

Mersey Park Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter - March 2023

Foundation Stage 1 Intake 2023

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

August 2023 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 24th March 2023.**



March Dates to Remember

World Book Day
Thursday 2nd March



Year 3 Trip - Museum of Liverpool
Tuesday 14th March



NEU Strike—school Closed
Wednesday 15th March



NEU Strike—school Closed
Thursday 16th March



Comic Relief—Red Nose Day
Friday 17th March



World Poetry Day
Thursday 16th March

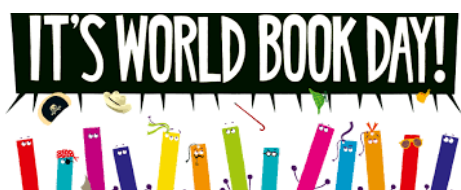


World Book Day—Thursday 2nd March 2023

Bedtime Stories Day

Don't forget to wear your cosy pyjamas and dressing gown to school and bring your favourite bedtime story to share with a friend. Slippers can be brought to school but please wear suitable shoes for around school and playtime.

Your child will come home with a World Book Day £1 token on the day.



"Be Nice, Work Hard, Never Give up"

Social Supermarket

Remember our Social Supermarket will be open each **Monday** and **Wednesday** from 2.30pm until 3.30pm. All parents and carers of children attending Mersey Park are welcome to come along and use this facility.

The entrance can be found on Downham Road, by the Caretaker's house.

Payment for any items can be made in cash or by card (minimum £2.00 spend)

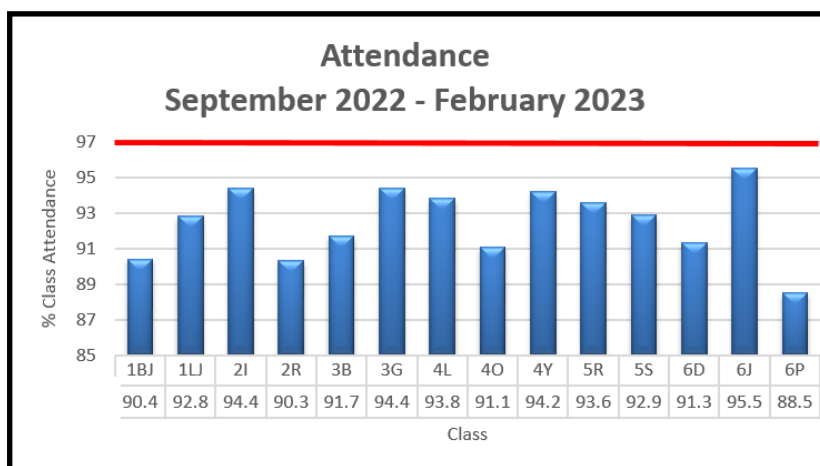
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Attendance

Current whole school attendance is 93.7%, which falls below our school target of 97%. The class with the best attendance this year continues to be **6J** with 95.5% - congratulations! **1LJ**, **3B**, **3G** and **6J** have also improved their attendance since last month, so are in the running to win our new **Improved Attendance trophy** and reward.



Punctuality

This half term we are going to focus on helping every child in school to maintain or improve their punctuality. This table shows the time that the children should arrive in school:

Year group	Start time
Foundation 2	8.50am
Year 1	8.45am
Year 2	8.45am
Year 3	8.50am
Year 4	8.45am
Year 5	8.45am
Year 6	8.50am

It is vitally important that children arrive in school on time because:

- Every moment a child is late = missed learning.
- Children that are on time start the day settled, relaxed and ready to learn.
- Children that arrive late are often stressed and embarrassed and take a while to settle into their day.
- Late arrivals cause disruption within the class which has an effect on everyone.

To help make mornings run smoothly and ensure good punctuality:

1. Be positive about going to school.
2. It is a good idea to prepare and lay out uniform, shoes, coat, book bag, lunches the night before.
3. Have a list your children can see, of tasks they need to complete in a morning such as get dressed, eat breakfast, brush teeth, put on shoes etc, so they know what they need to do to be ready to leave on time.
4. Set an alarm on your phone when there are 10 minutes left to leave the house so your children have a reminder that it is almost time to go.
5. Turn off TV and screens during breakfast and get ready time.
6. Whether you drive your children to school or walk with them make sure that you leave the house early enough to arrive on time. If a child in Y5/6 walks to school alone, ensure they are out of the house in good time to get themselves to school.

If a child arrives late after the registers are closed on 10 or more separate occasions in any one term, parents/carers may incur an Education Penalty Notice, the cost of which is £60 per child for each parent, if paid in the first 21 days.

Comic Relief — Red Nose Day

**RED
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2023

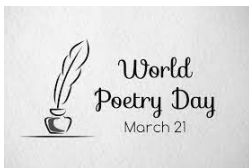
Children should come to school in their usual school uniform but with fun/unusual hair for the day.

All donations to be made via ParentPay

World Poetry Day

Thursday 16th March 2023

We will be exploring a range of different poems from across the world.



Remember to follow us on Twitter for lots of information showing all the lovely things the children do in school.



Follow Us @MPPS_Wirral

Once a Week Take a Peek

A reminder that each week we are encouraging parents and carers to check their child's hair.

This is a national campaign to fight head lice. If you have any concerns about persistent head lice please speak to **Mrs Hardy**, our Home School Liaison Officer.

Click this [link](#) for more details of the campaign:



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

REMINDER

School will be closed due to NEU strike action on:

Tuesday 28th February

Wednesday 15th March

Thursday 16th March



Recipe of the Month

Each month we will be adding a new healthy, easy to follow and inexpensive recipe to our newsletter. This month's recipe is on the next page.



Puff pastry pizzas

From BBC Good Food



Ingredients:

- 320g sheet ready-rolled light puff pastry
- 6 tbsp tomato purée
- 1 tbsp tomato ketchup
- 1 tsp [dried oregano](#)
- 75g mozzarella or cheddar

For the topping:

[sweetcorn](#), olives, peppers, red onion, cherry tomatoes, spinach, basil

Method:

• STEP 1

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Unroll the pastry, cut into six squares and arrange over two baking trays lined with baking parchment. Use a cutlery [knife](#) to score a 1cm border around the edge of each pastry square. Bake for 15 mins, until puffed up but not cooked through.

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• STEP 2

While the pastry cooks, make the sauce and prepare your toppings. Mix the tomato purée, tomato ketchup, oregano and 1 tbsp water. Grate the cheese and chop any veg or herbs you want to put on top into small pieces. Set aside.

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• STEP 3

Remove the pastry from the oven and squash down the middles with the back of a spoon. Divide the sauce between the pastry squares and spread it out to the puffed-up edges. Sprinkle with the cheese, then add your toppings. Bake for another 5-8 mins and serve.

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