

Mersey Park Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter - December 2022



Parking Around School



Staff are increasingly concerned about the dangerous parking and poor road safety habits being seen at the start and end of the school day.

In one morning alone, three near misses were observed by staff.

Issues that are seen daily:

- Drivers parking on the single yellow lines;
- Drivers parking on the zigzagged lines;
- Drivers parking on double yellow lines;
- Cars stopping in the middle of the road and children exiting the car into the road;
- Cars blocking the entrance to the alley way opposite school;
- Children being forced to cross the road between parked cars;
- Cars driving around the bend too quickly.

Due to the real concern that there could be an accident resulting in one of our children being seriously injured, or worse, staff will now move on cars infringing the parking regulations placed around school. Drivers seen regularly infringing the regulations will be reported to the police.

Staff are aware that drivers with a blue badge are allowed to park on the single and double yellow lines. Staff will, however, ask to check your blue badge to ensure the person it is assigned to is in the car with the driver.



December Dates to Remember

Year 1 Christmas Production Class 1L

Tuesday 6th December - 10.00am



Year 2 Christmas Production Class 2R

Tuesday 6th December - 2.00pm



Year 1 Christmas Production Class 1B

Wednesday 7th December - 10.00am



Year 2 Christmas Production Class 2I

Wednesday 7th December - 2.00pm



Foundation 2 Christmas Production F2D

Tuesday 13th December - 10.00am



Foundation 2 Christmas Production F2M

Wednesday 14th December - 10.00am



Foundation 1 Christmas Sing-A-Long

Friday 16th December 11.15am/2.45pm



Remember to bring your ticket FS2/Yr1/Yr2

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 8th December



Christmas Party Afternoon

Monday 19th December



Christmas Holiday

Wednesday 21st December

- Tuesday 3rd January



Staff Development Day

School Closed to Pupils

Wednesday 4th January 2023

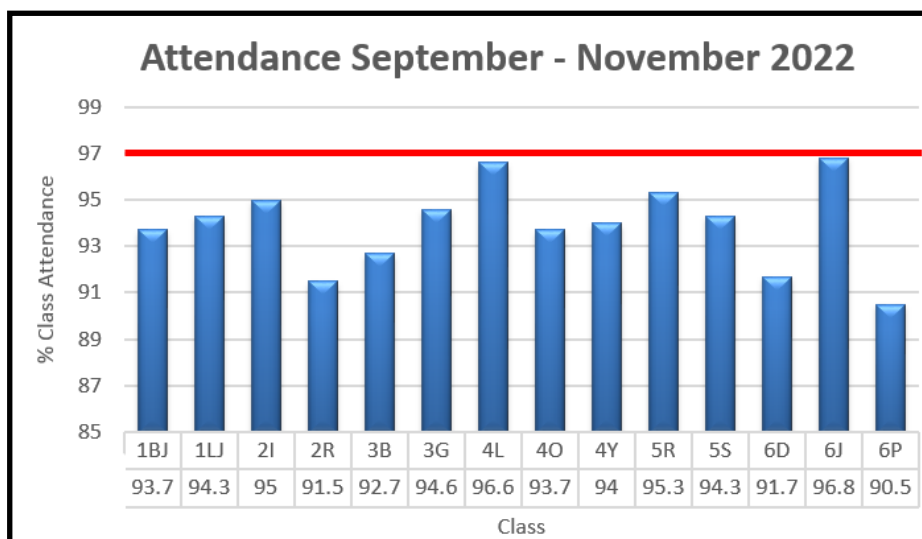


**CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO
SCHOOL ON**

THURSDAY 5th JANUARY 2023

Attendance

Current whole school attendance is 94.9%, which falls below our school target of 97%. The class with the best attendance this year is **6J** with 96.8% - congratulations! All the classes in school are working hard to try to improve their attendance. These classes have maintained or improved their attendance since last month - **3G, 4L, 5R** and **6P** - well done!



Why is it important for children not to miss school?

All parents want the best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having a good education is important to ensure that they have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly. If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.

Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery through primary school, will also help your child later on in their life. Children who have a poor school attendance record may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults.

Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class.

What might the impact of poor attendance be on your child?

Research shows that in primary schools children with attendance that is below 95% are less likely to achieve good results in English and Maths. Parents and carers can be very surprised at how quickly their children's attendance can fall below 95%. From September to the end of November, if your child has missed 3 days of school they have already dropped below 95% attendance.

Support

If you are concerned about your child's attendance or punctuality please speak to your child's classteacher or Mrs Hardy (Home/School Liaison Officer) who will be able to offer support.

Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to those of you who completed the parent questionnaire prior to home/ school discussions. The responses you gave were overwhelmingly positive about our school.



Where one or two parents disagreed with a question we have looked at the question again to see what the concern may be.

Some parents said that they are not kept informed about what their child is learning in school. Just to remind you, each half term we put together an overview of every subject being taught for each year group, to explain what the children will be learning. We send this via the app and the website. Please look out for it.

If you have had any concerns over an issue that you have raised and you are still concerned, please contact school to speak to a senior member of staff who will be more than happy to help you.

Once again, than you for your positive feedback and your ongoing support.



Recipe of the Month

Each month we will be adding a new healthy, easy to follow and inexpensive recipe to our newsletter .
Read on to see December's Recipe of the Month.



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"Be Nice, Work Hard, Never Give up"



Cheese Stars Recipe

From BBC Good Food

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/cheese-stars>

Show off your cooking skills and get in the festive spirit with these fun looking easy cheesy treats - they make great party snacks for grazing guests.

Ingredients

320g puff pastry sheet

mugful of grated cheese (we mixed 60g cheddar with 25g parmesan)

flour for dusting

2 tablespoons of milk

toppings of your choice (optional) - we used poppy seeds, dried oregano and sesame seeds

Method

STEP 1

Unroll the pastry and sprinkle most of the cheese over one half of the sheet. Fold the pastry in half to cover the cheese and seal it in.

STEP 2

Dust your rolling pin and work surface with a little flour and put your pastry sheet on it. Roll it until doubled in size.

STEP 3

Heat oven to 200c/180c fan/gas 6 and line two baking sheets with baking parchment.

STEP 4

Using cookie cutters, cut the pastry into shapes and put them on the prepared baking sheets. You can fold the trimmings back on themselves and re-roll to cut out more shapes.

STEP 5

Brush shapes with milk and add a pinch of cheese and a sprinkling of your chosen topping, if using.

STEP 6

Bake in the oven for 10-12 minutes or until risen and golden, then transfer to a serving plate.

The cheese star/shapes will keep in an airtight container for 3 days.

Children in Need—Thank You!

On **Friday 18th November**, for Children in Need, the children took part in lots of sporty activities—go to our Twitter feed to see lots of photographs.

We were able to collect over

£252.00



Thank You again for your support for this great charity!

Milk in School

Further to our last Newsletter. Milk in school will remain as provided by Cool Milk. We will be reassessing the situation in the New Year and will contact parents if the arrangements should change.



September 2023 Admissions

If you have a child who was born between the 1st **September 2018** and **31st August 2019** then you now need to think about applying for a Foundation 2 (Reception) place for your child to start school in September 2023. Applications should be made online at [www.wirral.gov.uk/school admissions](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/school%20admissions).

Primary preference packs are available from all primary schools, One-Stop-Shops and libraries. Please ensure applications are submitted by:

15th January 2023.

If you require any assistance please contact the school office.



Christmas Wishes



On behalf of everyone here at Mersey Park Primary School, and as we approach the Christmas break, I would like to wish all our children and their families a very Happy Christmas. We hope you have a lovely Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Mrs Thomas

