

4th November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you all had a good half term and managed to spend some time together and that this week - in spite of the weather - has been good so far.

It is without doubt that the rather heavy rain this week has caused issues with transport and travelling. I am aware that there is a greater temptation to drop your children at the school gates but the unfortunate knock on effect is greater congestion. You may have noticed a greater presence of our Community Support Police officers this week too who have been helping with the busy traffic. We appreciate that it is difficult, but please do avoid dropping off at the school at the busiest times of the day as it could have (and has had in the past) a direct impact on emergency services access on Carlton Avenue East.

We are all getting excited about next Wednesday's Diwali event at the Lower School. We hope for a dry afternoon so we can enjoy the spectacular fireworks display as well as the food, dancing and celebrating Diwali as a School community. The event starts at 4.30pm and will have concluded by 7pm. We will also have card machines for purchasing tokens for food and involvement in the activities as well as last minute entry. Last year we had nearly 200 people join us to enjoy the amazing afternoon and already we look to have doubled that number. It will be fabulous to enjoy this together as a Preston Manor School community and we look forward to seeing many of you there!

The busy open day and open evening event continued at the Lower School this week in welcoming potential new parents and students to visit our school before finalising their application for a place in our reception. Whilst walking around our Lower School with our Head of School Mr Atkinson, so many parents have commented what a wonderful place it is. Purposeful learning, excellent relationships and exceptional behaviour throughout. I always believe in opening our doors to parents and seeing the school in full action. If anyone does require further information about reception places for September 2023, please do get in contact.

Our next 'open' event is on Thursday 17th November when we will be holding our 6th Form Open Evening in readiness for starting 6th Form in September 2023. Further information will be shared shortly to our Year 11 parents and this will be a great opportunity for students to talk to staff about the courses on offer as well as talk to some of our students about the courses they are studying.

The Upper School's climate for learning focus this half term will be on 'excellent uniform' and a letter will be sent to our parents shortly from our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Brougham.

The letter sets out the expectations of what our uniform should look like and how it should be worn - with pride.

Wishing you all lovely weekend

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Denial', written in a cursive style.

R Denial
Executive Headteacher