

Mersey Park Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter - January 2024



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September 2024 Admissions

If you have a child who was born between the **1st September 2019** and **31st August 2020** then you now need to think about applying for a Foundation 2 (Reception) place for your child to start school in September 2024. Applications should be made online at www.wirral.gov.uk/school-admissions.

Primary preference packs are available from all primary schools, One-Stop-Shops and libraries.

Please ensure applications are submitted by:

15th January 2024.

If you require any assistance please contact the school office.



January Dates to Remember

CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL ON

MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2024



Half term Trophy Assembly

Friday 12th January 2024



Deadline for application for FS2

- September 2024

Monday 15th January 2024



We would like to say a big **Thank You** to all the people who supported us and our families at Christmas:

St Catherine's Church, Tranmere

Radio City Toy Appeal

NSPCC

Rock Ferry Salvation Army Community Church

Curriculum News

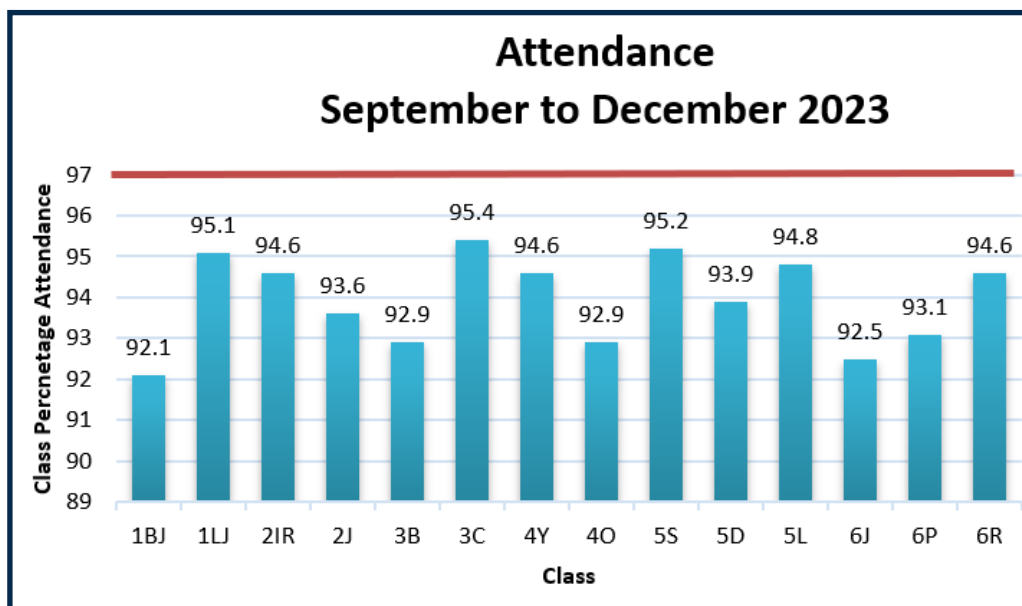
Keep a look out for Curriculum Information which will be coming out for each year group for the new term.



"Be Nice, Work Hard, Never Give up"

Attendance

Current whole school attendance is 94.6%, which falls below our school target of 97% but has improved since last month. The class with the best attendance this year is now **3C** with 95.4% - congratulations! Well done to the following classes who have improved their attendance since last month: **1LJ**, **3B** and **5D**.



Class Rewards

All the classes in school are working hard to try to improve their attendance, in order to win the weekly **Attendance League** and a visit from **Daley Bear** who joins in with the class activities for the week. Each class is also aiming to have over 97% attendance each week to gain the parts to add to their class **Potato Head**. **5S** have completed their potato head collecting all 7 parts and enjoyed a reward at the end of term.

Individual Rewards

We also have our weekly **£5 for 5** reward, where a child's name is randomly selected and if they have been in school every day in that week they win £5. If they have had a day off, there will be roll over and the money will be added to the prize for the following week. All pupils with attendance of 97% or above will be entered into our **end of term raffle** to win a Smyths voucher. The winning name will be drawn in our Trophy assembly on 12th January.

Authorised Absence

Can parents/carers please ensure that if children are absent from school that a reason is provided every day, so we are able to authorise the absence. If we are not informed of the reason or if the reason is not acceptable, then the absence will be marked as unauthorised. Ten sessions (five days) of unauthorised absence within two half terms may incur an Education Penalty Notice, the cost of which is £60 per child for each parent, if paid in the first 21 days.

Support

If you are concerned about your child's attendance or punctuality do not hesitate to contact school staff for support.

'Every Second Counts'

Here is a reminder of the start and finish times for each of our year groups:

Foundation Stage 1 - 8.45am/12.20pm - 11.45am/3.20pm

Foundation Stage 2 - 8.50am - 3.15pm

Year 1 - 8.45am - 3.15pm

Year 2 - 8.45am - 3.15pm

Year 3 - 8.50am - 3.20pm

Year 4 - 8.45am - 3.15pm

Year 5 - 8.45am - 3.15pm

Year 6 - 8.50am - 3.20pm

It is important that the children are here on time each day, ready to start their day of learning.

IMPORTANT

If you need to collect your child/children before the end of, or during, their school day for an appointment, please bring proof to the school office or, alternatively, use the upload feature on the Medical Appointment Notification section of your ParentApp.

Please always give as much notice as possible if you will need to collect your child early.



Foundation Stage 1 Intake 2024

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

August 2024 and would like to apply for a place in our Nursery, please pick up an application form from the school office or go to our school [website](#) admissions page

where you will find a link to our online application form. 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.



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.





One Pan Pasta

Taken from BBC Good Food website

Prep Time: 5 mins

Cook time: 30 mins

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp. oil
- 12 meatballs
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp. tomato ketchup
- 2 x 400g tins of chopped tomatoes
- 1 large bunch of fresh basil, finely chopped, plus a few whole leaves
- 225g dried spaghetti

Method

Step 1 - Heat the oil in a deep, wide frying pan or casserole dish over a medium-high heat. Tip in the meatballs and cook for 5 minutes, turning until browned all over. Add the onion and garlic, and fry for 8 more minutes until softened.

Step 1 - Add the ketchup, chopped tomatoes, chopped basil and 400ml of water to the pan and bring to the boil. Add the spaghetti and cook for 10-12 minutes, stirring occasionally. When the pasta is cooked and the sauce has reduced, season and sprinkle with the basil leaves to serve.

Online Safety Advice



It is always lovely to hear from the children about their new presents and we often hear about the new technology and games they have been using.

To help keep your children and young people safe there are some key things we'd like you to remember:

- If using VR make the headset a family activity, taking turns and playing with it together.
- Take some time to explore the game or device before allowing a child to use it.
- Talk to your children about how they use technology. Make sure they know that personal information should not be shared with people they don't know.
- Get to know the safety features the device offers. Make sure the location is set to private, use parental controls and check that privacy settings are switched on.

Set healthy boundaries and manage your child's screen time.



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:

