Welcome to Year 5



Who's who in Year 5



Mrs Dodd



Mrs Porter



Miss Ludgate



Mrs Hopwood



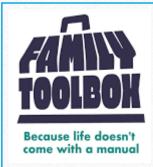
Ms Waters



Miss Clynch



Miss Skinner



Support for Parents/Carers



If you feel you need support for you or your family:

- Speak to our Home/School Liaison Officer Mrs Hardy or any member of staff
- Visit our Social Supermarket open 2.30pm 3.30pm Monday and Wednesday
- Take a look at the Family Toolbox which gives a wide range of tips and tools for family life - familytoolbox.co.uk
- My Family Coach also provides expert support for every parenting challenge myfamilycoach.com

Attendance Matters



Attendance and Punctuality

We expect every child to attend every day, arriving at school on time and remaining in school for the full school day.

This gives your child the best opportunity to make progress in their learning and in their social skills.

Our aim is for every child to have at least 97% attendance. More than 6 days absence in a school year will drop their attendance below this target.

If you are struggling to get your child into school every day on time, please ask us for help.

Please check the Attendance and Punctuality leaflet and the 'Is my child too ill for school?' leaflet for more information and advice.



Attendance



The school day for Year 5 is currently 8.45am – 3.10pm

Please contact the school office or class teacher if you have any attendance concerns.



Routines



- Start the day as you mean to go on.
- Putting a clear routine in place can really help reduce stress and anxiety levels in the mornings.
- There's lots to remember and mornings can be a rush so prepare as much as you can the night before.
- Share the routine with your children including expectations for what you want them to do independently and what you will help them with.

Homework

- All homework goes home on a Friday and is expected to be returned on the following Tuesday.
- Homework will consist of 10 spellings, a reading comprehension and maths questions linked to work completed that week.
- Maths games
- Homework should be completed to a high standard and in pencil



Reading at home



- Reading at home is one of the best ways you can continue to support your child and it is very important for your child to still be reading regularly, particularly after such a long time away from school.
- Reading 10 minutes every night.
- Reading records must be brought into school **every day**, with a comment recorded by your child about the reading completed.

PE days



- Your child has now been allocated their school PE kit which will remain in school.
- Please ensure your child has suitable trainers or black pumps for PE and make sure these are named and can be kept in school.
- The kit provided by school must not be worn for out of school activities and clubs.
- Year 5 PE lessons are on a Thursday.

Growth Mindset

- In Year 5 we encourage the children to have a Mersey Park Mindset.
- This means we show the children what it means to 'Never Give Up'.
- We embrace challenges and teach the children that it is ok to make mistakes because this means we're trying something new and we're learning.



My Happy Mind

- Continuing to use myHappymind as a tool to support children's wellbeing and mental health
- Explores the different parts of the brain –
- 'Team HAP' Hippocampus, Amygdala and Prefrontal Cortex
- Learning breathing techniques
- Control own emotions
- Cope with stress



Behaviour

• At Mersey Park we have a positive behaviour system where good behaviour is praised and rewarded.

• Our school values of 'Be Nice, Work Hard and Never Give up' are evident in all areas of school life.





- Online behaviour recording system.
- Staff are able to immediately acknowledge positive behaviours.
- Every positive behaviour has a value.
- The points are totalled and certificates are earned.
- Parents will receive notification via the app that a certificate has been earned.







- Negative behaviours are also recorded discretely.
- Incidents of unacceptable behaviour that result in a pupil losing some of their lunchtime will be recorded and parents will receive an instant notification.

The system is brand new to school and we are still getting used to it!

More information about the app will follow shortly.



History and Geography Topics



Our topics this year are:

- Travels Around Greece / Ancient Greece
- Our Natural World
- Travels Around The Americas / The Maya Civilisations

Trips

- In school we try to provide the children with as many exciting and enriching opportunities as possible.
- Throughout the year we hope to be able to plan in a couple of school trips to enhance the children's learning experiences.
- These are heavily subsidised by the school but we do require parental contributions.
- Last year the children raised funds to be able to participate in a Mayan workshop ran by an archaeologist.

Preston Montford Shropshire Year Five and Six Residential

- Wednesday 5th March Friday 7th March
- Field Studies Trip





Medical Tracker

- Record and track first aid incidents
- Record and track medication administration
- When necessary, parents/carers will be notified of first aid incidents by email
- Email notification when medication, for example inhalers, are nearly out of date and need replacing



Our School Website

How do I find out about what my child is learning?

- Pupil pages provide information about what they will be learning
- Parent What is my child learning? Contains long term and half term overviews
- Curriculum pages have a wealth of information and pictures about what your child will be learning in each of the subject areas

