



# Mersey Park Primary School

## November 2016 Newsletter



Value of the Month: **Kindness**

Headteacher: **Mrs M Thomas**

### Dates to Remember

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Trophy Assembly 9.00am  
 w.b. Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Punctuality Week  
 w.b. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day – Non Uniform  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Individual/Family Photographs



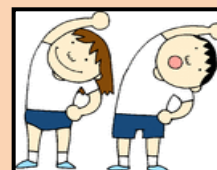
### Anti-Bullying Week

The first of our anti-bullying weeks will take place this month. The theme for this week is '**Power for Good**' with the following key aims:

- To support children and young people to use their **Power for Good** – by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible.
- To help parents and carers to use their **Power for Good** – through supporting children with issues relating to bullying and working together with schools to stop bullying.
- To encourage all staff in school to use their **Power for Good** – by valuing the difference they can make in a child's life, and taking individual and collective action to prevent bullying and create safe environments where children can thrive.

### PE Kits

Please ensure that your child's PE kit remains in school at all times in the bag provided. PE kits should be taken home at the end of each half term for washing and returned to school on the first day back after each holiday.



### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Book Fair last term. We raised **£611** to spend on books for school.

### Dogs in the Playground

Under no circumstances are dogs to be brought into the school playground. Thank you to those dog owners who have now abided by this request, however despite having previously made this request, some dogs are still being brought in. This is an ongoing Health & Safety issue and I hope you appreciate the importance of complying with this request.

### Harvest Festival

A very big "thank you" to everyone who donated so generously to our Harvest Festival which was a huge success. This year donations were given to NEO at Beaconsfield House to support people in the local community.

The help given to people in need from our Harvest Festival was gratefully received and very much appreciated.



### Home/School Discussions

Our home/school meetings were well attended before half term with most parents having been in to school to speak with their child's teacher and look at their books. If you haven't been able to attend, please make an appointment with your child's teacher as soon as possible.

## Bug Busting

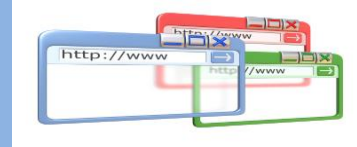
A reminder that the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month is 'Bug Busting Day' when we encourage parents and carers to check their child's hair.

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



## School Website

Please visit our school website – [www.merseyparkprimary.co.uk](http://www.merseyparkprimary.co.uk)  
For all the latest school information including whole school events, your child's curriculum in school and key information about school and our latest news.



## Key Stage 1 Extension

We are very pleased that our extension to the Key Stage 1 building is now complete and is looking great. The Year 2 children have now moved into their new, larger classrooms and we also have a new library/teaching space next to the classrooms. Thank you for your patience during the work.



## Children in Need 2016



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** will be a non-uniform day. Children should come to school wearing something yellow or spotty to show support for Children in Need. A £1 voluntary donation should be given to their class teacher.

### **Reminder:**

Please could **all** children's sponsor forms and money (for Pocket Money for Pudsey) be returned to school during the week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you for your continued support.



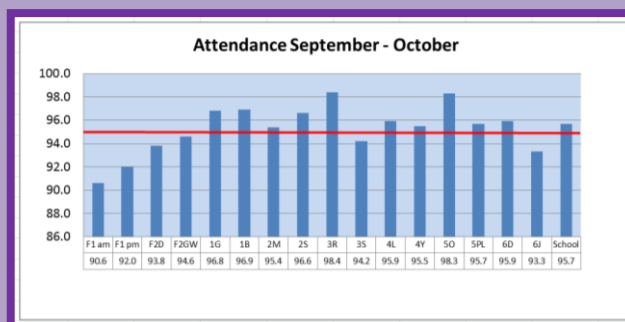
## Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale in school this week – one per child. Silver coins only accepted please. There will also be other items on sale e.g. bracelets, pencils, reflectors and slap rulers priced at 50p/£1.00



## Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school attendance of 95.7% 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. Congratulations to **IB, IG, 3R, 5PL** and **5O** who have improved their attendance since last month.



The prize for the class at the top of the Premier League will be awarded at the Trophy assembly on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. Every child in school has their name on an attendance poster in their classroom, to celebrate 100% attendance and all attendance above 95%. 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.

Next week is **Punctuality Week** when we will be checking that every pupil arrives in school on time, between 8.50am and 9.00am. Pupils who arrive on time every day next week will be entered into our raffle to win a family ticket for the Vue Cinema.