



# Mersey Park Primary School

## July 2017 Newsletter



**Value of the Month: Happiness**

### Dates to Remember

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Eco Club Visit to Birkenhead Park – 9.30am – 11.30am**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Farm to Fork Tesco 6**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Farm to Fork Tesco 6**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 Forest trip to Royden Park**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 – trip to Williamson Art Gallery**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5/6 Sports Day (weather permitted)**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 1 Forest trip to Royden Park**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Induction Day**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production – 10.00am (6D parents)**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Picnic in the Park**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Volunteer/Governors Thank you – 2.00pm**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Production – 10.00am (6J parents)**

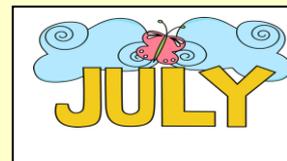
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Homework Highflyers Ice Cream treat**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Disco – 4.00pm**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Assembly/Trophy Assembly – 9.15am**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – School closes for Summer**

**Tuesday 25<sup>st</sup> July – School Closed – Staff Development Day**



### School Watch

During our summer holiday workmen will be on site, however, we would appreciate your vigilance. If you see any intruders in the school grounds please contact one of the following numbers to report the incident:



**Metro Security 666 5265  
or Police 709 6010**

### Year 5 and 6 Sports Day

Due to poor weather our Year 5 and 6 sports day was cancelled in June. It will now take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 10 am. Please can you make sure, if the weather is warm, that your child has sun cream on before arriving at school and has a sun hat they can wear.

### Pupil Contact Details

We would request that all parents keep their contact details held in school updated and ensure that the telephone numbers given are available at all times. It is important that we are able to contact parents if necessary during the school day.



**PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE**

### Northwest Involve Connect Us

Northwest Involve are a local charity group that offer support in our local community. They are volunteers that are able to provide up-to-date information, support local neighbourhood groups and hope to engage with the community to improve health and wellbeing. Members of the group will be visiting school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and will be available to speak to at the end of the school day in all of our playgrounds. They will be highly visible in their orange t-shirts and would be happy to discuss their aims and offer advice.

For more information regarding their service, please call: 0151 644 4516

Email: [connectus@involveinnorthwest.org.uk](mailto:connectus@involveinnorthwest.org.uk)

Web: [www.involvenorthwest.org.uk](http://www.involvenorthwest.org.uk)

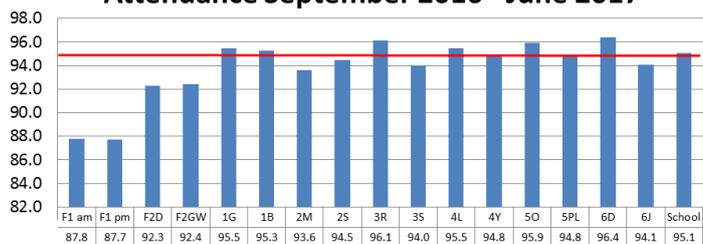
### PTA Summer Fair

**Our summer fair will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 12noon until 2.00pm. More information will be given to the children, including raffle tickets and requests for raffle prizes. If you would like to volunteer to help either on Friday evening (7<sup>th</sup>) or on Saturday please give your name and phone number to the school office.**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

## Attendance

Attendance September 2016 - June 2017



Congratulations to **6D** with the best attendance so far this year and to **2S** as the only class who have for improved their attendance since last month. School is just on track to meet its attendance target of 95%; however attendance has fallen since last month.

**Please ensure that all pupils are in school every day until the end of term.**

All pupils with 100% attendance this year will receive a reward (currently 30 pupils) and all pupils with 100% attendance this term (currently 139 pupils) will be awarded a certificate. Classes are still working hard to win the Attendance League trophy and the most improved attendance trophy for this term.

Congratulations to **Zack in 1B** who won the Punctuality Week prize for this term.

### Volunteer as a Story Starter

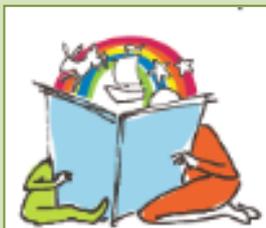
Story Starters are looking for volunteers to give a child the building blocks for a brighter future by:

- Helping a child be ready to read before they start school;
- Inspiring a child to reach for the stars;
- Using and developing key skills in early years education;
- Making a unique contribution to a child's life.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer visit:

[www.storystarters.org.uk](http://www.storystarters.org.uk)

or call 0845 450 0301



### SHOESHARE

As part of the school's commitment to being a Rights Respecting School we are hosting a ShoeShare collection on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**.

Please send your child into school with any old and unwanted shoes. We will then deliver the shoes to Clarks in Birkenhead, who will donate money to Unicef to help children around the world to be able to access education.

If you would like to find out more there is a short video at: [unicef.uk/shoeshare](http://unicef.uk/shoeshare)



### School Meals

Children in years Foundation 2 – Year 2 are entitled to a universal free hot meal. In order to cut down costs for our families, school will be subsidising school meals for Years 3 – 6 from September. Therefore the cost of a school meal for children in Years 3-6 will be £2.00 per day. **£10.00 should be brought to the school office each Monday morning in an envelope with your child's name on.** The new school meal menus can be viewed on the school website or if you would like a paper copy please call at the school office. All children who are entitled to free school meals due to family circumstances, and who haven't done so already, should complete a form which can be obtained from the school office. This also entitles these children to receive free milk.

### Anti-Bullying

In school there is a variety of ways that pupils can report bullying:

- They can speak to any member of staff including their staff buddy, who they chose at the beginning of the year.
- Each floor has boxes where pupils can leave a note. The boxes are checked every day and a senior member of staff will then speak to the pupil. The 'Bother Box' or 'Worry Box' is where pupils put a note if someone is upsetting or annoying them; the 'Sorry Box' is where a note of apology can be left and the 'Happy Box' is where pupils can pass on messages that explain what someone has done to help them have a lovely day. It is great to see how regularly the 'Happy Boxes' are used and that notes in the 'Bother Boxes' are infrequent.
- Pupils and parents/carers can also email school to raise concerns or ask for advice on our dedicated email, which is checked each school day: [antibullying@merseypark.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:antibullying@merseypark.wirral.sch.uk).

