



## Newsletter Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Parking

Please can we remind parents to consider where they are parking when dropping off and picking up children from school. There are high numbers of cars parking along Stelling Street and on Gorton Lane. With the volume of traffic and the number of parked cars, this is becoming a hazard for pupils and parents alike. Please try and park away from these areas. I understand that it may mean a little further to walk but safety is our primary concern. Parking is available next to Collier House near the church.

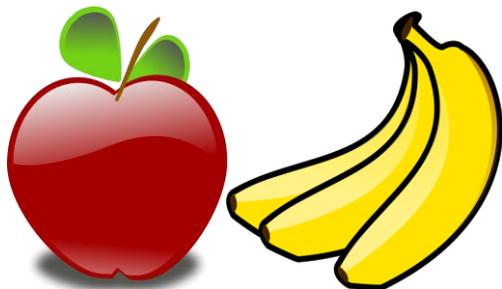
Under no circumstances should cars be stopping or parking on the zig-zag yellow lines outside of school. This is incredibly dangerous, and it is putting the safety of our children at risk simply for a matter of convenience. I will be consulting with PCSOs and traffic enforcement for support in this matter as it is becoming a regular issue.

The school car park is not for parental use and cars should not be driven into it or up to the main entrance. This is extremely dangerous and again puts the safety of our children at risk.

We understand that cars are part of everyday life but please consider the safety of children and other pedestrians when driving and parking near school. Manchester City Council have a 20mph speed limit on all non-major roads and any car driving dangerously fast near school will be reported to the police.

### Snack

Children are more than welcome to bring in their own snacks for snack time in school, but can I remind parents that this should be a healthy choice and not crisps or chocolate.



### Mr. Connolly's Tea Party

Every week, on a Friday, I will be hosting a special 'Tea Party' in the staff room. Throughout the week, every class will choose their 'Stars of the Day'. These winners will then be entered into a raffle and the winning children from each class will be invited to the Tea Party on Friday afternoon with myself and the other winners. Of course, refreshments will be provided!





### Children Bringing Items to School

Can we please remind you that children should not be bringing toys or items from home into school. The only thing they should be bringing in is their bag, reading book, water bottle and any homework they may have completed.

When children bring in things from home, they can end up lost or broken and this can cause lots of upset for the child and this is something we wish to avoid.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Current attendance figures for September show that overall attendance is around 92% (Which is in line with the current national picture) but certain classes are below that average.

Year Group	Overall Year group attendance	Individual Class attendance	
1	92%	1M - 92.1%	1R - 93.8%
2	93.2%	2O - 93.2%	2P - 91.8%
3	91.7%	3H - 95.7%	3R - 88.1%
4	91.9%	4S - 89.8%	4B - 94%
5	91.6%	5N - 91.6%	5G - 92.6%
6	92.9%	6D - 92.9%	6L - 95.3%

Being in school is like building a house. Each day adds a brick and gradually a house is formed. If children miss days, those bricks are missed out and the finished house is full of gaps and not secure.

If your child misses school, there will be gaps in their education and this means they move on to the next year group without the secure foundations they need.

