

Mersey Park Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter May 2019

SATs 2019

SATs – Advance Warning of Test Week

Please note that the week beginning **Monday 13th May** is SATs week. It is very important that all Year 6 children are in school each day that week and are in on time to ensure that they do not miss any of the tests.

Key Stage 1 children will also take SATs tests in May, these will be held the week beginning Tuesday 7th May and week beginning 13th May.

Please help us by making sure children are getting to bed early and having a healthy breakfast so that they are ready to do the best they can in their tests.



Popcorn Sales



Remember our PTA have Popcorn on sale each Tuesday & Thursday until 23rd May.

Foundation Stage 1 Intake 2019

If you or anyone you know has a child who will be 3 on or before **31st 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 as soon as possible.



May Dates to Remember



Staff Development Day—Voting
(School Closed)

Thursday 2nd May

Staff Development Day
(School Closed)

Friday 3rd May



May Day Bank Holiday
(School Closed)

Monday 6th May

Key Stage 1 SATs

Week Commencing Monday 7th May
and

Week Commencing Monday 13th May

Key Stage 2 SATs

Week Commencing Monday 13th May



Year 5 Performance—5S
Wednesday 22nd May—
10.00am

Staff Development Day—Voting
(School Closed)

Thursday 23rd May



Year 5 Performance – 5Y
Friday 24th May—10.00am

Half term Holiday

Monday 27th May—

Friday 31st May

(School reopens Monday 3rd June)



Up coming Events

Check our website latest news section and the school notice boards for

details of upcoming events happening in and around school.



You can also call in to the school office as we often have details of local events, flyers and vouchers.



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.



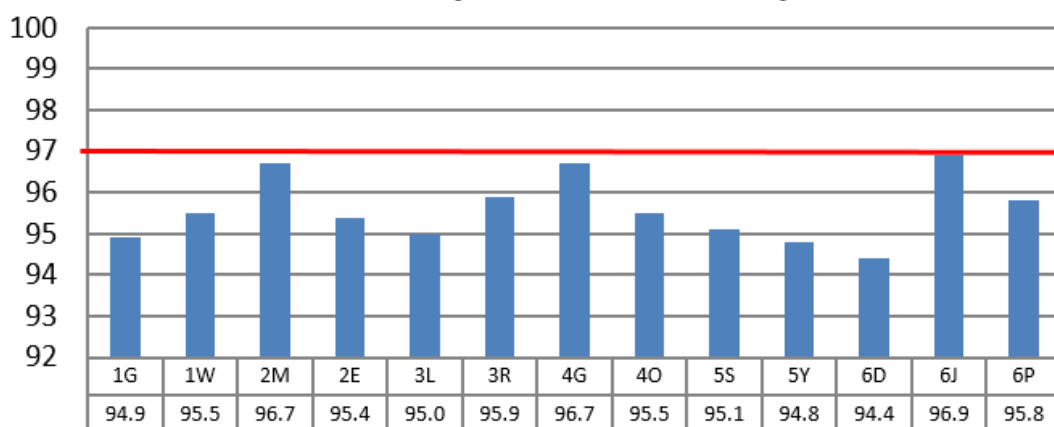
If you have any concerns about persistent head lice please speak to **Mrs Hardy**, our Home School Liaison Officer.

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 **96.2%** remains just below our whole school target of **97%** but has improved since last month. Please see the graph below to see how well your child's class is doing to meet our target. Congratulations to **6J** who have the best attendance so far this year and to **1W, 2M, 2E, 3R, 4O, 5S, 6D, 6J** and **6P** who have improved their attendance since last month.

Attendance September 2018 - April 2019



We have been working hard all year to reduce the number of pupils who are in the Persistent Absence category, which means that they have below 90% attendance. This would mean that so far this year they have missed at least 14 days of school. There are currently far less pupils in school who fall into this category, see the tables below for numbers in each year group.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Number of pupils below 90%	5 out of 59	4 out of 59	12 out of 60	5 out of 61	10 out of 58	3 out of 59