



Mersey Park Primary School

October 2016 Newsletter



Value of the Month: Tolerance

Headteacher: Mrs M Thomas

Dates to Remember



Friday 7th October – Year 6 Park Work

Wednesday 19th October – Home/School Discussions

Thursday 20th October - Home/School Discussions

Friday 21st October - Staff Development Day (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October – Half Term

Monday 31st October – School Reopens after Half Term Holiday – 8.50am

Friday 4th November – Half Term Trophy Assembly

Harvest Festival



Our Harvest Festival will be taking place during assembly on Thursday 20th October. Unfortunately we cannot invite parents to this event as we do not have enough room in the hall.

This year we have decided to support the Wirral Food Bank which is based in Birkenhead, who provide emergency food for local families in crisis. We would therefore be grateful for any donations of non-perishable, in date food which you would like to provide us with. Food can be sent into school via the School Office any time between now and the day of the assembly. Items could include canned goods (e.g. meat/fish/vegetables/soup), tea and coffee, cordial, sugar, dried milk, tinned or packet puddings (e.g. sponge puddings/rice puddings).

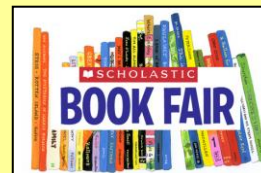
Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

Home/School Discussions

A separate letter will be sent to you regarding Home/School Discussions which take place during the week beginning 17th October. We look forward to seeing you all 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 to celebrate their hard work. We hope you can make it.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Book Fair, the total amount raised was in excess of £1000! We will be able to purchase lots of books for our school libraries from the proceeds raised.



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 on-going Health & Safety issue and I hope you appreciate the importance of complying with this request.

Bug Busting

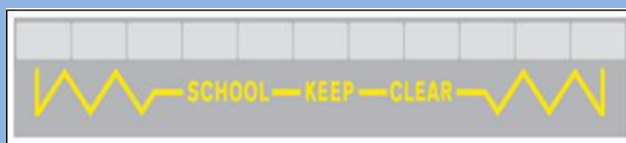
A reminder that the 10th of the month is 'Bug Busting Day' when we encourage parents and carers to check their child's hair. If you have any concerns about persistent headlice please speak to Mrs Hardy our Home/School Liaison Officer.



Road Safety Outside School

To ensure the safety of all of our pupils please park responsibly around school:

- Cars must not be parked on the yellow zigzag lines or on the single yellow line opposite school on the bend in the road;
- Cars should not stop on the yellow zigzag lines to drop pupils off or pick them up;
- Pupils should be supervised crossing the road;
- Parents/Carers should not park across the entrance to the staff car park which prevents members of staff leaving in case of an emergency.



Uniform

Mersey Park Primary School has been taking part in a project together with the Wirral Christian Centre and the Oxtan Gateway to recycle school uniform. We have a collection bin in school where parents can drop off any unwanted uniform items which will be collected, washed and any repairs completed as necessary. The uniform will then be sorted by school, age and category and will be made available for parents to collect free of charge from a 'Pop Up' shop at **25 Milton Pavement, Birkenhead each Wednesday from 10.30am-1.00pm**



Data Collection Sheets

We will shortly be sending out Data Collection Sheets for each pupil.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE SHEET TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THERE ARE ANY AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE OR NOT.

Firbobs Out of School Club



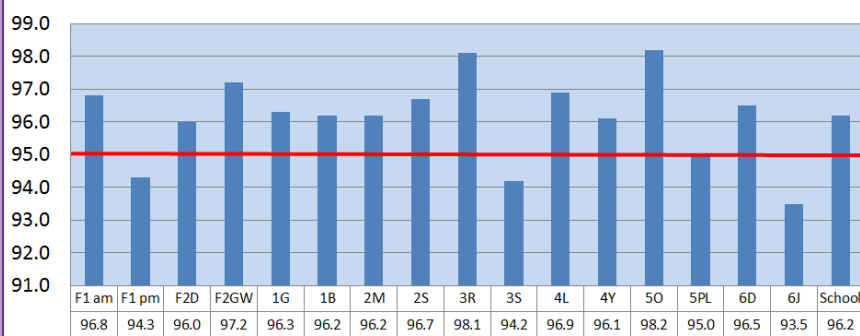
All enquiries and applications for Firbobs must now be made via their website:

www.firbobs.com

Attendance

Whole school attendance of 96.2% is currently well above our target of 95% which is fantastic. Please see the graph below to see how well your child's class is doing to meet our target.

Attendance September 2016



Congratulations to **5O** who have the best attendance so far this year. **F1pm, 3S and 6J** need to make sure that every pupil is in every day, to move back above the 95% attendance line.

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.