



# Nicol Mere Newsletter

## April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Attendance Winners Reception - Year 6

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Infants Reception (Mrs Greaves) with 99%

Juniors Year 5 (Mrs Bullen) with 99.1%

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Infants Reception (Mrs Roberts) with 100%

Juniors Year 6 (Mrs Swift) with 100%

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

Infants Year 2 (Miss Norris) with 100%

Juniors Year 6 (Mrs Swift) with 100%

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Infants Year 1 (Miss Wiswell) with 97.7%

Juniors joint winners Year 6 (Mrs Swift) and

Year 6 (Mr Wallace) both with 100%

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Infants joint winners Reception (Mrs Greaves) and

Year 1 (Miss Rutter) both with 100%

Juniors Year 4 (Mrs Rostron) with 100%

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Infants joint winners Year 1 (Miss Rutter) and

Year 2 (Miss Norris) both with 99.3%

Juniors Year 5 (Mrs Smith) with 98.3%

WELL DONE to the winners - please keep it up.

### Pupil Absence/Sickness/End of Year Reward

If your child does not attend school for any reason, or they are going to be excessively late, please ring the Main School Office to inform Mrs Shield of the reason, on the first morning of the absence, even if you have 'mentioned' it to other members of staff, as they are not always able to pass on the message immediately. Absence from school will affect your child's eligibility for the end of term attendance and punctuality reward. If pupils are off ill, they are obviously not attending school, therefore this reduces their attendance percentage figure. If it falls below 96% they obviously will not receive the attendance award but will stay in class working as normal. Thank you.

### Catch Up and Sports Clubs

We are receiving an unprecedented amount of phone calls from parents checking if their child is in a catch up or sports club. Can you please check with your child's class teacher the **day before** the club is due to take place? Letters for these clubs state the date the club will commence and the date it will finish. If a club is cancelled for any reason, then the person running the club will advise the child/parent before the day the club should be on.



### School Closed - Voting Day

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018, the school will be being used as a Polling station. For security reasons, the school will be closed to pupils on this day.



### Sport

**"Children who get enough physical activity are mentally and physically healthier"**



In the past couple of weeks, our Y5 and Y6 girl's football teams have taken part in the Wigan Interschool competitions. Both teams did very well indeed and finished third in their respective competitions. Please check out our sports blog on the website. Also, Mr Rothwell has introduced a daily "Get up and Go" exercise activity in the hall before school - it has been great to see the children starting the day off with a bit of fun exercise.

### Hedgehogs

Over the past year, Mrs Greaves has regularly rescued and fostered hedgehogs, as have other members of staff. We have several hedgehog visitors to school and have released two hogs rescued locally into the school garden - because of this we would like to support hedgehog awareness week. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018, children are invited to come into school with 'crazy hair' and make a donation to this cause. There will be a special visitor on the day and prizes for the best hairstyle. All donations received will go to Lowton Hedgehog Rescue and Hog Haven.



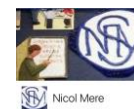
### National Insurance Check Sheets for free school meals/pupil premium

Thank you for returning your completed national insurance check forms for free school meals. These have now been checked by the EBIU (Education Business Intelligence Unit) at Wigan. If you have not been contacted by the school to be informed of a 'TRUE' outcome against your national insurance number, this means your result was 'FALSE' and therefore, no entitlement verified. As always, if you have any queries over free school meals, please ask for Mrs Pugh in the office. Thank you for your support.



### 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.





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### Payments for school trips etc

Please ensure any payments to school, are sent in with your child, to put through the class money wallet procedure.



**We can only accept money over the counter in the main Reception when it is specified on the letter - this would be for the larger cost trips such as Hinning House and PGL.**

Please note, as requested on the letters, this should be the **exact amount in a sealed envelope with your child's name and the name of the trip clearly written on the front.** We cannot split cheques for different trips or for siblings. We cannot give change or accept money for more than one trip/event or more than one child at a time. Some schools assume overpayments are donations to schools and they do not give change. Failure to do this means the administration of monies gets very complicated. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Uniform

Please ensure your child's name is written in all items of school uniform, using permanent pen, to enable us to return any lost property promptly. Thank you.

| Dates for your Diary       |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>May</b>                 |  |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Voting day - school closed to pupils   |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>     | Tempest Photography - Class photos   |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>     | School Closed - Bank Holiday   |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Y2 Science Field Trip to 3 sisters further information to follow   |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>    | Crazy Hair Day - see paragraph above   |
| w/b                        |  |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Y6 SAT's week  |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> | PGL parents meeting - 3.30pm   |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Interschool Challenge - Y5/6 Tri golf  |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>School closes for half term - 3.30pm</b>  |
| <b>June</b>                |  |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>School re-opens</b>   |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>   | 2018 Intake - Parents Meeting 5-6pm  |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | PGL Trip - Y6  |
| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | PGL Trip - Y6  |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>    | PGL Trip - Y6  |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>    | PGL Trip - Y6  |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>   | New Intake children in school - current Reception children only in at 11.00am Further information to follow  |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> | New Intake children in school - current Reception children only in at 11.00am Further information to follow<br><br>KS2 Sports Day - Weather Permitting<br>Y5/6 starts at 9.30am<br>Y3/4 starts at 1.30pm |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>  | KS1 Sports Day - Weather permitting<br>Y1/2 starts at 9.30am<br>Reception starts at 1.30pm   |
| <b>July</b>                |  |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | New Intake children in school - current Reception children only in at 11.00am Further information to follow  |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>  | New Intake children in school - current Reception children only in at 11.00am Further information to follow<br><br>Backup Sports Day for KS2 same times as above   |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Backup Sports Day for KS1 same times as above  |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>     | Reception trip to Knowsley Safari Park   |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> | <b>School Closes for Summer - 2pm</b>  |