



# Mersey Park Primary School

## October 2018 Newsletter



Value of the Month: Tolerance

Headteacher: Mrs M Thomas

Rights Respecting Schools Article of the Month: Article 28 - 'The right to an education.'

### Dates to Remember

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – 3L Visit to Birkenhead Park  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am-11am and 1pm-3pm.  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – 3R Visit to Birkenhead Park  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October** – Shoe Share Collection for Unicef  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 1 visit to Royden Park  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Non-Uniform Day- £1.00 – Fruit and Veg  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Home/School Discussions  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - Home/School Discussions  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 6 Online Secondary Transfer support 2pm  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – School Closes for Half Term  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – Half Term  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – School Re-Opens to Pupils  
**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Year 6 Secondary Transfer Deadline Day  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Half Term Trophy Assembly 9.15am



### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be taking place during assembly on Friday 12<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 The Wirral Foodbank. We would therefore be grateful for any donations of the following items which the Foodbank urgently need: Tinned meat, Tinned fish, Packet soup, Fruit Squash (juice), Tinned fruit, Pasta sauce, Sponge puddings, Biscuits, Long grain rice, Soap powder tabs, Deodorants and Sugar. Please be aware that the Foodbank currently have enough Beans & Cereals.

Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.



### Safeguarding

It has come to our attention that some parent/family members are attempting to talk with their children during playtimes and lunchtimes. We have seen adults speaking with children through the playground fences.

Could we politely ask that you do not visit your children during the school day, as it can be upsetting for some children and can cause concern for staff members. It can be difficult for staff to know if the children are speaking to a trusted family member or a stranger. In order to keep all of our children safe we will not allow children to talk to any adults through the playground fences. Your support with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

### Parent Pay

We would like to say thank you to the parents/carers who have completed their registration to Parent Pay, our online payment system. We have now had 46% of families complete the process.

If you have not yet managed to access parent pay, or you are having any difficulties with the process, please call into the school office. We can provide you with information, advice and assistance regarding Parent Pay. School no longer accepts cash for lunches, trips and visits (including swimming), so it is really important to be signed up as soon as possible.

### Messages from the PTA

The PTA would like to invite everyone to join us for a **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. We will be holding this event on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9-11am** and then **1pm-3pm**. The Coffee Morning will be held in the school house and we will be using the gates on **Downham Road**. All money raised at this event will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Research. Any donations of cakes, biscuits and baked goods will be gratefully accepted and can be dropped off at the school office on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**.

To celebrate Harvest Festival and Healthy Eating Week, the PTA are holding a **non-uniform day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. We would like all children to come to school **dressed as a healthy fruit or vegetable!** If this is not possible, we would like children to come to school dressed in bright, bold and fruity colours! We would appreciate a **£1.00 donation** per child. There will be prizes for the best costumes.

### Home/School Discussions

A separate letter will be sent to you regarding Home/School Discussions which take place during the week beginning 15<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

Wirral FUSS/FUPS Shop

3-5 Borough Pavement

The Pyramids Shopping Centre, Birkenhead, CH41 2XX

Tel: c/o 0151 632 6524

wirralfuss@yahoo.co.uk

Tue & Wed 10.30-1.00



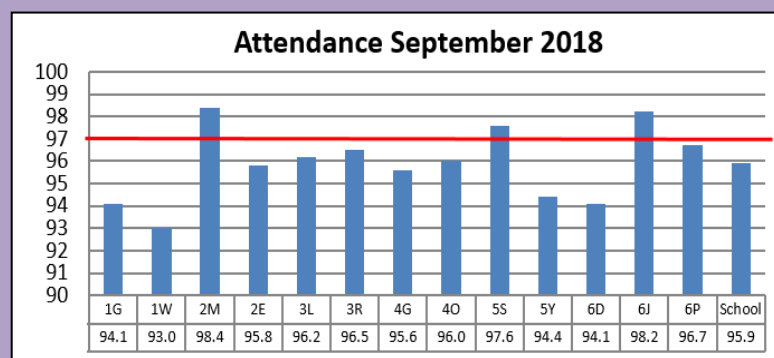
### Rights Respecting Schools

On **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October** we will be hosting a ShoeShare collection, to support children across the world and help them access their right to education (Article 28). Please gather your **old and unwanted shoes**, and bring them into school. For every tonne of shoes collected, a donation is made to Unicef which goes towards education programmes around the world.



### Attendance

Whole school attendance of 95.9% is currently below our target of 97%. Please see the graph below to see how well your child's class is doing to meet our target.



Congratulations to **2M** who have the best attendance so far this year, and **5S** and **6J** who are also above the 97% target 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. For more information about attendance please see the Attendance section under Key Information on the school's website: <http://merseyparkprimary.co.uk/>

