

Mersey Park Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter July 2019

Wirral Play Council

Free open access play schemes will be held at the following venues during the summer holidays:

Fender Youth Club — Woodchurch
Wallasey Youth Hub — Wallasey
Prenton Community Shop — Prenton
Courtney Park Community House — Rock Ferry
West Kirby Youth Hub — West Kirby
New Ferry Youth Club — Bebington

The dates confirmed for these venues will be **Monday — Thursday from 29th July to 23rd August**.
Open to children and young people from 10.00am until 2.00pm each day.

Additionally a play scheme will operate at **St Andrews Hall — Noctorum** from 5th August to 23rd August (again Monday—Thursday 10.00am—2.00pm)

The play schemes offer a variety of arts and crafts and sporting activities and games for children and young people aged 6—13, and include a free lunch to each child attending!

July Dates to Remember

Year 5 + 6 Sports Day

Monday 1st July



Year 2 Performance—Class 2E

Tuesday 2nd July

Year 2 Performance—Class 2M

Wednesday 3rd July



Vocabulary Parade

Friday 5th July

Year 1 Visit to New Brighton

Monday 8th July



Induction Day

Wednesday 10th July



Year 6 Performance—Class 6D + 6P

Tuesday 16th July

Year 6 Performance—Class 6J + 6P

Wednesday 17th July



Year 6 Leavers Disco

Thursday 18th July

Year 5 Visit to Chester

Friday 19th July



Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 23rd July

School Closes for the Summer Break

Tuesday 23rd July

Staff Development Day

(School Closed to Pupils)

Wednesday 24th July



Ice Lolly Sales



Remember our PTA have
Ice Lollies on sale each
Tuesday & Thursday.



School Watch

During our summer holiday workmen will be on site, however, we would appreciate your vigilance. If you see any intruders in the school grounds please contact one of the following numbers to report the incident:

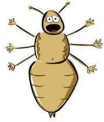
Metro Security 666 5265

or Police 709 6010



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

Pupil Contact Details

We would request that all parents keep their contact details held in school updated and ensure that the telephone numbers given are available at all times. It is important that we are able to contact parents if necessary during the school day.

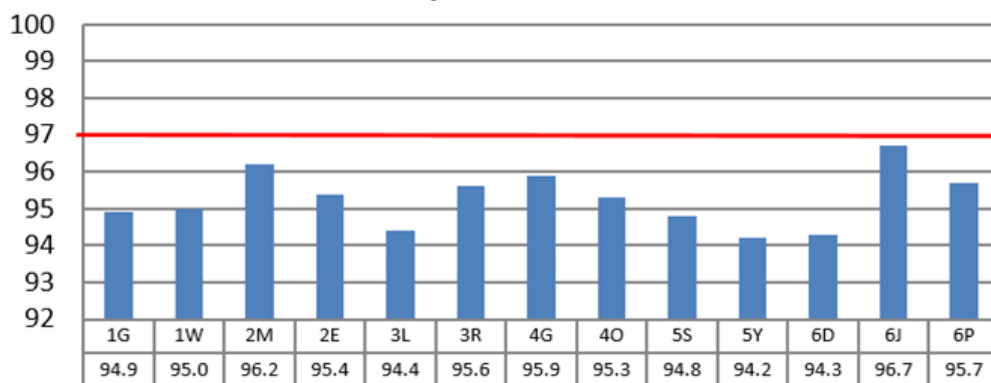
PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE



Attendance

Whole school attendance of **95.8%** remains below our whole school target of **97%** and has fallen 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 continue to have the best attendance so far this year and to **1G** and **2E** who have improved their attendance since last month.

Attendance September 2018 - June 2019



Holidays During Term-time

The parents/carers of 35 pupils have now taken holidays during term-time this year. This not only has had a negative impact on the whole school attendance percentage but, more importantly, it affects the academic and social outcomes for these children. School staff feel strongly that pupils should not be taken out of school for family holidays and ask parents/carers to avoid booking any holidays in term time for next year. The Local Authority have issued, or will shortly be issuing, Education Penalty Notices to all parents/carers who have taken unauthorised leave of absence.

Absence due to Illness

If a pupil is off school as they are unwell, it is vital that school is informed on the first day of absence either by phone call, written note or a verbal message to a member of staff on the gate or in the office. Parents/carers may be asked to provide medical evidence in order for school to authorise absences. This can take the form of: a doctor's certificate; an appointment card - date stamped; medication in the name of the child; a prescription; a text message from doctors or the NHS confirming an appointment; care of the chemist date stamped slip to show medical advice has been sought; or appointment letters from hospital, doctor or dentist.