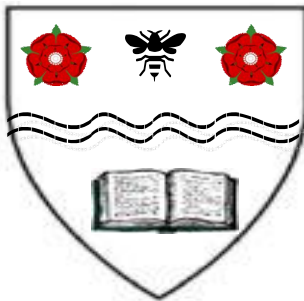


# Mersey Drive Community Primary



## NEWSLETTER

Date: Thurs 23 September 2010

Issue No: 002

### USEFUL DATES IN 2010

#### HALF TERM

##### School Closes

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

##### School Reopens

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

#### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

##### School Closes

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

##### School Reopens

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

#### ASSEMBLIES

Fri 24 Sep - Treasure  
Chest

Fri 8 Oct - Harvest  
Service

Fri 22 Oct - Treasure  
Chest

#### \*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*

#### PARENTS EVENING

Thursday 21 October  
School closes at 2pm

### USEFUL INFO

#### School Telephone

0161 766 6298

#### School Fax

0161 796 3423

#### LETTERS

All letters will be sent  
out on a THURSDAY -  
please check Reading  
Book Bags

### Mersey Drive Curriculum 2010/11

This term all teachers have implemented a skills based curriculum in all classes.

This was carefully planned and trialled as a whole school during the summer term.

Our curriculum is in line with the national curriculum, it is skills driven rather than content driven. Why have we done this?

- Develop independent learners who will be equipped for lifelong learning.
- To give the children increased opportunity to use and apply skills they have learnt in Literacy, Numeracy and ICT.
- To increase opportunities of experiential learning through trips, visits and themed days.
- To make the curriculum relevant and engaging to Mersey Drive children by enabling them to investigate/research areas they find interesting about a theme.

Further details can be found on your child's Autumn Term Curriculum letter. If you would like to ask any questions please ask myself or your child's teacher.

Next Week: You will be receiving a letter containing your child's targets for Autumn Term.

### Bike it

Mersey Drive is working towards being a Bike It school. Our Bike it Officer is Mr Andy Atkin who will be working closely with the school, your child and you, to encourage safe cycling into school.

To get started this year we have organised a **FREE Bike Health Check (Dr Bike) Day** for **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. Cyclists can begin arriving from 8.15am and checks will be carried out all day.

Simply ride (or push / carry / drag!) your bikes to school to be involved. Andy will spend the day health checking your bikes - making minor repairs and adjustments and recording anything more serious for your attention (Andy is a qualified Bike Mechanic, and has all the tools required!).

**Remember you should only ride your bike to school if you are wearing a helmet.**

**PARENTS EVENING: Takes place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October - school will close at 2:00pm.** It is really important that you attend. We will be asking you to complete an online questionnaire to help us continually improve the school.

## WoW

Lots of children have been walking or biking to school so far this term. Each month those children who walk to school often get a WoW badge. The week beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> of October is walk to school week - the class with the most number of children walking or biking to school will win the 'Golden Boot Trophy'. Just a reminder that **Mobile Gym continues on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September** straight after school in Hall two - and will run for six weeks. This will be the last opportunity to get involved as funding has been cut!

## ECO

This year's Eco council has met - to find out more please read the latest minutes of the meeting on the eco section of the website. Currently the children are harvesting vegetables from our garden and our kitchen staff are cooking them for school meals!

### Big Write/Big Talk.

Last year's Big Write had a great impact on the children's writing. This year we are having special 'Big Write' assemblies before Big Write with guests who will challenge the children to show off their skills! In Foundation Stage and Key Stage One 'Big Talk' has been introduced your child's teacher will be providing further information. Your child will have talk books and talk homework - please support your child.

**Book week** begins on the 11<sup>th</sup> October and there will be a **BOOK FAIR** that week after school in the main hall.

## Play equipment

**THANK YOU:** We had a great response to the collection of Tesco and Morrison's vouchers last year - they were spent on play equipment for the playground and gardening equipment. **Morrison's have just begun their latest campaign - our collection box is in the school hall.**

**IMPORTANT:** Please discourage your children from playing on the equipment on the playground after school as we are not insured if there is an accident outside of school hours. For the same reasons your child must NOT ride their bike or scooter until they leave the school grounds.

This year's **Harvest Service** will take place at 9:30am on the 8<sup>th</sup> October at either St. Georges Church. I will let you know nearer the time. We will be collecting items for the **Porch Project**.

### List of Items Required:

Tins of: Baked Beans, Beans & Sausage, Hot Dogs, Vegetables, Soup, Vegetables, Potatoes, Meat, Ravioli, Spaghetti, Tuna, Rice Pudding, Custard, Fruit, Stew, Meatballs.

Packets of: Pasta & Sauce, Soups, Spaghetti, Rice, Cereal, Noodles.

Soap, Shower Gel, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Toilet Rolls, Shampoo, Washing up Liquid, First Size Nappies, First Size Baby grows & Sleep suits, Baby Toiletries, Nappy Sacks, Scratch Mitts

**Treasure Chest : This Friday 9.00am - all welcome!**