



Mersey Park Primary School

February 2017 Newsletter

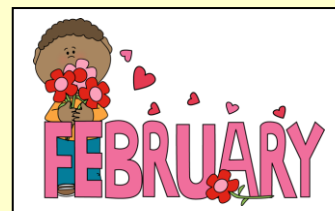


Value of the Month: Forgiveness

Headteacher: Mrs M Thomas

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 1st February – Year 2 SAT Information Meeting for Parents/Carers
 Monday 6th February – Year 5 Show Racism the Red Card
 Tuesday 7th February – Year 4 Performance 10.00am 4L
 Wednesday 8th February – Year 4 Performance 10.00am 4Y
 Wednesday 8th February – Year 5 Bikeability Day 1
 Thursday 9th February – Years 1-6 Chinese New Year crafts 1.30-3.00pm
 Wednesday 15th February – Year 5 Bikeability Day 2
 Wednesday 15th February – Home/School Discussions
 Thursday 16th February – Home/School Discussions
 Thursday 16th February – Y1 – Y6 e-Safety Performance for pupils
 Friday 17th February – F1 – Year 6 Mersey Park Pop Party
 Friday 17th February – Year 4 Knowsley Safari Park visiting school
 Friday 17th February – School closes for Half Term Break
Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February – Half Term
 Monday 27th February – School re-opens after half term
 Friday 3rd March – Half Term Trophy Assembly



Home/School Discussions

A separate letter will be sent out to you regarding Home/School Discussions which take place during the week beginning 13th February. We look forward to seeing you to acknowledge your child's achievements and discuss ways forward with class teachers. It is a chance for you to meet your child's class teacher, look at your child's work to see the progress they are making and celebrate their hard work.

We hope you all can make it.



Homework High Flyers

Just a reminder that to be recognised as a Homework High Flyer your child needs to complete homework to a good standard and with good presentation. Homework needs to be handed in on time through the term. Also reading records need to be updated and brought into school at least 3 times per week.

Late Arrivals

If your child arrives at school after 9.00am they must be signed in by an adult. Pupils who are not signed in will not appear on class registers and this causes serious health and safety issues. The majority of late arrivals are in Foundation 2. This is forming bad habits for the future. Please ensure all children understand the importance of being in school by 8.50am

Year 6 SATs Week

Please note that the week beginning Monday 8th May is SATs week. It is very important that all Year 6 children are in school each day that week and are on time to ensure that they do not miss any of the tests.



Foundation Stage 1 Intake 2017

If you or anyone you know has a child who will be 3 on or before 31st August 2017 and would like to apply for a place in our Nursery, please pick up an application form from the school office.

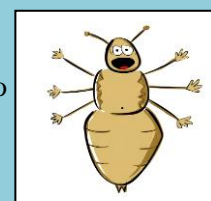
The admission process will begin shortly therefore we would kindly request that all applications are completed and returned to the school office by Monday 13th March 2017



Bug Busting

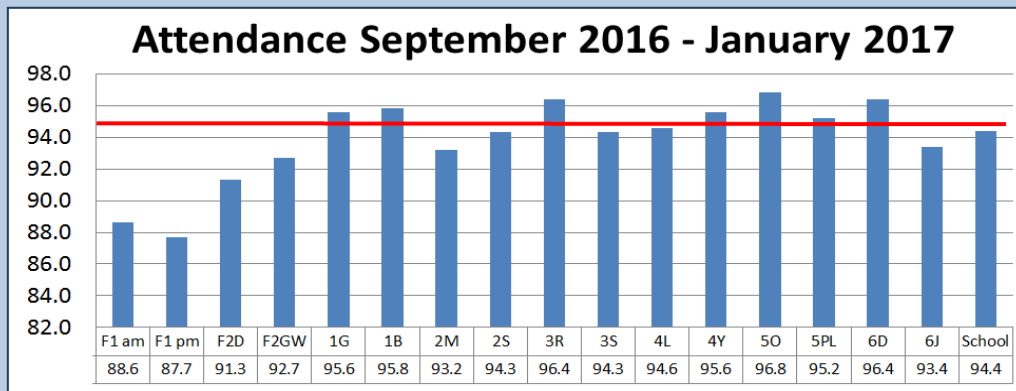
A reminder that the 10th of the month is 'Bug Busting Day' when we encourage parents and carers to check their child's hair.

