



# Mersey Park Primary School March 2018 Newsletter



**Value of the Month: Honesty**

**Headteacher: Mrs M Thomas**

**Rights Respecting Schools: Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical, social and mental needs. (Article 27)**

## **Dates to Remember**

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Half Term Trophy assembly 9.00am
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Punctuality Week
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Bug Club parents meeting 2.30pm
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March – 4G Swimming (all week)
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Scholastic Book Fair
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March – 4Y Swimming (all week)
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Performance 3R
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Year 3 Performance 3S
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Sports Relief
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 trip to Royden Park
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Class Photographs
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – School closes for Easter Break**
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – School re-opens**



## **Ofsted**

A big thank you to all those parents who spoke to the Ofsted Inspector or who completed the online questionnaire or text. Your lovely comments are very much appreciated. The inspection went very well. As soon as the report comes out we will make it available on our website.

## **Class Photographs**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March class photographs will be taken. Please ensure that your child is sent into school in their full school uniform. This includes black shoes and plain navy tights or white socks.



## **School Meals**

Edsential Catering have increased the cost of each school meal to £2.25. The Governors have agreed that school will subsidise this increase in order to keep the cost down to £2.00 per day.

## **Sports Relief 2018**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March it is Sports Relief Day. As a school we will be holding a sponsored "Try-Athlon". Look out for more information about this event will be sent home soon along with sponsorship forms!

## **Book Fair**

We will be holding our Book Fair on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March in Middle Hall between 3.15pm 3.45pm. On World Book Day your child will be given a money off voucher which can be redeemed at most major book shops but can also be used towards books from our school book fair.



## **Emergency Procedure**

If it is decided to close the school to pupils, for example in the case of severe weather, we will endeavour to let parents know as early as possible, via text message. Therefore, it is vital we have your up to date mobile number. Details of school closure will also be posted on the school website. This information will be found in the latest news section on the bottom left hand side of the home page. If your child is registered with Firbobs you can contact the play leaders directly for information. Please note that only children previously registered with Firbobs, and who are due at breakfast club that morning should contact the play leaders.



### Year 5 Parliamentary Debate

Four children from Year 5 took part in a Parliamentary debate at Bedford Drive Primary school. They found out about the job of MPs and how Parliament works. They then took part in a debate about whether school uniform should be banned for all children.



### 5L's Marble Jar Reward

Since September Class 5L have been earning marbles for good behaviour. As a reward for filling their class marble jar, they were treated to watching the film 'Boss Baby' whilst wearing their pyjamas! Well done 5L! Keep up your excellent behaviour.

### Bug Club

We are delighted to be launching our new online reading programme. It is called the 'Bug Club' and there will be an information session on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. All parents from all year groups are invited to attend.

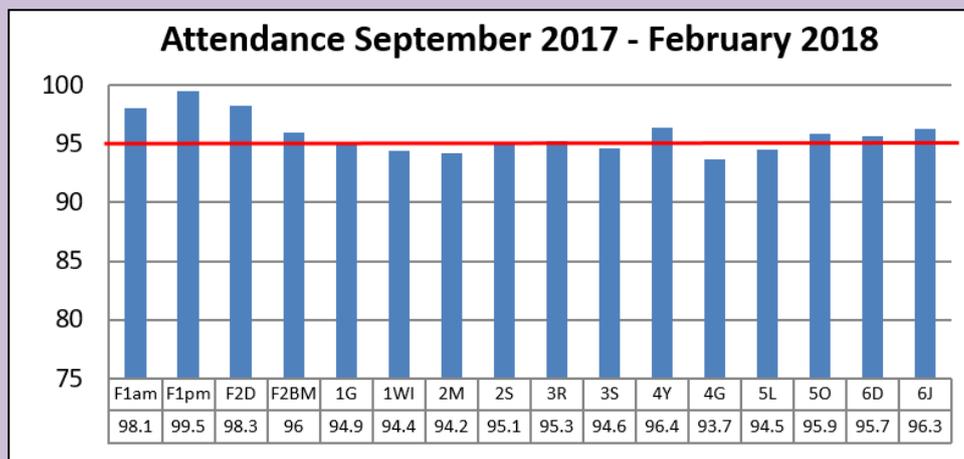


### Foundation Stage One (Nursery) Intake 2018

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, pick up an application form from the school office. All applications should be completed and returned by **Monday 12th March**. Please note that places will be allocated shortly after this date.

### Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently 95.4% (for pupils of compulsory school age) which is just above target. Congratulations to all the classes who have attendance of above 95%. Could the children in the classes where attendance falls below the red target line on the graph, make sure that they are all in school every day. Only pupils with an attendance **above 95%** will be entered in our half term raffle for a family prize.



Next week is **Punctuality Week**. Pupils will receive a raffle ticket each day that they arrive in school on time (8.50 – 9.00am). The raffle will be drawn in awards assembly at the end of the week and the pupil with the winning ticket will receive a family reward.

### Anti-Bullying

During the Anti-Bullying Week this term the focus was Cyberbullying. The children all participated in an interactive Floor Assembly based on Cyberbullying. The e-Safety Cadets were involved in the planning and delivery of these assemblies to ensure the content was appropriate for the age group and current for the needs of the pupils. During the week each child also worked with their Speaking Buddy to look at a range of made up scenarios in which Cyberbullying had occurred. They had to agree what the problem is, what they should do next and who they could talk to. Everyone benefited from this work because the younger children gained important knowledge and the older children were able to 'teach' their buddy.

