



Nicol Mere Newsletter

Week ending: 10th November 2017

number 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

Attendance Winners Reception - Year 6

Friday 8th September - Thursday 14th September 2017

Infants joint winners R1 (Mrs Greaves) and R2 (Mrs Roberts) and Year 2 (Miss Norris) all with **100%**
Juniors joint winners Year 5 (Mrs Bullen) and Year 6 (Mrs Swift) both with **100%**

Friday 15th September - Thursday 21st September 2017

Infants joint winners R1 (Mrs Greaves) and R2 (Mrs Roberts) and Year 1 (Miss Wiswell) all with **100%**
Juniors Year 6 (Mrs Swift) with **100%**

Friday 22nd September - Thursday 28th September 2017

Infants R2 (Mrs Roberts) with 99.6%
Juniors Year 4 (Mrs Rostron) with 98.7%

Friday 29th September - Thursday 5th October 2017

Infants Year 2 (Miss Waters) all with 97.7%
Juniors Year 4 (Miss Killick) with 98.6%

Friday 6th October - Thursday 12th October 2017

Infants R2 (Mrs Roberts) with 99.2%
Juniors Year 5 (Mrs Bullen) with 99.7%

Friday 13th October - Thursday 19th October 2017

Infants R1 (Mrs Greaves) with 97.5%
Juniors Year 4 (Mrs Rostron) with 99.0%

Friday 20th October - Thursday 2nd November 2017

Infants Year 2 (Miss Waters) with **100%**
Juniors Year 4 (Mrs Rostron) with **100%**

WELL DONE to the winners - please keep it up.

Children with Asthma

If your child has been diagnosed with Asthma or uses an inhaler for any other medical reason, please ensure that they have an 'in date' inhaler in school at all times, especially if they are going out of school on a trip, as they have to be taken with the child. Most Drs will issue a second inhaler so that it can be left in school rather than taken home and returned each day. Thank you.



£1 Coins

We will no longer be accepting any of the old style £1 coins. Please ensure any money sent into school for dinner, trips, tickets etc do not include any old coins. Thank you.



Children in Need Friday 17th November 2017

To raise money for 'Children in Need', all pupils are invited to wear non uniform on Friday 17th November for a cost of £1 per family. If you do not wish to contribute, please ensure full school uniform is worn. Thank you.



Parent Workshops

We would like to thank those who have attended Parent Workshops. Details of further workshops will be in the 'dates for your diary' section.

Nicol Mere Facebook Page

If you are on Facebook and haven't already joined our Facebook page please do. We keep this updated with the latest important information and links to our school blog. Thank you.



Pumpkin Competition Winners

Pictures of all the Pumpkin Competition winners can be found on Nicol Mere Facebook page. Please take a look.

Safe Parking - Safeguarding

In the interest of safety, we would remind any parent not to enter the Staff Car Park when dropping off or collecting children, *unless definite previous authority from school has been approved.*



Please park **safely and legally** either on the road or the two local small car parks (permit may be required - see rules below) on Nicol Mere Drive i.e. not alongside cars in the parking bay at the front of school or on the yellow zig-zags, as this severely restricts the view of pedestrians trying to cross the road and could very easily cause an accident or even worse a fatality - **we have had some very near misses recently!** Once you have parked safely, please escort your child/ren down the paths at each side of the car park onto the playground and **not through the car park.**

In addition, do not drop your children off or park on the yellow zig-zags on the Safety Crossing on Nicol Road. This is not safe practice for anyone on this busy road and is illegal. Offenders will be reported to the Safety Crossing Department/Police, along with photographic evidence obtained. Thank you for your co-operation.

Local Car Parks - Definitive Rules from Local Authority

The Local Authority has issued definitive rules for parking on the two small car parks on Nicol Mere Drive, as follow:

Morning 8.35am - 9.15am - no permit needed

Afternoon 3.15pm - 3.45pm - no permit needed

Parents and visitors attending school at any other time eg to help at Summer Fayre, reading in class, shows, sports days etc are allowed to park for 2 hours in the car parks but are strongly advised to borrow and sign for a permit, which are available from the main school office. Please note these must be returned to school for re-use. Thank you.



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Sainsbury's School Games

The first half term of the current academic year saw opportunities for both the Year 3 and Year 5/6 football teams to represent Nicol Mere at Wigan AFC accredited football competitions. Both teams performed brilliantly, progressing through their group stages with an excellent display of skill, hard work and teamwork. They were a credit to both themselves and the school.

This half term, there will be an opportunity to meet Olympic Gymnast Beth Twiddle at a registered gymnastics event, in addition to the November cross country competition. Please visit the sports blog on our website to keep updated with results and pictures of the events. Thank you.



Remembrance Sunday 12th November 2017

The procession will assemble at the Beeches (former Wigan Groundwork Trust), Wigan Road, Ashton at 10.00am for 10.15am when a wreath will be laid at the Garswood Hall War Memorial.



The procession will then reform and proceed to St Thomas' Church for the Service at 10.50am via Wigan Road, Gerard Street and Warrington Road. After the Service, wreaths will be laid at the Cenotaph. The procession will then reassemble at Violet Street and proceed via Warrington Road and Bryn Street continuing up the A49 Wigan Road to Ashton Library for the March Past and Salute, continuing to Osborne Road for dispersal.

Friends of Nicol Mere

We are looking for parent/carer volunteers who would like to help run/organise events throughout the year alongside staff. The planned upcoming events are:

- **Friday 1st December 2017**
Volunteers needed to collect bottles from the classrooms which will be used at the Christmas Bingo
- **Friday 8th December 2017**
Need helpers to wrap Christmas gifts am/pm
- **Thursday 14th December 2017**
Christmas Bingo starts at 6pm
- **Friday 15th December 2017**
Christmas Market selling goods - morning only

Coffee Mornings

Every Friday our 'Friends of Nicol Mere' hold a 'Coffee Morning' in our Community Room from 9am to 10am. Please feel free to come along and meet other parents from school and have a chat whilst enjoying a drink and toast. Younger children are welcome!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 6th October was a great success and we are pleased to say a total of £162.28 was raised. Thank you to everyone who donated and/or bought cakes.

Halloween Disco

Our Halloween disco was a huge success. The children enjoyed themselves and were really well behaved. A total of £292.20 was raised. Thank you for your continued support.



Stubshaw Cross Residents

Stubshaw Cross Residents Group have instigated improvements in the area including wonderful children's playground and picnic area in Stubshaw Cross Recreation Ground on Golborne Road and the beautiful, tranquil garden on Bolton Road.

They are looking to recruit 'new blood' into the group to enable it to continue as a voice for Stubshaw Cross. If you are interested in becoming part of this group please telephone Ken Barston on 01942 272605 for further information.

Wigan's Christmas Dash

Wigan Christmas Dash is a 5K fun run in Santa Suits which will take place in Mesnes Park on Sunday 10th December 2017 at 11am. For further information and how to enter please visit www.christmasdash.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

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November	
Wednesday 15 th	• Y2 Market - further info to follow
Friday 17 th	• Children in Need Day - mufti - £1 • Parent Workshop 'Internet Safety'
Wednesday 22 nd	• Y3 trip to Liverpool World Museum • Y6 trip to Octagon Theatre
Thursday 23 rd	• Y5 trip to Jodrell Bank
December	
Friday 1 st	• Bottle Mufti • Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 7 th	• School Choir out pm
Tuesday 12 th	• Reception Class Christmas Play
Wednesday 13 th	• Y6 'Bikeability' • KS1 Christmas Play (pm)
Thursday 14 th	• Christmas Bingo 6pm
Friday 15 th	• Christmas Market - further info to follow
Monday 18 th	• Christmas Party Day
Tuesday 19 th	• Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 20 th	• School closes for Christmas 2pm
January 2018	
Wednesday 3 rd	• School re-opens 8.50am