

Mersey Park Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter - May 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 as soon as possible.



1000 Miles for Mind

Class 6 J will be doing a sponsored run this term. They are doing this to improve their own physical and mental health and to raise funds for an important charity, Mind. If you would like to support them, please follow this link to our just giving page for details of how to make your payment. Thank you for your support.

Miss Jones.

Year 6 - Sponsored Run - Summer Term 2023



May Dates to Remember

May Day Bank Holiday
School Closed to Pupils
Monday 2nd May



NEU Strike - School Closed
Tuesday 2nd May



Staff Development Day - School Closed to Pupils - Polling Station
Thursday 4th May



Year 6 Pupils will be in school from 9.00am until 1.00pm on this staff development day for additional SAT's revision prior to their tests the following week.

Coronation Bank Holiday
School Closed to Pupils
Monday 8th May



Year 6 SATs
Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May



Key Stage 1 SATs
Week Commencing Monday 15th May



Class Photographs
Monday 22nd May



May Half Term Holiday
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

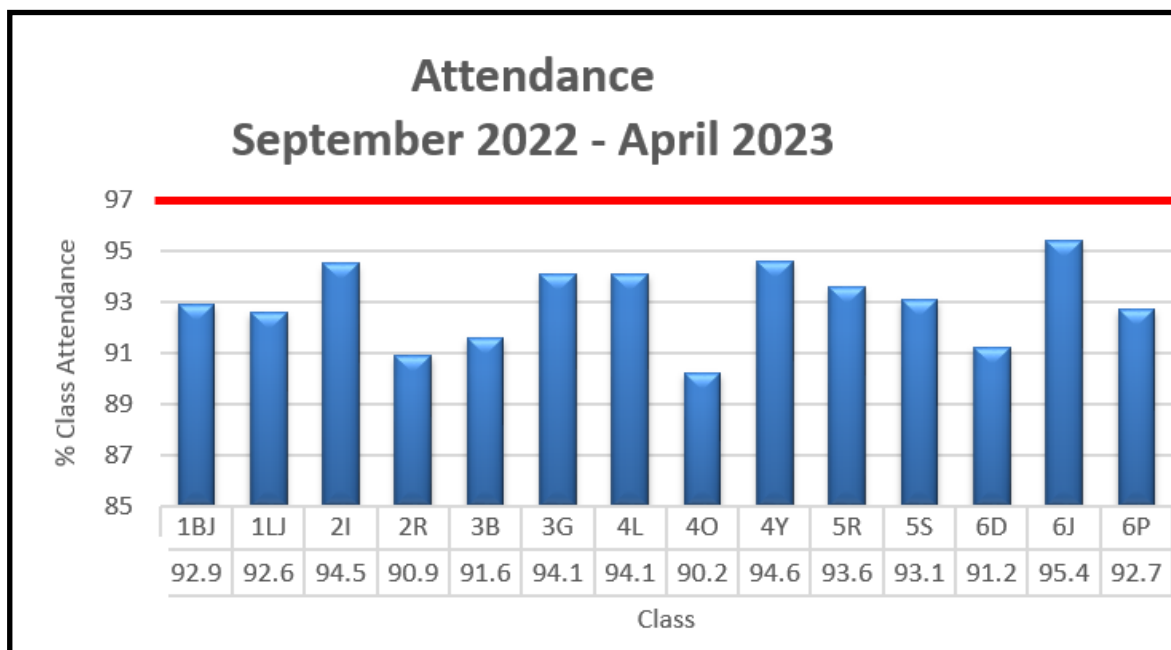


"Be Nice, Work Hard, Never Give up"

Attendance

Current whole school attendance is 93.6%, which is an improvement since last month, but remains well below our school target of 97%. The class with the best attendance so far this year is still **6J** with 95.4% - congratulations!

1LJ, **5R**, and **5S** have all improved their attendance since last month, so are in the running to win our improved attendance trophy and reward, for this half term.



Persistent Absence

School continues to work closely with the parents/carers of pupils who are in, or are close to being in, the Persistent Absence category, with attendance below 90%. This would mean that so far this year they have missed 13 or more days of school. See the table below for numbers in each year group.

Year 1	12
Year 2	17
Year 3	13
Year 4	14
Year 5	13
Year 6	15

There is still time to ensure that your child does not remain in the Persistent Absence category by making sure that your child is in school every school day, between now and the summer holiday.

Support

If you are concerned about your child's attendance or punctuality please contact school to ask for support. Speak to your child's classteacher at the end of the day or contact Mrs Hardy on the school phone number, 0151 647 8197.

SATs 2023

SATs – Advance Warning of Test Week

Please note that the week beginning **Monday 8th May** is SATs week. School will be closed on Monday for the coronation bank holiday so tests will start on Tuesday 9th May. 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 Monday 15th 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.



Sun Safety

As the weather is now improving, please remember to apply your child's sunscreen before they come to school and provide a cap, to be worn during outdoor playtimes.



Once a Week Take a Peek

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



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

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.

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



Follow Us @MPPS_Wirral

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.



Easy Coronation Chicken.

BBC
goodfood



Prep: 5 minutes

Easy/No Cooking

Serves 4 - 6

Ingredients

- **6 Tablespoons Mayonnaise**
- **2 - 3 teaspoons mild curry powder, to taste**
- **1/2 teaspoon of ground cinnamon**
- **2 tablespoons of mango chutney**
- **1 - 3 tablespoons of sultanas**
- **500g shredded cooked chicken**

Method

Step 1

Mix the mayonnaise, curry powder, cinnamon, chutney and sultanas together and season with black pepper.

Step 2

Add the shredded chicken and stir to coat in the sauce. Stir in 2 tablespoons of water to loosen if needed, then season and serve as desired.