



MAHARISHI SCHOOL

CONSCIOUSNESS - BASED EDUCATION

9th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break.

Updates from autumn term

You may remember that at the beginning of the school year, we launched a project to move towards our being a healthier, more environmentally aware and more sustainable school environment. During the autumn term, we installed plastic and paper recycling bins across both phases; we purchased metal cutlery for each classroom, thereby removing the need for single-use plastic cutlery; we began to collect and recycle the plastic containers used for school lunches for reuse; and have arranged for our lunch provider to replace the plastic sandwich containers with cardboard packaging; we encouraged staff and parents to bring their own plates, cups and cutlery to school sharing events; and Miss Riaz introduced 'healthy snacks only' so that now all reception and year 1 children take part every day - thank you to those pupils and parents from other year groups who have also embraced this initiative.

Now that we are back in school, we are keen to move on to the next phase of our environmental ambitions for the school and would like to ask for your help. We are aware that during drop off and pick up times, some parents are leaving their car engine running - please could you switch off your engine at these times which will greatly improve the air quality for our pupils, parents and local residents.

The staff and parent environmental focus group will meet on Monday 14th January at 3:40pm at the primary site to discuss plans for the school. If you are able to attend, please could you send an email to parents@maharishischool.com. Pupils are invited to attend the Out of Hours Club free of charge for the duration of the meeting, which should last around 30 minutes. If you are unable to attend but have ideas that you would like us to discuss, please send your ideas to the same email address.

We would like to offer our thanks to parents for supporting us by ensuring that children arrive to school on time and avoiding, wherever possible, telephoning the school office

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during TM times. This has greatly improved our group coherence as school is now very quiet during these times:

Primary: 9:25 - 9:40 and 3:15 - 3:30
Secondary: 9:10 - 9:35 and 3:35 - 4:00 (3:15 - 3:30 on Fridays)

We are always appreciative of the support you give to our school and we are particularly grateful that during a very busy autumn term, our parents were able to support us in providing a wide range of extra activities for our pupils to benefit from. However, we do acknowledge that at times extra demands on parents' time and finances can be challenging. Consequently, moving forward, we will support only one external charity each term (three per year).

Key Dates for spring 1

Primary

15 January	Fire Brigade visit for Y2 and Y6
17 January	Y6 Liverpool World Museum visit
24 January	Y6 maths boosters start
1, 4 & 5 February	'Bikeability' for reception & Y1
12 February	NSPCC workshops and assemblies

Sport - Spring Term 1

Reception every Wednesday from 9 January to 13 February
 Yr1 - Yr4 every Friday from 11 January to 15 February
 Yr5 & Yr6 swimming every Friday from 11 January to 15 February

After-school clubs

16 January onwards (every Wed)	Eco Club Y4,5,6 and Crafty Club Y1,2,3
17 January onwards (every Thur)	First Aid Club Y3,4,5

Secondary

Mondays 4:00-5:00	Y11 maths revision class
Wednesdays 4:00-5:00	Art (4:00-6:00) & French (4:00-5:00) boosters (alternate weeks)
Wednesdays 4:00-6:00	Photography lessons
Thursdays 4:00-5:45	Computer science & French lessons

With warmest wishes



Mrs Edwards
 Headteacher.