

Mauldeth Rd Primary School October 22 Newsletter

Harvest

We are starting our annual harvest collection on Monday and we will be holding a harvest celebration event on **Thursday, 20th October at 11am with children from Years 3-6 involved**. Younger children will be taking part in events at the end of the Autumn Term. **All classes are now collecting tins, packets and jars of food for our harvest collection**. Each year we collect non-perishable food items, which we will distribute to local food banks and senior citizens in December. We plan for the latter to be delivered by our Year 6 children, who will go and sing at local sheltered accommodation.

We would very much appreciate your donations. We know that times are hard this year, so if you are unable to send anything in, we do understand. Whilst we will encourage the class, as a whole, to make contributions, we don't want individual children to feel pressurised!

Jeff Smith MP

We were very pleased to welcome our local MP, Jeff Smith to the school last week. He held a question and answer session for our children in Year 3-6. Jeff was very impressed with the children's questions and the range of subjects that they raised with him. He gave freely of his time to answer more than 20 questions in detail



Speedwatch

We would like volunteers to help us with a speed awareness campaign, on Mauldeth Road, before school on Thursday morning. Local Councillors and hopefully, the police will attend to make motorists aware of the dangers of speeding around school. If you, and your children, would be interested in joining this, please contact me on Class Dojo for more details.

Please do your utmost to avoid parking on pavements, across neighbour's driveways and anywhere near the crossings at the front of the school, or on Talbot Road. Dangerous parking near crossings reduces the view of other motorists.

The pace of life can be hectic with young children, but **please take a little time to set off earlier, park a little further away and avoid causing a hazard** that might result in unthinkable consequences.

Parents Evening

Everyone should, by now, have had appointments for Parents Evenings this coming week. If you still haven't managed to book an appointment, please let us know.

Questionnaire Results

Thanks to the many of you who sent in responses to our parent questionnaire in July. We had 149 responses, which is exceptionally good. I will place the full results on the school website shortly. It was great to see that 91% of you agreed, or strongly agreed, that your child is making good progress and that 95% felt similarly that the school encourages hard work and good behaviour! We will address some of the individual issues that were raised and do more to look at the areas with lower responses (drug and alcohol education was, by some distance, the lowest rated response at 60%)

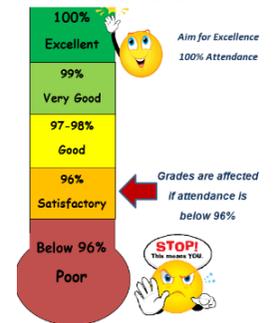
Attendance and New School Day Times

I am very pleased with our attendance so far this year. **Our attendance rate is currently 95.7%. This is a significant improvement on last year.** Thank you for sending your children in regularly. Every day really counts and we can never make up for the time that is lost.

Our target is 96% attendance this year. I would far rather be sending thank you letters for improvement than issuing fines. To avoid these, please do not take children out of school during term time or let your child have repeated odd days off school.

We have also had a big improvement in punctuality. I will be writing shortly to a small number of families who are still persistently late (either coming into school or collecting at the end of the school day). If you know that you are in this category, then please do look at your arrangements and make changes to ensure that your child is in school on time and is collected promptly. It makes a real difference to them.

ATTENDANCE



Half-term Holiday

The next half term holiday will soon be upon us. **Our last day in school will be Friday 21st October and school will re-start on Monday, 31st October.** Please note also that there will be a staff training day, when school is closed, on **Friday, 18th November.**