Dear Parents / Carers,

A very Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back, after what I hope was a thoroughly enjoyable and relaxing holiday, spent with families and friends. We are all really looking forward to another exciting term with a whole range of trips and visitors already planned, to launch our new topics for all year groups. Year group staff will be informing you of the learning taking place through their year group newsletters, but please ask if you have any questions relating to year group organisation or curriculum.

Congratulations to Miss Mullins who got married in the Christmas holiday and has returned to school as Mrs Scott. A very warm welcome to our new teachers who will be working with us this half term, Ellena McKeown Year 1, Ciara Nolan Y 2, Haseeb Mahmood Y 4 Hollie Docker and Rosanne Harkness Y 5. These staff will be teaching alongside staff within the year group to offer additional support to teaching and learning.

We are looking forward to seeing parents at our PTA coffee morning which will take place on Friday 18th at 9am, immediately after the school drop off, in the lower hall. This is an informal opportunity to have a coffee and make new friends. Pre school children are welcome at this social event.

My very best wishes are extended to you all for a happy and peaceful New Year.

Kind regards

Jill O’Connor- Headteacher
Winter weather conditions can cause a great deal of difficulty for everyone, including schools. We will always do everything that we can to keep the school open to ensure continuity of learning for the pupils and to avoid unnecessary disruption for parents and carers. If you have not heard otherwise it is safe to assume that the school is open. Parents can check whether the school is open by several means. These include through local radio – BBC Coventry and Warwickshire, Free Radio Coventry & Warwickshire and Heart FM, the Coventry City Council website [http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolclosures) which has a direct link to a school closure page and the school website [www.manorpark.coventry.sch.uk](http://www.manorpark.coventry.sch.uk) where we will indicate if the school is open or closed by 8am each day during periods of severe weather. It is not necessary for parents to phone to check if we are open but if the school is closed, we will put a message on Twitter and the school answerphone as soon as we can. The only occasions when we would close due to snow or ice are if the site is or becomes unsafe for pupils and adults, if there are problems with heating, power or availability of school meals or if it is not possible to get enough staff to school due to travel conditions. If the conditions around site are icy, we minimise risk by gritting essential paths and entrances. It is possible that at times it will not be safe for children to go onto the playgrounds. Please make sure that all children come to school appropriately dressed in a warm coat, gloves and a hat. If there is snow, children need either wellington boots or stout walking type boots as we will give them the opportunity to go on the school field if it is safe to do so. However, children will need a pair of black shoes to wear inside school. I can assure parents that if we do close due to the weather it will be with extreme regret and only for valid reasons.
Congratulations to Class 22 for achieving 100% attendance and no late marks for the second time! Class 22 win £100 to spend on a reward! Thank you for being such great role-models for the rest of the school.

The winning class, for best attendance overall last term, will be announced soon. The prize is a non-uniform day! Certificates and badges will also be awarded to children who have achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn term.

This week, pupils have been reminded in assembly about the importance of arriving at school before the gates are locked at 8.55am. We would very much appreciate your support in this matter and would like to reduce the number of children who are signing in late at the office. We would like to remind you also, to leave enough time for yourselves to drop your children off at classroom doors and then exit the gates before they are locked, please. This will help us reduce disruption to children and teachers at the start of the day, as we have had to regularly accompany a number of parents to exit the school through the main office area.

Thank you.
Mrs Jacoby
Further to our very successful theme events, AIP are going to have a marvellous Super Hero’s Meal on Thursday 17th January with competitions and prizes. We would like to offer everyone the opportunity to join us in the fun.

There is still availability for after school clubs that have started this term. It is a great way to get children more active and to enable them to work in groups with other children. There are many new clubs including Parachute Games, Tae Kwando, Get Active, Circus Skills and Tri-Golf.

The PTA would like to invite you to the first of our new, termly coffee mornings on Friday 18th January at 9am in the lower dining hall. These events are an opportunity for you to come along and get to know some of the faces behind the PTA. There will be drinks, cakes and a chance to have a good chat. If you have little ones at home, they are very welcome to join us.

We will follow the coffee morning with a short, more formal meeting for those who would like to stay – here you will be able to find out a little more about the PTA and what we do and there will be space to share your ideas for the future.
## After School Clubs for the First Half of the Spring Term 2019

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