



Mersey Park Primary School

November 2018 Newsletter



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Rights Respecting Schools Articles of the Month:

Article 12 – ‘The right to have a say in all matters affecting them.’

Article 19 – ‘The right to be protected from bad treatment.’

Dates to Remember

Friday 2nd November – Half Term Trophy Assembly
 Monday 5th – Friday 9th November – Punctuality Week
 Monday 12th – Friday 16th November – Anti-bullying Week
 Wednesday 14th November – Individual/Family Photographs
 Friday 16th November – Children in Need Day – Non Uniform
 Monday 19th – Friday 23rd November – Safety Week
 Thursday 29th November – Year 5 Crime and Punishment Day

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Retirements

Mrs Denise Moore: On Wednesday 31st October we said a fond farewell to our valued friend and colleague, Mrs Denise Moore. Mrs Moore joined the team at Mersey Park in 1993 and has been a valued and dedicated member of staff for 25 years.



Mrs Karey Roberts: On Friday 16th November we will also bid farewell to another valued friend and colleague, Mrs Karey Roberts. Mrs Roberts has worked with us at Mersey Park Primary since 2001 and has given 17 years of dedicated service.



Mrs Moore and Mrs Roberts will be greatly missed by everyone in school, especially all the staff and pupils within Early Years Foundation Stage. We would like to wish Mrs Moore and Mrs Roberts all the very best for the future.

A BIG THANK YOU!



We would like to say a very big thank you to our truly wonderful volunteer Kate Smith. For 25 years Kate has been a constant support

to all of the pupils at Mersey Park. The dedication and expertise have been, and will continue to be, invaluable. Thank you Kate from all of us here at Mersey Park, what a remarkable achievement!

School Website

Please visit our school website – www.merseyparkprimary.co.uk

For all the latest school information including whole school events, your child's curriculum in school, key information about school and our latest news and don't forget to check out our twitter page.

Harvest Festival

A very big "thank you" to everyone who donated so generously to our Harvest Festival, it was a huge success. This year donations were given to The Food Bank to support people in the local community.

The help given to people in need from our Harvest Festival was gratefully received and very much appreciated.



Book Fair

Thank you to all our families who supported our book fair in September. We are delighted to say that we raised enough money to buy nearly £200 worth of books for our children.

Look out for news of our 'Big Book Bus' arriving in March.



Home/School Discussions

Our home/school meetings were well attended before half term with most parents having been in to school to speak with their child's teacher and look at their books. If you haven't been able to attend, please make sure you see your child's teacher as soon as possible to arrange an appointment.

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.



School Council – Rotary Club Shoebox Appeal

This year, we are once again supporting the Rotary Club shoebox scheme. The scheme provides many children and families in Eastern Europe with a Christmas gift who otherwise wouldn't receive anything. Each year group will be aiming to fill a shoebox for a boy and a shoebox for a girl. Below are some suggestions of items that could go in the boxes. A letter with more information will be sent out shortly.

Suggested Items:

Cars, trucks, balls, complete jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, pens, crayons, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, building blocks, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, playdough/plasticine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens/gloves, hat, harmonica, games and playing cards.

Poppy Appeal



We will be supporting the Royal British Legion with their Poppy Appeal. From Thursday 1st November until Friday 9th November. Children will be able to purchase poppies for a minimum donation of 20p, silver coins only please. Also, as in previous years, there will be other poppy related items for the children to buy starting from 50p.



Children in Need 2018



Friday 16th November will be a non-uniform day. Children should come to school wearing something yellow or spotty to show support for Children in Need. A £1 voluntary donation should be given to their class teacher. **During the week of Children in Need we will be holding fund raising events in school such as a cake sale and a colouring/design competition. Please check the school twitter page for more information.**

Thank you for your continued support.



Anti-Bullying Week

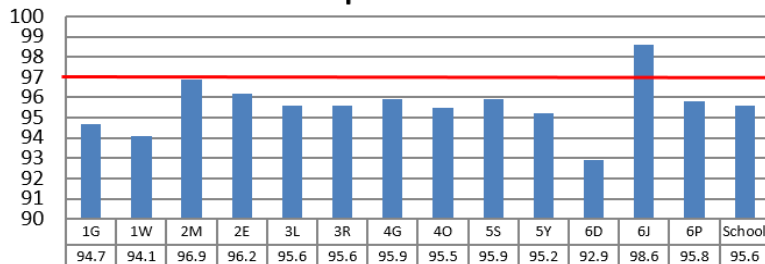
The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is to choose respect over bullying. Pupils will be encouraged to set a positive example by showing respect to everyone at school, in their homes, their communities and online. The aims of this week are to understand:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online



Attendance

Attendance September - October 2018



Whole school attendance of 95.9% remains below our target of 97%. Please see the graph to see how well your child's class is doing to meet our target. Congratulations to **1G, 1W, 2E, 4G, 5Y** and **6J** who have improved their attendance since last month.

The prize for the class who have won the attendance league for the first half term will be awarded at the trophy assembly on Friday 2nd November.

Every child in school has their name on an attendance display in their classroom, to celebrate 100% attendance and all attendance above 97%. 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.

Monday 5th to Friday 9th November is **Punctuality Week** when we will be checking that every pupil arrives in school on time, between 8.50am and 9.00am.