If you have any concerns about persistent head lice please speak to Mrs Hardy, our Home School Liaison Officer.



Attendance

Whole school attendance of 95.2% remains just above our target of 95%. Please see the graph below to see how well your child's class is doing to meet our target. All those classes below the red line at 95% need to make an extra effort to ensure that every pupil is in school every day.



Congratulations to **5O** who have the best attendance so far this year, and who were winners of the Premier Attendance League for the Autumn term and also to **6D** who had the most improved attendance last term.

Congratulations also to **Chloe N** in 3R who won the 95%+ Attendance Prize for the Autumn term which was a Vue Cinema Family voucher.

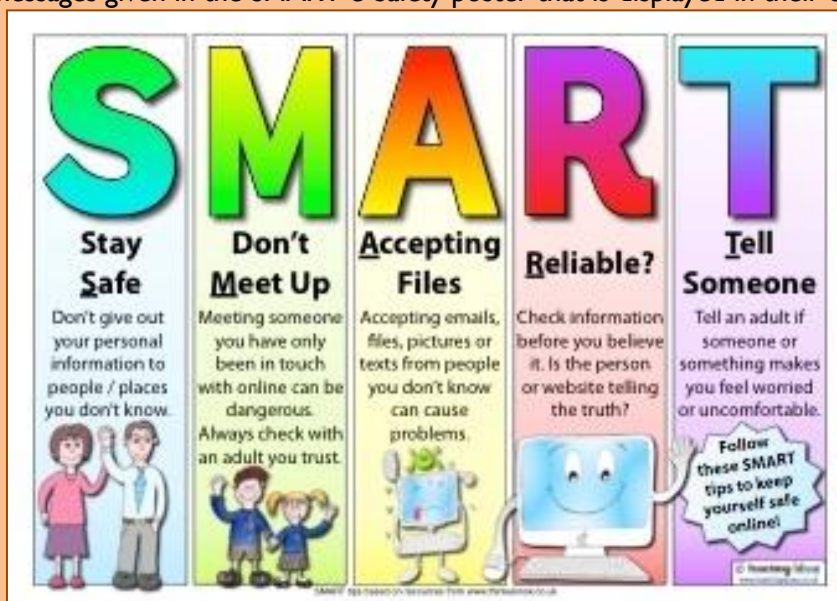
If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality please contact Mrs Hardy, Home/School Liaison Officer, or Mrs Tootell, Deputy Head.

A Warning from Wirral Police

Wirral Police have sent out a warning about the mobile device APP: Musical.ly. This app is increasingly coming to the attention of Wirral Police, they believe musical.ly appears to be an application that paedophiles are looking to exploit, as the main users of Musical.ly are children aged 8-12 years old. Please **be vigilant** in ensuring your child uses this app and all apps with your knowledge, that they know who they are communicating with and what to do if they start to get worried.

Anti-Bullying

This week has been our Spring Term Anti-Bullying Week, with the focus on Cyberbullying and e-Safety. Please ask your child to tell you about the work they have completed in school and see if they can remember the messages given in the SMART e-Safety poster that is displayed in their classroom.



The children have had time to discuss what Cyberbullying is and why it is so harmful. They have thought about what they should do if they find or receive anything upsetting, while using technology in school and at home, and who they can turn to for help. They have considered how they should behave online in order to be kind and to keep themselves safe.

Each class has completed age appropriate activities including: songs, eBook stories, cartoons, interactive online games, online quizzes, posters and video clips. They have produced work in school for a display in each hall.

School continues to work hard to meet the Gold standard for the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark. If any parents/carers would be interested in joining the Anti-Bullying Steering Group, which meets each term, please contact Mrs Tootell, Deputy Head.