

# Mersey Park Primary School

## October 2017 Newsletter



**Value of the Month: Tolerance**

**Headteacher: Mrs M Thomas**

**Rights Respecting Schools Article of the Month: Article 24 - 'The right to health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment.'**

### Dates to Remember

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 trip Liverpool World Museum**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 Online Secondary Transfer support 2pm**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Home/School Discussions**

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**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Year 1 Royden Park trip**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Year F2 Tesco Heswall Trip**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for Half Term**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Staff Development day (School closed to Pupils)**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – School re-opens to pupils**



### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be taking place during assembly on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Neo House which is based in Birkenhead, who provide food for local families in need. 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.



### E-Safety Update

Do you understand the sites your children are using online? You can use the sites below to find out about the different apps available and whether they are suitable for your child: [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) or [www.commonsemmedia.org](http://www.commonsemmedia.org)

### **Also a warning from Virtual College**

**Safeguarding News:** Internet users are targeting the children's animation Peppa Pig by twisting the storylines and producing unsafe content for the age group. These adapted episodes will appear, at first, to be official episodes. Please take extra care in monitoring what your children are doing and watching online.



### Mini Police

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September our Year 5 and 6 'Mini Police' were invited along to the Mini Police launch. They were joined by pupils from 5 other Merseyside schools to learn all about the work of the Police Force. They have been provided with a uniform and will be invited to various events to support the work of the police. During their trip they saw the police helicopter land, met the police horses and dogs and learnt more about the importance of their role. Our chair of governors Val Maher and Councillor Jean Stapleton also came along for the visit.



### Home/School Discussions

A separate letter will be sent to you regarding Home/School Discussions which take place during the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Road Safety Outside School

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

- 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.

### Data Collection

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.**

### Wirral FUSS – Uniform support

Mersey Park Primary School has been taking part in a project together with the Wirral Fuss Team. 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 available for parents to collect free of charge from the new premises at **3-5 Borough Pavement, each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 am -1:00pm. The team have informed us that they have plenty of stock to give to anyone who asks, without discrimination of circumstances.**



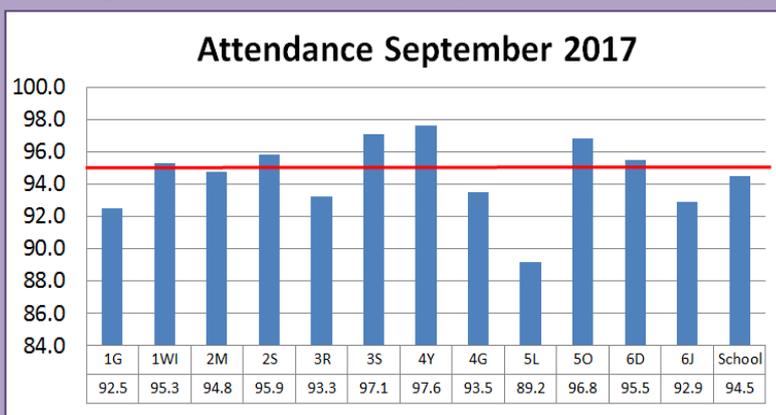
### Rights Respecting School

During September the children have been thinking about Article 28: 'The right to an education.' They have been looking at the treacherous journey that children in a small village in China have to make to get to school, and what could be done to make it easier for them to access education. If any parents/carers would be interested in supporting this work please contact Mrs Tootell, Deputy Head.



### Attendance

Whole school attendance of 94.5% is currently below target, which is set for all primary schools at 95%. Please see the graph below to see how well your child's class is doing to meet our target.



Congratulations to **4Y** who have the best attendance so far this year. **1G, 2M, 3R, 4G, 5L, and 6J** need to make sure that every pupil is in every day, to move back above the 95% attendance red line.

Please be aware that Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued by the local authority to the parents/carers of pupils who take unauthorised holidays during term time. If you wish to request a leave of absence for your child from school, please put this in writing to Mrs Thomas, headteacher.

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.