one even for a moment. They can topple or your baby can slip out.
- Don't rely on your toddler to keep an eye on the baby while you pop out for a towel, as they're still too young to understand danger.

In the garden

- Empty the paddling pool out after you've used it
- Turn a pond into a sandpit, or fence it in or cover it while your children are little
- Make sure your child can't get to the neighbour's pond
- Be alert to ponds, pools or hot tubs when visiting other people's homes.



Older children – can still get into difficulties. They may over-estimate how strong a swimmer they are or under-estimate risks in the sea or open water. Teach them to float until help arrives.

Out and about

- Teach older children to choose safe places to swim like public pools and beaches with lifeguards
- Explain the dangers of swimming in open water, including strong currents, deep, cold water and things under the surface they can't see.

At the beach

- Teach children to swim between the two-coloured red and yellow flags – these mark the areas patrolled by lifeguards
- Inflatables can be swept out to sea when the wind is blowing – keep children off inflatables when the orange windsock is flying and always keep an eye on them.

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GARDEN PARTY

Thank you to all of the parents, carers and relatives that helped make our garden party a success. We were delighted that the sun was shining and it was great to see the children enjoying themselves.



NAME THE DOG



Our name the dog competition is still running. For £1, children can choose one name from the printed sheet and write their name and class in the box to be in with a chance to win the dog. The name of the dog will be revealed at the summer fair.

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

This year our summer fair is on Saturday 6th July from 12pm to 3pm. We are hoping for it to be a fabulous day and have many events and activities lined up for you and your children to enjoy.

Not only is the summer fair a wonderful day to come together as a school community and a fabulous event for the children to enjoy but it is also an opportunity to raise money. All monies raised will ultimately be used to enrich the lives of our children at Manor Park in up and coming events and exciting new projects.

If you would like to purchase wrist bands entitling your child to a number of fun activities please complete the reply slip attached to the summer fair letter you will have received from school. Replacement letters can be collected from the school office. Wristbands can also be purchased on the day.

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 bike sheds. 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

