



Mersey Park Primary School

July 2018 Newsletter



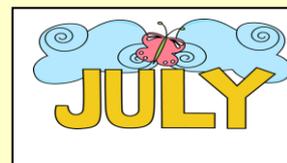
Value of the Month: Happiness

Headteacher: Mrs M Thomas

Rights Respecting Schools: Every child has the right to a legal name and nationality. (Article 7)

Dates to Remember

- Monday 2nd – Friday 6th July – Poetry Recital Week
- Monday 2nd – Friday 6th July – Year 5 Swimming Class 5L
- Thursday 5th July – Forest School full day visit (children who currently attending)
- Friday 6th July – Library Summer Reading Challenge Launch
- Friday 6th July – Year 6 Emergency Services Training Centre Visit
- Saturday 7th July – PTA Summer Fair
- Monday 9th – Friday 13th July – Year 5 swimming Class 5O
- Wednesday 11th July – Induction Day
- Thursday 12th July – Year 3 visit to Royden Park
- Thursday 12th July – Forest School full day visit (children who are currently attending Forest School)
- Friday 13th July – Year 2 Royden Park Visit
- Tuesday 17th July – Year 6 Production – 10.00am (6D parents)
- Wednesday 18th July – Year 6 Production – 10.00am (6J parents)
- Thursday 19th July – Homework High Flyers Treat Day
- Thursday 19th July – Leavers Disco – 4.00pm
- Friday 20th July – Leavers Assembly/Trophy Assembly - 9.15am
- Friday 20th July – Picnic in the Park
- Monday 23rd July – School closes for Summer
- Tuesday 24th July – School Closed – Staff Development Day



Meet the Governors: Mrs Jan Lambeth

Hello, my name is Jan Lambeth and I am the Vice Chair of Governors here at Mersey Park. In addition to the governor's meetings, I also attend school regularly as I am the link governor for Safeguarding. I work with our dedicated and caring pastoral team who do excellent work in supporting vulnerable children and families. One of my other roles is the link Governor for attendance and I visit Mrs Tootell who works so hard monitoring and supporting families who are struggling with attendance issues. I feel very passionately that "if children are not in school regularly they cannot learn" and if this is the case they cannot achieve their potential. Also I do the Governor annual audit for Health & Safety with Mrs Tootell to ensure we keep everyone safe in and around school. I have worked with the Senior Teachers in school, scrutinising data for Reading, Writing, Maths and Curriculum. We look at the good progress that the children make towards their targets. I particularly love reading the reports that the teachers write about the exciting and innovative curriculum opportunities that Mersey Park Primary offers. Although I cannot always get into school for all productions, I really loved 'Hairspray' last year. It was like a west end production!



Internet Safety

As the summer holidays approach your children might be wanting to spend more time on electronic devices. Please remind yourselves of some precautions you can take to help keep your child safe on Internet devices by undertaking this brief training. Thank you for your support with this vital part of your child's safety.



Year 2 Production – The Bee Musical

We hope you were bee-dazzled by our fantastic performance of The Bee Musical! We worked extremely hard to learn all of our tricky lines, energetic songs and lively dances!



Advice for parents

A parent has recently brought to our attention an issue they have had online. After purchasing optional extras on the popular game 'Fortnite', this parent was unaware that the card details were then saved. This has led to the parent receiving a rather large bill. We advise being cautious when entering personal data, including bank details, online. Advice and assistance can be found online.

Poetry Recital week

During 'Poetry Week' your children will be bringing home a poem or verse to learn. They will then have the opportunity to recite their poem or verse in school during a speaking buddies session and a whole school assembly.

School Meals

Children in years Foundation 2 – Year 2 are entitled to a universal free hot meal. Following a discussion with our Parent Partnership Group and Governors, from September the children in Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2 will **all** be provided with a school dinner at lunchtime. Children in these years will not be able to opt for a packed lunch. Our new school menus are available on our website for you to look through with your child. Any food allergies can be catered for by the kitchen staff if a child has any particular needs. Children will be invited to sample school meals on Wednesday 11th July 2018.

If you wish to contact a member of the Parent Partnership Group to discuss this, or any other issues, please drop a note into the box in the school office.

Parent Partnership Group

Some exciting news from the parent partners... after working towards the leading parent partnership award all year, we had a verification visit 2 weeks ago. We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have received the award!! This shows our commitment towards working in partnership with you to provide the best possible learning opportunities for the children here at Mersey Park.

Mersey Park Online

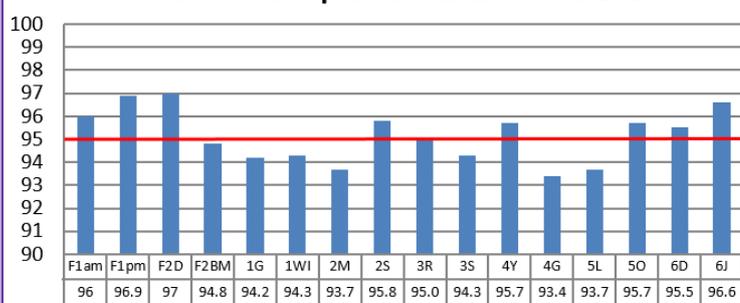
Have you visited our school website recently? All the latest news, newsletters and much much more can be found at www.merseyparkprimary.co.uk. Are you on twitter? You can follow us at MP.PS_wirral, our twitter feed is regularly updated and can help keep you up to date with all that is going on at Mersey Park.

P.E. Kits

From September 2018 school will be providing a P.E. kit (shorts and t-shirts) for each child from Year 1 to Year 6. These kits will be kept in school and washed regularly by school staff. Please provide black pumps or trainers.

Attendance

Attendance September 2017 - June 2018



Congratulations to **1WI** and **2S** who have improved their attendance since last month. School is just on track to meet its current attendance target of 95%; however attendance has fallen since last month.

Please ensure that all pupils are in school every day until the end of term.

All pupils with 100% attendance for the whole year will receive a reward and all pupils with 100% attendance this term will be awarded a certificate. Classes are working hard to win the new Attendance League each week. There is a display at the school office – come and see how your child's class is getting on.

Education Penalty Notices

Wirral Local Authority have updated the criteria for Education Penalty Notices (formerly known as Fixed Penalty Notices) to be issued, which will be in place from September 2018. The reasons are as follows:

- The child has missed 5 or more days of school and following a warning letter attendance does not improve;
- The child has 5 or more days of unauthorised absence from school, which includes unauthorised holidays taken in term time;
- The child takes leave of absence from school without parents requesting that this be authorised, which includes holidays;
- The child arrives late, after the registers have closed on ten or more days.

Therefore any leave of absence requests should be made on the form available from the school office, which school will then process and inform you whether the time off can be authorised.

We ask that parents work with school to help improve our attendance next year. If you require any support with your child's attendance please speak to your child's classteacher.

Anti-Bullying

In school there are a variety of ways that pupils can report bullying:

- They can speak to any member of staff, including their staff buddy, who they chose at the beginning of the year.
- Each floor has boxes where pupils can leave a note. The boxes are checked every day and a senior member of staff will then speak to the pupil. The 'Bother Box' or 'Worry Box' is where pupils put a note if someone is upsetting or annoying them; the 'Sorry Box' is where a note of apology can be left and the 'Happy Box' is where pupils can pass on messages that explain what someone has done to help them have a lovely day. It is great to see how regularly the 'Happy Boxes' are used and that notes in the 'Bother Boxes' are infrequent.
- Pupils and parents/carers can also email school to raise concerns or ask for advice on our dedicated email, which is checked each school day: antibullying@merseypark.wirral.sch.uk.