



Mersey Park Primary School

December 2016 Newsletter



Value of the Month: **Thoughtfulness**

Headteacher: **Mrs M Thomas**

Dates to Remember

Friday 2nd December – Year 5 Trip to Chester

Saturday 3rd December – P.T.A. Christmas Fair - 12.00 – 2.00pm

Monday 5th December – Foundation Stage 2 – St Catherine's Church – Christmas Crafts

Wednesday 7th December – Year 1 – St Catherine's Church – Christmas Crafts

Friday 9th December – Year 4 Trip to Liverpool World Museum

Monday 12th December – Year 2 – St Catherine's Church – Christmas Crafts

Monday 12th December – Foundation Stage 2 – Rock Ferry Library - F2D – 1.15pm

Tuesday 13th December – Foundation Stage 2 Performance 10.00am – F2D

Wednesday 14th December – Foundation Stage 2 Performance 10.00am – F2GW

Thursday 15th December – Homework Highfliers Reward am

Thursday 15th December – Foundation Stage 2 – Rock Ferry Library - F2GW – 1.15pm

Thursday 15th December – Year 1 – Rock Ferry Library – 1.45pm

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 20th December – Year 1 Performance 10.00am – 1B

Wednesday 21st December – Year 1 Performance 10.00am – 1G

Wednesday 21st December - Party afternoon

Thursday 22nd December – Christmas Service

Thursday 22nd December – School Closes for Christmas Holiday

Monday 9th January – School re-opens for Spring Term



Homework High Flier Trip

On Thursday 15th December our homework high fliers will be visiting the cinema this term to see the Disney film Moana. This is a reward for all their hard work this term. A letter will be sent home soon with all the details.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is Tuesday 20th December – children can come into school wearing their Christmas jumper with their uniform.

Medical & Dental Appointments

Evidence of the appointment must be shown at the school office if a pupil needs to be collected during the school day or arrives late. If you have an appointment on a **Friday afternoon** and need to take your child out of school early, the office must be notified in advance, as the whole school attend an assembly and we need to seat your child near the door. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

BBC Children in Need

A big 'thank you' to all our parents and children who supported the BBC Children in Need Appeal on Friday 18th November. We raised an amazing, record breaking £1297.47 – well done everyone!



Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 3rd December starting at 12 noon. There will be a grotto and lots of exciting stalls to visit. The fair will close at 2.00pm – everyone welcome.

Please contact the school office if you are able to come along and help on the day.



Data Collection Sheets

If we have not received an updated Data Collection Sheet we will continue to use the details originally provided to us. Please remember to contact the school office if there are any changes to your child's contact details.

September 2017 Admissions

If you have a child who was born between the 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 then you now need to think about applying for a Foundation2/Reception place for your child to start school in September 2017. Primary preference packs are available from all primary schools, One-Stop-Shops and libraries or they can be downloaded and completed online from www.wirral.gov.uk/school admissions and should be submitted by **15th January 2017**.

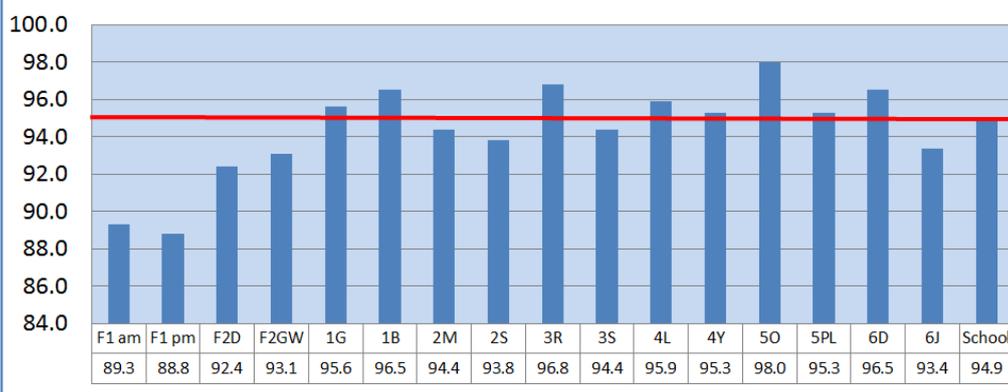
Attendance

Whole school attendance of 94.9% falls just below our target of 95%. Please see the graph below to see how well your child's class is doing to meet our target. Congratulations to **3S, 6D** and **6J** who have improved their attendance since last month and to **5O** who have the best attendance so far this year. Certificates will be awarded to all pupils with 100% attendance this term, and all pupils with attendance of 95%+ will be entered into the raffle to win a Vue Cinema Family voucher.

Congratulations to **Callum in 4L**, who won this term's Punctuality Week Prize: a Ten Pin Bowling Family voucher.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality please contact Mrs Hardy, Home/School Liaison Officer, or Mrs Tootell, Deputy Head. Parents/Carers, where there are attendance or punctuality concerns, will be invited into school to an Attendance Panel meeting, so parents/carers and school can work together to resolve any issues.

Attendance September - November



Anti-Bullying

During November's national Anti-Bullying Week the whole school's focus was on 'Power for Good' when pupils thought about the differences between being kind, being rude, being mean and bullying. All pupils also agreed and signed a class Anti-Bullying contract. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors – Bailey, Harvey, Lucy (Y6), Lennon, Carrie (Y5), Jack and Joshua (Y4) attended the Wirral Anti-Bullying conference and joined in with a wide variety of anti-bullying activities. They also led an anti-bullying assembly in school: photos can be seen on the school website and twitter.

An anti-bullying information booklet for parents/carers and a leaflet for pupils which outlines the school's Anti-Bullying Policy in a child friendly way will be sent home this term.

The Anti-Bullying Steering Group meets each term to discuss ways to improve our anti-bullying work further. This group is made up of pupils, parents/carers, governors and staff. If any parents/carers would be interested in joining the steering group please contact Mrs Tootell, at school.



Wishing all our parents and children a very Happy Christmas

