

# Mersey Park Primary School

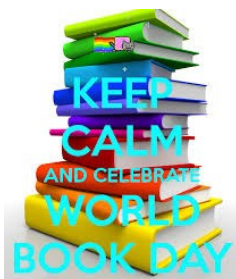


## Headteacher's Newsletter March 2019

### World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. To celebrate this popular event, we are asking every child to come to school wearing a hat in the style of a favourite book or in a decorated t-shirt showing a famous book. The main aim is to have fun and to celebrate our love of reading but there will also be some small prizes for the winning hats or tops.

On World Book Day the children will be taking part in lots of book related activities and will also enjoy a Reading Buddies session. They will also be issued with a World Book Day £1.00 voucher to bring home.



### March Dates to Remember

**Half Term Trophy Assembly**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**



**Year 5 Visit to Birkenhead Library**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**



**World Book Day**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Red Nose Day**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**



**Book Fair Bus**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Year 3 Performance—Class 3L**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**



**Year 3 Performance—Class 3R**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**



**Class Photographs**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Fitness Friday**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**



**Spring Break**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April**



**- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

### Foundation Stage 1 Intake 2019

If you or anyone you know has a child who will be 3 on or before **31<sup>st</sup> August 2019** and would like to apply for a place in our Nursery, please pick up an application form from the school office.

The admission process will begin very shortly, therefore we would kindly request that all applications are completed and returned to the school office by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**



### School Day



Please remember that

our school day starts at **8.50 am**

I appreciate there are times when circumstances conspire and lateness cannot be helped, but **regular lateness**, even by a few minutes, is disruptive to the learning of all children in school and should be avoided.

**Help us to set good examples to children!**

## Class Photographs

On **Wednesday 27th March** class photographs will be taken. Please ensure your child is sent into school in their full school uniform. This includes black shoes and plain navy tights or white socks.



## 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.



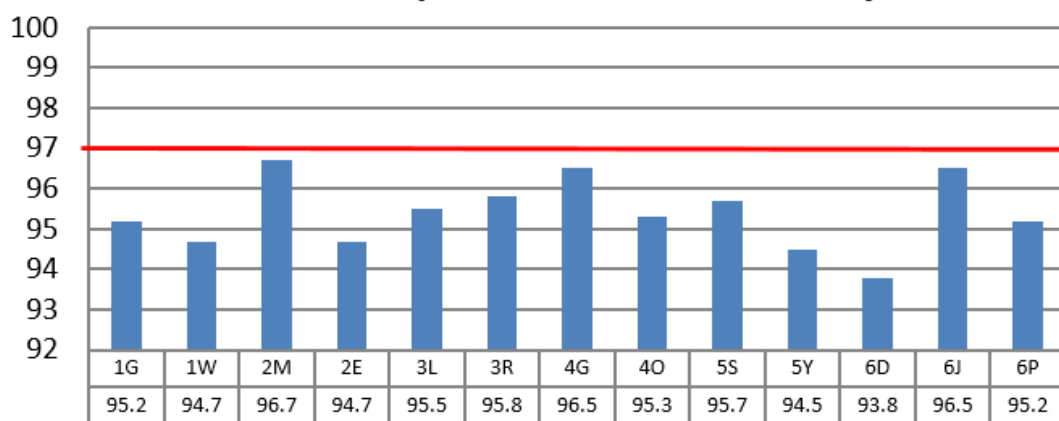
If you have any concerns about persistent head lice please speak to **Mrs Hardy**, our Home School Liaison Officer.

There is a fact sheet available from the school office giving instructions on tackling head lice using the wet combing method which doesn't involve the use of shampoo or treatment lotion.

## Attendance

Whole school attendance of **96.1%** remains just below our whole school target of **97%** and has fallen slightly since last month. 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 to **1G** and **3R** who have improved their attendance since last month.

**Attendance September 2018 - February 2019**



## Education Penalty Notices

Since September, **eleven** Educational Penalty Notices have been issued to families of pupils at Mersey Park due to unauthorised holidays during term time and unauthorised absence. We strongly believe that pupils should not be missing out on their education due to holidays taken in term time. However, if you have booked a holiday during term time please ensure that you complete a request for leave of absence form, which is available at the school office. School will then notify you as to whether the leave can be authorised. Holidays can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

If your child is absent from school, please remember to inform school of the reason as only 5 days missed due to unauthorised absence can lead to an Education Penalty Notice.

## Social Supermarket

Here are details of our local Social Supermarkets:

### Birkenhead & Tranmere

**Make it Happen**, 72 Market Street — 9.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday and the first Saturday of each month 1.00am to 1.00pm.

**St Catherine's Community Centre**—Every Thursday between 10.00am and 4.00pm

### Rock Ferry

**Neo Community**, Beaconsfield Community

House, Rock Ferry:

Monday—Afternoon

Tuesday— 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Wednesday—11.00am to 3.30pm

Thursday—11.30am—1.30pm

Friday—5.00pm to 7.00pm



## Book Fair Bus

**'The Book Bus'** will be visiting our school on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. This replaces our usual March Book Fair and a real bus will be on site all day for parents and children to visit and purchase books.



## Cash Prize Raffle

Thank you to all our parents who completed and returned the Free School Meal Entitlement Form.

The draw has taken place and the winners are:



- **The Hewett Family**



- **Miss Hawkins**

## Comic Relief

Children are invited to come to school on **Friday 15th March** wearing wacky odd socks with their uniform for a voluntary contribution of **£1** for Comic relief. If any children have a red nose they are also welcome to wear it on the day.

A joke competition will also be taking place during the day. Children can enter the Competition for **50p**. They must bring their joke (child friendly jokes only please) written on a piece of paper to read out to their class. The best joke from each class will be entered into the joke competition final at Friday afternoon's assembly. The winning joke will receive a Red Nose Day themed prize. Good Luck!



## Mersey Park Parent Partnership

The Mersey Park Parent Partnership Group now have a page on our school website for the latest news and what we have been up to. You can find us under the **Parents Section**.

<http://merseyparkprimary.co.uk/parents/>

