

Worsley Mesnes Primary School Newsletter

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School Gateway Payment

Thank you to all the parents who are already using SCHOOL GATEWAY payment system which went live on Monday 12th September 2016.

You can pay for breakfast club, after school clubs, swim, nursery payments etc.... using this system. We would like to encourage more of you to try it because it gives you the ease of paying without having to come in to school.

All you need to do is download the app for android or iphone or visit the website : www.schoolgateway.com to activate your account today.

Not only will you be able to pay online but you get the added benefit that messages sent by school and parents will not incur any charge for the text. We are aiming to get 50% of parents using the School Gateway smartphone app – please help us achieve this target.

For this to work you need to ensure the mobile number and e-mail address you are using is held within school records so if in any doubt please ring and check we hold up to date mobile and e-mail addresses for you and keep us updated of any changes. Also if you encounter any problem again please ring and we will be more than welcome to help you through the process.

Please note school dinners at this stage cannot go through the above mentioned system as DINNERS are run by LIVE KITCHEN. Please note there is the functionality within LIVE KITCHEN for you to pay via Direct Debit so that you do not need to physically come into school with money. However, we will still accept cash payments.

Mrs J Barlow

School Business Manager

PARENTS EVENING 3:30pm – 4.45pm Wednesday 21st September 2016

All parents and carers are invited to the Parents Evening on the 21st September.

You will be able to meet your child's teacher, learn about the exciting start they have made and the high expectations for the year.

Your child's teachers will share the learning for this year and answer any questions you have.

It is important to come and celebrate the new school year's learning with your child.

Please come to their classroom after school at 3:30pm directly from the playground or for a later time through the main entrance at the front. Please note, 3:30pm is usually the busiest time. No appointment is necessary.

High School Applications

All parents/carers of Year 6 will be written to by the Local Authority on 2nd September 2016 to let them know about the online application service which will be available until 31st October 2016 to apply for High School for September 2017.

The preferred way to apply for a secondary school place and access admission information is online via the following link - <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Secondary-Schools.aspx>

However, if a parent wishes to apply via the paper version a copy can be obtained from the school office.

SEAL – Social Emotional Aspects of Learning

Our theme for this half term is 'New Beginnings'. During this term we will be exploring how to create a learning environment that helps children learn together in a happy, busy and safe way. We will also learn about the feelings we have when we are happy, sad, scared and excited, and how to manage these feelings in the classroom.

Why not join in and have a go at our Family SEAL Activity – there will be a small prize for everyone who takes part and brings it back into school, and we will put these up on display.



Electronic Devices

Just a reminder that children should not bring electronic devices in to school to ensure that they don't get lost or broken. This includes items such as mobile phones, kindles, tablets etc.

MacMillan Biggest Coffee Morning



Everybody is welcome to attend this event, it will be held on Friday 30th September from 9:00am until 10:00am. We are hoping to hold a cake sale and would very much appreciate cake donations so that we can raise as much money as possible for this very worthy cause.

Wigan 10K Run in memory of Ethan Caunce

Mrs Lavin was delighted to complete the race on Sunday in 49 minutes 51 seconds, without the need for extra oxygen or medical assistance!

The charity that she is raising money for is The Children's Brain Tumour Research Network (CBTRN) Fund at Manchester Children's Hospital.

If you'd like to read Ethan's story or donate online, please go to <http://ethan.caunce.muchloved.com>. Alternatively, you can put a donation in one of our school envelopes and hand in to the office.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Bags in School

Please can children bring their reading book and belongings in **a school book bag** or a **small back pack**. School back packs will be available from Slaters.

This is a change from last year where we ask for no back packs because of the limited storage space and the large size of some bags.

We are looking at how we can develop the storage areas for each classroom to accommodate small back packs and reading bags.

No handbags.

Medication in School

If your child requires medication during the school day, please speak to a member of staff in the office for further guidance.

School Uniform Reminder

For safety, if your child has pierced ears the earrings need to be removed preferably, or covered, for PE and sports events.

No make-up/nail polish.

No extreme hairstyles or haircuts with patterns/lines shaved into it.

No trainers – if your child comes to school in trainers they will change into their black school pumps. These can be purchased from the office.

Thank you for your support.

Communicating with Teachers

Could parents please ensure that any minor matters are communicated to the class teacher via their Child's planner.

If there is anything of a more serious nature that you wish to discuss, please make an appointment with your child's teacher, so that this can be dealt with privately and effectively without wasting valuable learning time.

The beginning of the school day is an important time for teachers and children, therefore please do not stop the teacher outside. Please allow them to get in with their class straight away to start the day in the exciting way that they have planned.



