

Mersey Park Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter - June 2023

Sports Days

Year 3 + 4 - Tuesday 13th June -
10.00am

Year 5 + 6 - Thursday 22nd June -
10.00am

FS2 - Thursday 29th June - 9.30am

Year 1 + 2 - Thursday 29th June -
10.30am



Staff vacancy

We have a vacancy for the role of midday assistant to start in September 2023. If you are interested in applying, please call into the school office leave us your contact details..



June Dates to Remember

May Half Term Holiday

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June



Year 1 Phonics Check

Week beginning Monday
12th June



Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check

Weeks beginning:

Monday 5th June

Monday 12th June

Monday 19th June



Foundation 1 Welcome Meeting

Wednesday 14th June -
9.30am/5.00pm



Foundation 2 Welcome Meeting

Wednesday 21st June -
9.30am/5.00pm



Year 6 Conway Centre Residential Trip

Monday 26th June -
Wednesday 28th June

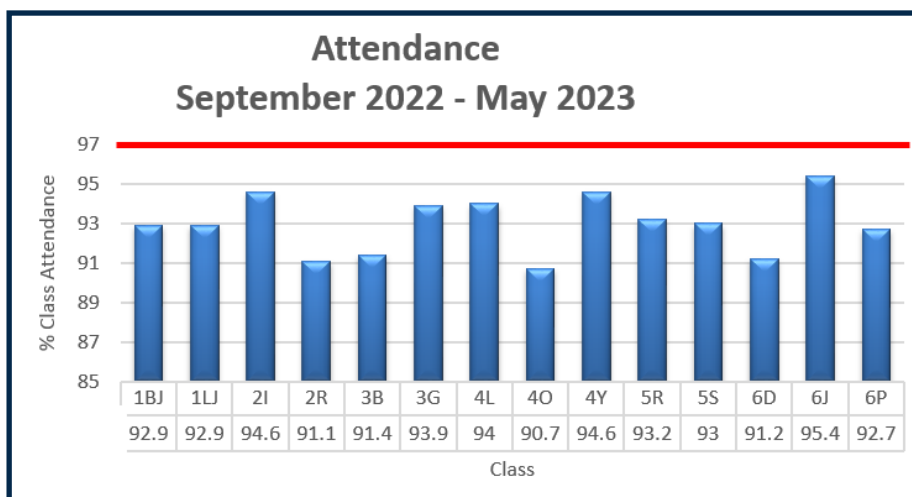


"Be Nice, Work Hard, Never Give up"

Attendance

Current whole school attendance is 93.5%, which has gone down since last month and 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, **2I**, **2R**, and **4O** 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.



Holidays During Term-time

School strongly discourages absence from school due to family holidays as it is highly disruptive to children's education and is known to have a negative impact on their self-esteem and confidence.

If it is unavoidable that you need to take your child out of school during term time, please complete a leave of absence form available from the office. School will let you know if this holiday can be authorised due to special circumstances. Payment of an Education Penalty Notice is £60 if paid within 21 days and £120 if paid after this time but within 28 days. Penalty Notices will be issued to each parent for each child.

The families of **12 pupils** have received Education Penalty Notices so far this year, due to taking holidays during term time, which were not authorised.

Late Arrivals

If your child arrives in school late, after the gates have been closed, please make sure that they are brought to the school office to be signed in. Some pupils are arriving late on their own and are not being signed into school which causes a Health and Safety risk.

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.

Healthy Eating Lunch Boxes

As we are a health promoting school we would like to encourage our parents and carers to pack a healthy, balanced lunch for their children. This could include sandwiches or wraps, a yoghurt, a piece of fruit, crisps and a biscuit.

You can make fruit more fun and easy to eat by chopping it into small pieces and including a spoon. You can also use cookie cutters on fruit that can be cut into larger slices such as melon or pineapple. Sandwiches can be made more interesting by using different types of bread such as wraps and pittas. Try not to include foods high in sugar on a daily basis in your child's lunchbox. Instead, aim to have healthy swaps, such as crunchy carrot sticks instead of crisps, or a fruity yoghurt instead of a cake.



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.



Green Eggs and Ham Pinwheels Recipe

(Taken from the Tesco Real Food Website)



Vibrant in colour and taste, these simple green eggs and ham pinwheels are a picnic idea sure to impress the kids. Creamy egg & mayo mixed with pesto give a bright, vibrant taste that pairs perfectly with the oat-smoked ham.

Cut them up and enjoy!

- Serves 4
- 10 mins to prepare
- 362 calories / serving
- Healthy

Ingredients:

- 250g pack egg & mayonnaise
- 60g basil pesto
- 4 wholemeal wraps
- 40g baby spinach
- 125g pack wafer-thin oak-smoked ham

Method:

Mix the egg & mayonnaise pack with the basil pesto in a bowl; season. Divide evenly between the wholemeal wraps, spreading to cover.

Scatter the baby spinach over the wraps, then tear over the pack of wafer-thin oak-smoked ham. Wrap up tightly, then use a sharp knife to slice each into 6-8 pinwheels.

Cook's tip: If making ahead, roll up the wraps as in the recipe, then wrap in clingfilm and chill. Slice into pinwheels when ready to serve.