



MPJS Newsletter July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the year is almost upon us and it is time for us to reflect on what a fantastic year we have all had and look forward to September. Our Year 6 pupils are out and about all over the place visiting their new schools and the other pupils spent the mornings in their new classroom with their new teacher earlier this week. We welcomed the Infants over for the morning and we had a full hall of year 2 parents and pupils for our transition evening this week.

New Uniform Stock

We have added new uniform to our stock following requests from parents. We will now stock **MPJS logo cardigans** as well as the sweatshirts. The cardigans will be of the same material as the sweatshirts and we think they will be really popular. Our next delivery will be before we break up for the summer holidays so please place your orders with the office now (slip attached) to avoid disappointment and we will text you when items are ready for collection. We send infant (new Year 3) uniforms next door.

On the subject of uniforms, it is expected that pupils wear the correct uniform - including shoes - right up to the last day. Brightly coloured trainers are extremely visible as not being uniform and it is not fair on pupils and parents who send their children in the correct uniform every day. At High School, pupils are sent home for having even the wrong colour piping on their shoes! We don't do that of course, but we do hope that all parents will support us and respect our uniform policy. From September, pupils coming in coloured trainers without an explanation from parents (we appreciate that sometimes things happen which affects the odd day) will change into black PE pumps stored in the Head's room until the end of the day.

Summer Fun Afternoon

You have all had the letter about the Summer Fair and the 'Fiver Challenge' project. I am meeting tomorrow after school with parents who attended the last Headteacher/Coffee Forum to get a letter together detailing the type of help needed before the afternoon and during the afternoon itself. If you have any skills, talents or resources you would like to share with us, please either come along or get in touch with me at school.

Provisional KS2 SATs Results

We are very pleased to see that all the hard work of the pupils and staff has paid off and not only have we performed better than the national average for the % of pupils achieving the Expected Standard in each subject, but also in Reading + Writing + Maths Combined. We have also improved on our own 2016 results - onwards and upwards!

KS2 Expected Standard	School	National	MPJS performance
Reading	78%	71%	+7%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	84%	77%	+7%
Writing	78%	74%	+4%
Maths	81%	75%	+6%
Combined (R+W+M)	66%	61%	+5%

E-Cigarettes

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are 'vaping' or using e-cigarettes on the yard/premises. Can I please ask that this stops? It isn't just about the health of our children. We are trying to promote healthy lifestyles and like many public places and buildings, our No Smoking Policy has to change with the times to include e-cigarettes.

Magic Moments at Moss Park Junior School

- ✓ In Year 5 the caterpillars arrived and they have been released today as adult Painted Lady Butterflies!
- ✓ We've all started the 'fiver challenge' and pupils are busy designing their products and games for the summer fair
- ✓ It's 'Be Seen in Green' day tomorrow and we are hoping to raise awareness - and lots of money - of the incredible work done at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. Please send your child in something green - anything from a sock, a scarf, some face paint, to a full outfit! We ask for a £1 donation if possible. We'll be singing the official song in Celebration Assembly tomorrow and have got some fun enrichment activities in the afternoon
- ✓ We hope to see you after school next Wednesday and Thursday to look at your child's *Take One Picture* Art Work
- ✓ Our Moss Park Year 5 Tag Rugby Team won the tournament! The B team came 4th too!
- ✓ We entered a local school's girls' and boys' football tournament in which we did very well against some tough opposition
- ✓ We've been awarded the SCHOOL GAMES GOLD mark for all the excellent sport & PE in school.
- ✓ The E-safety theatre company came to school to teach us how to be safe online and be good friends
- ✓ We have got 50/64 pupils attending our Friday 'Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning Club'. We are overwhelmed - we've split the group into two - and hope that in a small way, we are helping the children get ready for Year Six and their High School Choices beyond that

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 12 th /13 th July	Pupils' Art Exhibition 'Take One Picture' in the hall after school 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 13 th July	Y2 pupils over from MPIS for sports activities with Y3 (afternoon)
Friday 14 th July	Annual written reports out to parents
Friday 14 th July	Sports finals (pupils only watching this year - will change in 2018)
Tuesday 18 th July	Y3 ExTraffordganza at RNCM.
Tuesday 18 th July	Drop-ins for parents to discuss reports (3.30pm - 5.30pm)
Wednesday 19 th July	Y6 Musical Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Y6 Performance 6pm. <i>This is a proper musical - Shakespeare Rocks! - and Trafford Music Service are helping us with our show. Details to follow.</i>
Thursday 20 th July	Y3 recorder concert in school. 3.00pm <i>Y3 families welcome</i>
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 Disco and Party 4pm for 4.30pm start until 6pm
Friday 21 st July	2017's Best Attending Class Treat (morning)
Friday 21 st July	Summer Fun Event 1.30pm to 4pm. <i>details to follow. Helpers please!</i>
Monday 24 th July	MPJS Team Points winning team afternoon treat (splash session at Stretford - coach included)
Tuesday 25 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.00 All Year 6 families are welcome (refreshments after)
Tuesday 25 th July	Attendance 'certificates' - the print out of your child's attendance this year - sent home. It's our last day of the school year.

School breaks up on Tuesday 25th July and we return on Tuesday 5th September.