



Mersey Park Primary School

November 2017 Newsletter



Value of the Month: Kindness

Headteacher: Mrs M Thomas



Rights Respecting Schools Article of the Month: Article 14 –

‘The right to think and believe what they want following their own religion.’

Dates to Remember

Monday 22nd – Friday 27th October School closed for Half Term

Monday 30th October – Staff Development day

Tuesday 31st October – School re-opens to pupils

Wednesday 1st November – Friday 3rd November - Life Bus

Friday 3rd November – Half Term Trophy Assembly

Monday 6th – Friday 10th November – Punctuality Week

Tuesday 7th November – Year 5 trip to Chester

Monday 13th – Friday 17th November – Anti-bullying Week

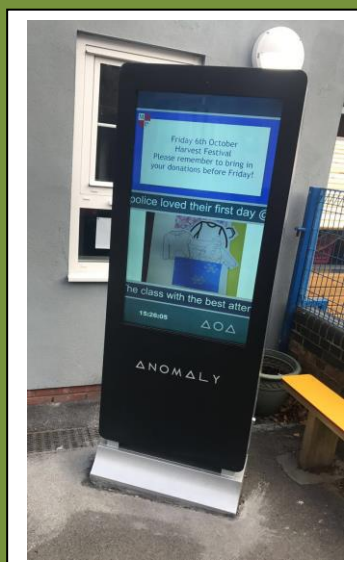
Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day – Non Uniform

Monday 20th November – Individual/Family Photographs



ANOMALY BOARDS

You may have seen the new anomaly boards around school. If you have not yet seen one of these boards they are located in the main reception area, in middle playground and in lower playground. These boards will be regularly updated to show important notices and dates, photographs of school trips and activities in school. We will also be showing children's work, our school twitter feed and some informative videos.



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.

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, it 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.



Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Book Fair last term. We raised a tremendous **£780** to spend on books for school.



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 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.



School Website

Please visit our school website – www.merseyprimary.co.uk
For all the latest school information including whole school events, your child's curriculum in school, key information about school and our latest news.



Come and volunteer with Beanstalk

Beanstalk is a national charity which recruits and trains reading helpers to support primary school pupils with their literacy skills. Our volunteers work with 3-11 year olds twice a week on a one-to-one basis. We currently have vacancies in many of our schools across Merseyside, meaning lots of children need our support.

Interested or know someone who might be?

Go to www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk for more details and to find an application form. Alternatively call Nicole on 0151 722 4743 Monday-Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm



Children in Need 2017



Friday 17th 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.

During the week of Children in Need we will be holding funding events in school such as raffles and book swaps. Please check the school twitter page for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.



Anti-Bullying Week

The first of our Anti-Bullying weeks this year, Monday 13th to Friday 17th November, will focus on the national theme: 'All Different, All Equal.' Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, Lennon and Carrie (Y6), Jack and Joshua (Year 5) and Erin and Ruby (Y4), will be leading Anti-Bullying Assemblies that will celebrate:

- what makes everyone unique;
- that every child feels valued and included;
- that everyone can be themselves without fear of bullying.

All Different

All Equal

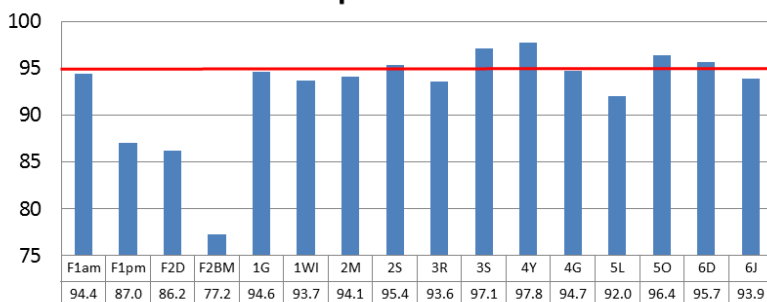
Poppy Appeal



We will be supporting the Royal British Legion with their Poppy Appeal. From Tuesday 31st October until Friday 10th November. Children will be able to purchase poppies for a minimum donation of 20p, silver coins only please. Also as in previous years there will be other poppy related items for the children to buy starting from 50p.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance September - October 2017



Whole school attendance of 94.9% remains just below our target of 95%. Please see the graph to see how well your child's class is doing to meet our target. Congratulations to **1G, 3R, 4Y, 4G, 5L, 6D** and **6J** who have improved their attendance since last month.

The prize for the class at the top of the Attendance Premier League will be awarded at the Trophy assembly on the 3rd 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.

Monday 6th to Friday 10th November 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 Punctuality Week raffle.