



Mersey Park Primary School

February 2018 Newsletter



Value of the Month: Forgiveness

Headteacher: Mrs M Thomas

Dates to Remember

Thursday 1st February – KS2 Life Bus E-Safety
 Friday 2nd February – KS2 Life Bus E-Safety
 Tuesday 7th February – 4G performance 10am
 Wednesday 8th February – 4Y performance 10am
 Friday 16th February – School closes for Half Term Break
Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February – Half Term
 Monday 26th February – School re-opens after half term



Home/School Discussions

A separate letter will be sent out to you regarding Home/School Discussions which take place on Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th February. We look forward to seeing you 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 celebrate their hard work.

We hope you all can make it.

Year 1 – Teddy Bears Picnic

Year 1 enjoyed a Teddy Bears Picnic as the entry point to our new topic on Food. They made an invitation for their favourite teddy bear, used Design & Technology skills to make their healthy sandwiches and enjoyed eating them with their bears.



Mersey Park Parent Partnership Group

The Mersey Park Parent Partnership Group now have a page on our school website. Here you can see the year group representatives and find out the latest news on what we have been up to. In our last meeting we discussed the Leading Parent Partnership Award we are working towards and reviewed the action plan. We also discussed how we as a school can help support the Charles Thompson's Mission, one of our local charities. If you wish to make a donation they are currently looking for clean adult clothes and shoes. Any items that you would like to donate can be dropped into the school office.

Visit our school website to find out more information about the work we are doing;

<http://merseyparkprimary.co.uk/parents/parental-involvement/>

Foundation 2 Tooth Brushing Programme

Foundation 2 children are enjoying brushing their teeth every afternoon as part of our supervised tooth brushing programme. We hope they are showing you how good they are at it when they brush their teeth at home. We have lots of bright white smiles and children who are eager to brush their teeth every day.



Safer Internet Day

On the **6th February** we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day in school. The pupils do work across the year on how to keep themselves safe when using computers and have even created a class recipe of how to stay safe online.

It can sometimes be hard as parents to keep up with the changing technology and make decisions about technology usage within your home.

Please use this QR code to complete an introduction to e-safety as it highlights some of the possible e-safety problems.



Foundation Stage 1 Intake 2018

If you or anyone you know has a child who will be 3 on or before 31st August 2018 and would like to apply for a place in our Nursery, please pick up an application form from the school office.

The admission process will begin very shortly, therefore we would kindly request that all applications are completed and returned to the school office by

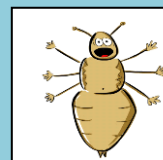
Monday 12th March 2018



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.



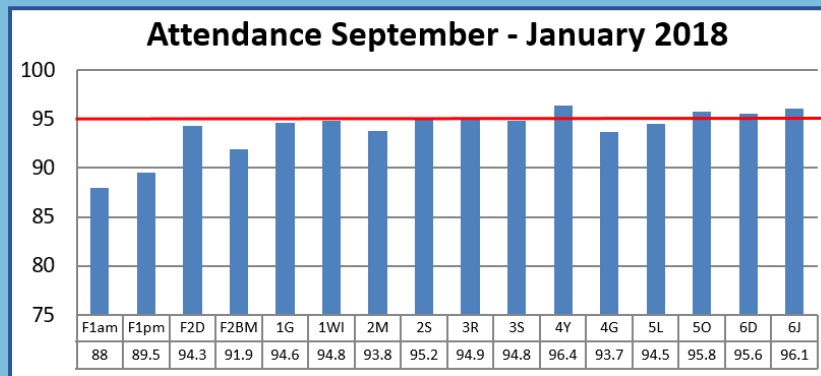
E-Safety Recipe

Every class has created an e-Safety recipe to help keep themselves safe on the Internet. They shared some great advice for when online. Here's a peek at a few!



Attendance

Whole school attendance of 95% remains on target. Please see the graph below to see how well your child's class is doing to meet our target. All those classes below the red line at 95% need to make an extra effort to ensure that every pupil is in school every day.



Congratulations to **4Y** who have the best attendance so far this year, and **6J** who were winners of the Premier Attendance League for the Autumn 2 and also had the most improved attendance last half term, for the second time running.

We are working hard to support our families where pupils have attendance of below 90%, which is classed as persistent absence. 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.

Peer Mentor Training

Kayte Walsh, from My Esteem, has been in school to work with the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and the Year 6 Play Leaders, to help them improve their skills when supporting other pupils in school.



Peer Coaches in Year 6 have just been appointed to work alongside pupils in Year 5, to help them to manage the responsibilities of their own behaviour and their homework, attendance and punctuality. Training has also been completed.

Class Homework Awards

Every week the class teachers calculate the % of all homework completed by the children. Each class is then banded according to the result. Last week the results were as follows:

Gold (95% or more) 6D 6J
Silver (85% or more) 4Y
Bronze (75% or more) 3S 5O
Not good enough, yet! 1WI 1G 2M 2S 3R
 4G 5L

Please encourage your children to complete and return to school all homework. Let's go for gold!

Rights Respecting Schools

Each month the whole school focuses on an article from the UN Convention for the Rights of the Child. The article for February is: 'Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights' (article 15). The children will think about what this article means to them and for other children in this country and around the world.

Each class is in the process of producing a Rights Respecting Schools agreement, for their classroom, deciding which rights are important to them and showing what they will do, and what they will do to respect these rights. There is more information about the school's work towards gaining the silver Rights Respecting Schools award, on the school's website.



