



# Mersey Park Primary School

## May 2018 Newsletter



**Value of the Month: Patience**

**Headteacher: Mrs M Thomas**

**Rights Respecting Schools Article of the Month: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in cultural and artistic activities. (Article 31)**

### Dates to Remember

**wb Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April: Uniform Week**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Year 5 Bikeability**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Inset Day - School is closed to pupils (school is used as a Polling Station)**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May: School closed - Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Year 5 Bikeability**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May: F2 Royden Park visit**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SATS week**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Year 5 Performance – Class 5O parents invited**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Year 5 Performance – Class 5L parents invited**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May: School closes for half term**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June: School closed for Half Term**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June: School re-opens**

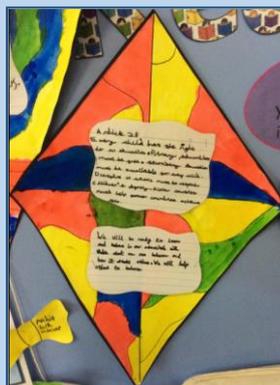
### SATs – Advance Warning of Test Week

Please note that the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May is SATs week. It is very important that all Year 6 children are in school each day that week and are in on time to ensure that they do not miss any of the tests.

Year 2 children will also take SATs tests in May, these will be held the week beginning Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Please help us by making sure children are getting to bed early and having a healthy breakfast so that they are ready to do the best they can in their tests.

### Rights Respecting Schools



Every class has written and agreed their own Rights Respecting Schools Agreement. They have selected three rights that are important to them and have decided what they (and the adults in school) need to do in order to fulfil the right.

This is an example from Year 3. Ask your child about the rights that their class chose.

### SPORTS DAY

**Dates for your diary!**

**Year 3 & 4 – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**F2, Year 1 & 2 – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**Year 5 & 6 – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

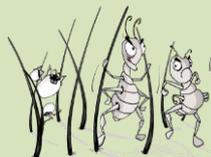


**All start at 10.00am. In the case of bad weather they will take place the following day.**

### Bug Busting

A reminder that the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Meet the Governors

Hello, my name is Mrs Val Maher and I am the Chair of Governors here at Mersey Park.

In addition to the Governors meetings I also visit school regularly to find out more about the curriculum. This year I have attended amazing year group assemblies, visited Chester with Year 5 and I was invited to the launch of the Mini Police Scheme.

Also, I have met with the Literacy Subject Leaders and scrutinised Key Stage 2 data from Reading, Writing and Maths, and the progress of pupils towards their targets.

**Mrs Val Maher – Chair of Governors**

### School Watch

If you see any intruders in the school grounds during the break, please contact one of the following numbers:

**Metro Security 666 5265**  
**Or Police 709 6010**  
**Thank you for your vigilance.**

### MPPSA

The Summer Fair is fast approaching, we would really appreciate any volunteers to help with the preparations for the day. If you have any items you wish to donate to the fair please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

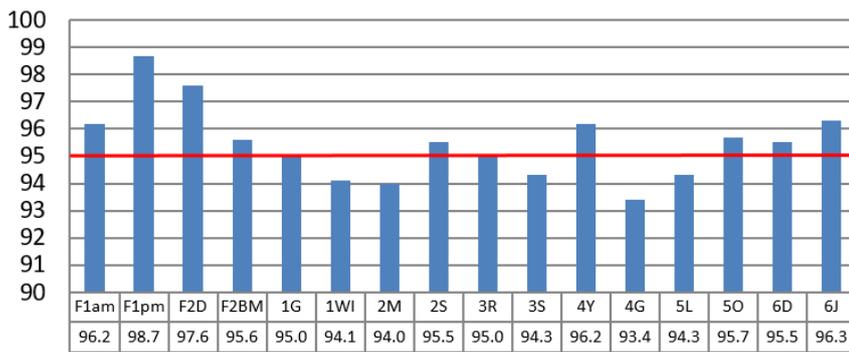


### Mersey Park Parental Engagement

As part of our continued work towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award, and to help support Parental Engagement in school we ran some wonderful parent courses over the last half term. For Key Stage One we ran a Dominos Maths Workshop and on the whole the feedback was extremely positive with nearly all parents commenting that their child had thoroughly enjoyed the session and one parent commenting that the session was 'Great family fun' and 'A good way to have fun and learn'. A couple of parents commented that they had found some of the games slightly confusing and this has been fed back to the course provider. We also ran a Food Chains Workshop for Years 3 and 4 and after the session some of the parents and children were approached for feedback. Everyone we spoke to commented that they had enjoyed the session with one parent stating 'It was really nice to do something a bit different'. We hope to run more workshops like this in the future.

### Attendance

**Attendance September 2017 - April 2018**



School attendance (Years 1 – 6) is currently at 95.3% which has fallen slightly since last month, but remains just above target.

**Could all children in the classes that fall below the red line (on the graph to the left), make a greater effort to be in school every day, so we can remain on target.**

Congratulations to **1WI, 2S, 3S, 4Y, 5L** and **6D** who have all improved their attendance since last month. Congratulations also to **6J** who won the attendance league for the third time running, for last half term, and to **2S** who had the most improved attendance. Each class is proudly displaying their trophy and have received a gift voucher to buy a reward.

All the children who had 95% or better attendance for last term were entered into a raffle which was won by Kaitlyn in Year 3. She received a swimming pass for the family. Every child with 100% attendance last term also received a certificate – it was a record amount with 118 pupils gaining this excellent level of attendance – well done!

### School Telephone Numbers

You can now contact school on the following telephone numbers:

**647 8197, 647 9984 and 647 6037.** All numbers will connect you to the main switchboard, where you can choose your option.

### Anti-Bullying

School continues to work hard to ensure that any incidents of bullying are dealt with swiftly and fairly. All incidents of bullying are taken very seriously and addressed following the school's policy and 'Pathways of Help'. These are both available on the school's website and are also produced in child friendly versions. If you are concerned that your child is being bullied please do not hesitate to speak to school staff or contact school by email: [antibullying@merseypark.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:antibullying@merseypark.wirral.sch.uk).

