

# Worsley Mesnes Primary School Newsletter

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Be a School Governor



## **New Parent Governor Election**

A Parent/Carer Governor position has just become available to join the vibrant School Governing Body at Worsley Mesnes Primary School.

As a Governor you would play an important role in the life of our school and be part of decisions about the future direction.

It does take time and you would need to commit to attend three Full Governing Body Meetings during the year and some smaller committee meetings. Training will be available if you wish to access it.

The Parent Governor is elected by the parents of the children at the school.

The Nomination Form and further details will come home with your child on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

If you want more information or have any questions, please speak to me or any of our existing Governors whose names can be found on the school website.

This is a great opportunity to take a different role in your child's school.

## **Toxic Shock Syndrome – TSS**

Wigan Council have contacted all the schools in the borough regarding raising awareness of Toxic Shock Syndrome.

Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) is a rare, but serious illness that can affect anyone including men, women and children. It can occur following infections such as those caused by burns, scalds and wounds. TSS has also been associated with menstruation and the use of tampons.

Although numbers affected by this syndrome are small, 50% of the cases are females aged between 13 and 25 years. Sadly, out of the small numbers who fall ill each year, 2- 3 people die from TSS.

The council have been supporting a lady in our community, Diane Roberts. Diane is on a mission to raise awareness of the dangers of Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) and Sepsis; following the tragic death of her daughter Jemma-Louise in 2014 when she was just 13 years old. Jemma was a student at Standish High School, a talented musician who worked with Wigan's music service and a keen competitive swimmer.

For further information on Toxic Shock Syndrome please go to [www.tssis.com](http://www.tssis.com) or NHS Choices website.



### **Tempest Photography**

Individual school photographs and photographs with siblings will be taken on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016.

### **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](http://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

### **High School Applications**

All parents/carers of Year 6 will be written to by the Local Authority on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 to let them know about the online application service which will be available until 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **Friends of the School AGM Meeting – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm**

*All Welcome*

Calling all parents/carers, grandparents – why don't you come along to our meeting and join our Friends of the School? Our Friends of the School organise events and raise money for school. Please ask for more information.



### **Halloween Disco**

Watch out for our letters for our special Halloween Discos, Foundation Stage & KS1 4.30pm – 5.30pm and KS2 6.30pm – 8pm.

Fancy Dress Optional

## **Halloween Themed Lunch**

We are going to enjoy a special lunch on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – watch out for our special menu.





### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### **School Values Awards**

Year 1 ~ Tyler E – Determination  
Year 2 ~ Jack W – Excellence  
Year 3 ~ Ruby H – Determination  
Year 4 ~ Layla G – Excellence  
Year 5 ~ Chloe S – Excellence  
          Thomas W - Determination  
Year 6 ~ Cameron W – Courage

### **Attendance for week commencing 12.09.16**

Reception	97.6%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	98.7%
Year 4	98.3%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>99%</b>
Year 6	90.7%

Dates for your diaryUpdates are in **bold**

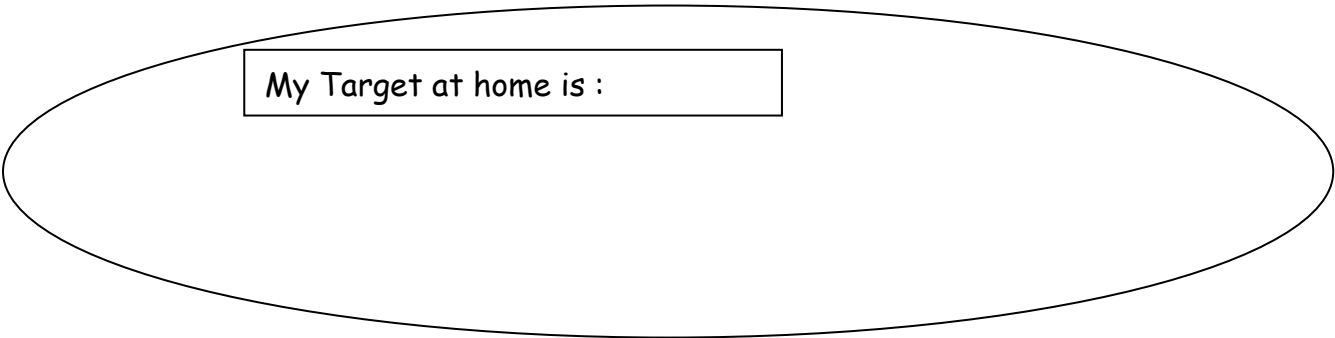
Date	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	Unify Bank in our Hippo Zone 8:35am – 9:00am	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Parents Evening – 3:30pm – 4:45pm	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Outdoor Learning at The Flash – Years 5 & 6	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	MacMillan World's Largest Coffee Morning	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Individual and sibling photographs – Tempest Photography</b>	
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>4.30pm – Friends of the School AGM – all welcome</b>	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Visit from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service – Y6	
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Halloween Discos</b>	
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Finish for Half Term</b>	
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Back to School</b>	
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Halloween Themed Lunch</b>	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> 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

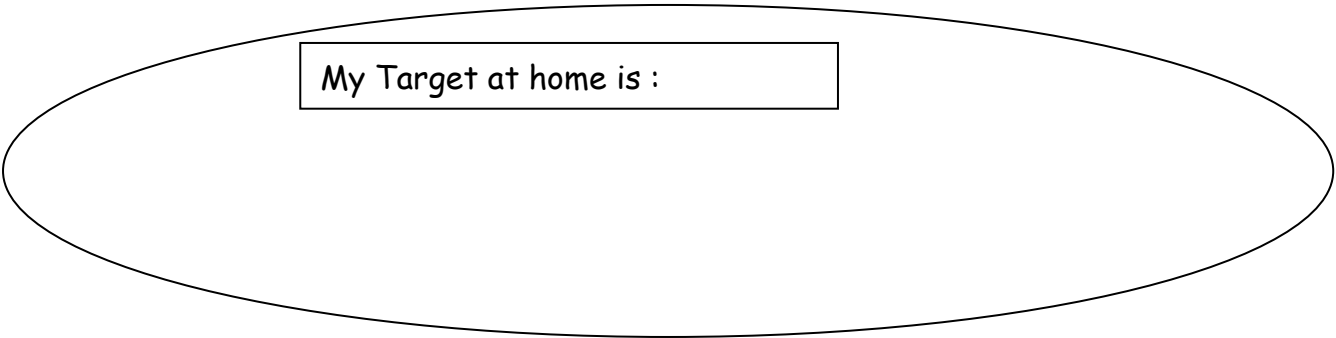


My Target at home is :

**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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