



Mersey Park Primary School

December 2017 Newsletter



Value of the Month: Thoughtfulness

Headteacher: Mrs M Thomas

Rights Respecting Schools Article of the Month: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. (Article 29)

Dates to Remember

Saturday 2nd December – P.T.A. Christmas Fair - 12.00 – 2.00pm

Monday 4th December – Foundation Stage 2 – Year 4 -Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 6th December – Year 1 – St Catherine's Church – Christmas Crafts AM

Wednesday 6th December – Foundation 2 – St Catherine's Church – Christmas Crafts PM

Thursday 7th December – Year 3 trip to Croxteth Hall

Friday 8th December – Home Work High Fliers Film Treat

Monday 11th December – Year 2 – St Catherine's Church – Christmas Crafts

Tuesday 12th December – Foundation Stage 2 Performance 10.00am – F2D

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 13th December – Foundation Stage 2 performance 10.00am - F2BM

Wednesday 13th December – Foundation 1 – Christmas Crafts

Thursday 14th December – Foundation 1 Christmas Sing-a-long

Friday 15th December – Whole school trip to Chester Zoo – F2 – Year 6

Friday 15th December – Foundation 1 Animals Take Over visit in school

Tuesday 19th December – Year 1 Performance 10.00am – IW1

Wednesday 20th December – Year 1 Performance 10.00am – IG

Wednesday 20th December - Party afternoon (Food provided by PTA)

Thursday 21st December – Children walking to Church

Thursday 21st December – School Closes for Christmas Holiday

Monday 8th January – School re-opens for Spring Term



Homework High Flier Movie Morning Treat !

On Friday 8th December our homework high fliers will be invited to watch a festive movie in our school hall. Along with the movie children will enjoy popcorn, sweets and a drink! This is a reward for all their hard work this term. A letter will be sent home soon with all the details.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is Wednesday 13th December – children can come into school wearing their Christmas jumper with their uniform.

Mersey Park Parent Partnership Group

The Mersey Park Parent Partnership Group have continued to meet regularly and in their recent meeting discussed the Parent Welcome Afternoons. The group felt that these were very useful and informative sessions and it was a lovely way to start the year. Meeting the teachers and learning the expectations for the year ahead will now be repeated annually. They also discussed the success of the Mini Police Scheme in helping to combat the continuing parking issues we have outside of school.

BBC Children in Need

A big 'thank you' to all our parents and children who supported the BBC Children in Need Appeal on Friday 17th November. We raised an amazing £700.00!

Well Done Everyone!



Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 2nd December from 12.00pm – 2.00pm Everyone is welcome to come and visit our Grotto and lots of exciting stalls.

Refreshments available to buy.

Please contact the school office if you are able to come along and help on the day or if you have any items that can be donated.



September 2018 Admissions

If you have a child who was born between the 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 then you now need to think about applying for a Foundation2/Reception place for your child to start school in September 2018. Primary preference packs are available from all primary schools, One-Stop-Shops and libraries or they can be downloaded and completed online from www.wirral.gov.uk/school admissions and should be submitted by **15th January 2018**.

Child Safety on YouTube

We have previously sent out information about videos on YouTube which are aimed at children but become violent or disturbing. Please read the parent factsheet that is being issued with the newsletter to ensure that you are aware how to best protect your children when they are using YouTube apps or the website.

Data Collection Sheets

Data collection sheets have now been sent home, could you please check all the details are correct and up to date.

Please remember to contact the school office if there are any changes to your child's contact details.

Christmas Trees from Green Lane Christmas Trees! Green Lane Christmas Trees have kindly supplied the trees for school and given us a generous discount and would like to offer parents a discount on their own tree. Just mention the school name when you visit and you will be offered a discount on your very own tree.



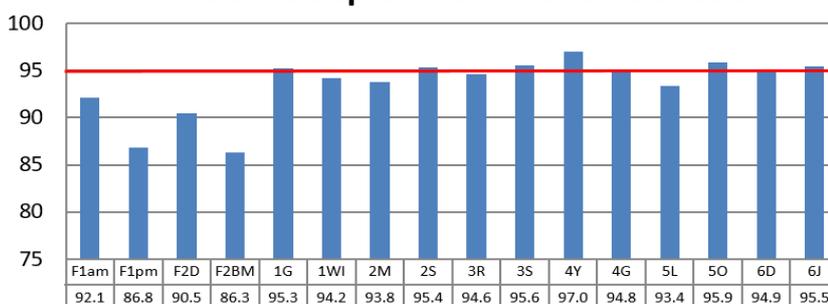
Attendance

Whole school attendance of 95.1% is 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 **4Y** who have the best attendance so far this year.

Could parents/carers please make sure that the school office is informed if your child is unable to attend school, giving the reason, either by phone call, note or by speaking to a member of the office staff.

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. Parents/Carers, where there are attendance or punctuality concerns, will be invited into school to an Attendance Panel meeting, so parents/carers and school can work together to resolve any issues.

Attendance September - November 2017



Anti-Bullying

During November's national Anti-Bullying Week, the whole school's focus was on 'All Different All Equal' when pupils thought about what makes everyone in school unique but how school would not be such a special place if we did not appreciate these differences. All pupils also agreed and signed a class Anti-Bullying contract. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors –Lennon, Carrie (Y6), Jack and Joshua (Y5) and Erin and Ruby (Y4) attended the Wirral Anti-Bullying conference and joined in with a wide variety of anti-bullying activities. They also led an anti-bullying assembly in school: photos can be seen on the school website and twitter.

All pupils in Year 1 - 6 also enjoyed an Altru Drama production of 'Time to be Different' with selected pupils in Year 4 – 6 also attending a follow up workshop.

If your child has any concerns about bullying, please encourage them to speak to a member of staff or put a note in the sad/bother box. Staff will follow up all concerns promptly using the Pathways of Help, which can be found on the school's website.



Wishing all our parents and children a very Happy Christmas