Unify Bank

Our Unify Bank is currently open every Wednesday between the times of 8:35am – 9:00am, if any children and parents wish to open a Unify Account or pay in their savings money they need to attend on a Wednesday morning in our Hippo Zone.

Please note: Our School Office cannot accept any money or applications forms, parents, carers and children need to attend the Unify Bank in the Hippo Zone each Wednesday.

Attendance for week commencing 06.09.16	
Year 1	95%
Year 2	99.6%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	99.1%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	94.6%

Dates for your diary

Updates are in **bold**

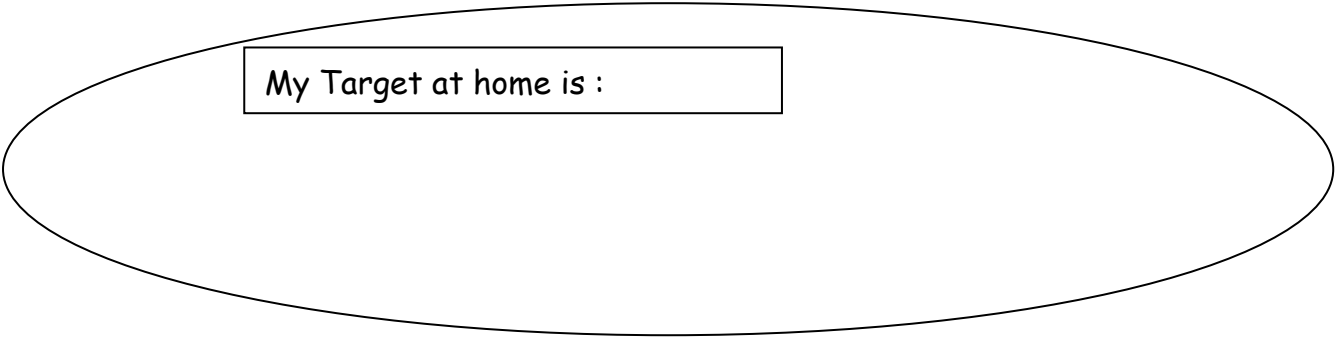
Date	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	Unify Bank in our Hippo Zone 8:35am – 9:00am	
Wednesday 21st September	Parents Evening – 3:30pm – 4:45pm	
Thursday 15 th September	Outdoor Learning at The Flash – Years 5 & 6	
Friday 30 th September	MacMillan World's Largest Coffee Morning	
Thursday 13th October	Visit from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service – Y6	
Monday 31st October 2016	Deadline for High School applications	

If you are aware of anybody who is having difficulty accessing the information on our newsletter because of literacy or language difficulties, font size or colour of paper, please ask them to contact us and we will do what we can to help.

Child

Now you are in a new class you should start to do something new to show that you are getting older. Why not set yourself a new goal or target; how about one of these things?

- Make my bed
- Get dressed without any help
- Help with the cooking
- Wash up or tidy up
- Do my homework without having to be told
- Read every night

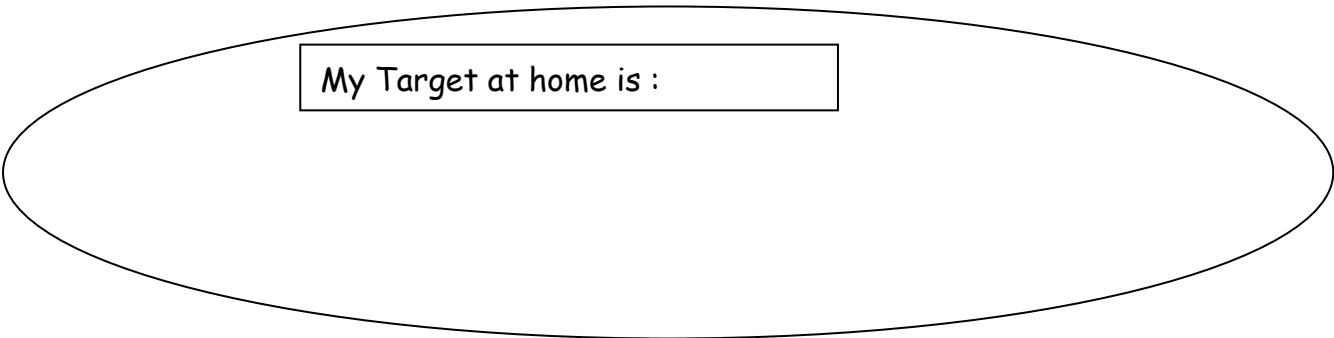


My Target at home is :

Parent/Carer

Now your child is in a new class you might want to set yourself a target; how about one of these things?

- Read a story with your child
- Help your child spend some time with a friend
- Take your child to the park
- Walk your child to or from school
- Get up nice and early so you don't have to hurry in the morning
- Have some time to yourself



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