

Upcoming Events

June

Monday 11 th June	School opens
11 th – 14 th June	Y1 phonics screening check
Friday 15 th June	Eid al-Fitr (TBC)
Monday 18 th June	Eid parties (pm), non-uniform
Tuesday 19 th June	Parent partnership meeting, 2.30pm
Wednesday 27 th June	Meeting for new Reception parents

July

Wednesday 4 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 5 th July	Y6 Induction Day – Priestnall School
Monday 9 th July	New Reception children – story sessions
Wednesday 11 th July	New Reception children – play sessions
Wednesday 11 th July	KS2 dress rehearsal 9.30am (Younger children welcome)
Thursday 12 th July	Nursery open morning – No morning nursery
Thursday 12 th July	Reception trip to Manchester Airport
Thursday 12 th July	KS2 production 1.30pm & 6pm (Adults only)
Friday 13 th July	Report sharing & open afternoon
Friday 20 th July	Year 4 – 6 trip to Treetop Nets
Monday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers Treat – Play Factors
Tuesday 24 th July	Year 1 – 3 trip to Tatton Park
Wednesday 25 th July	Y6 leavers' assembly, 2pm & party
Thursday 26 th July	End of year awards assembly, 9.15am
Thursday 26 th July	100% attendance & outstanding behaviour reward
Friday 27 th July	School closes
Monday 30 th July	Teacher training day 4
Tuesday 31 st July	Teacher training day 5

September

Monday 3 rd September	Teacher Training Day 1
Tuesday 4 th September	School opens for children

Behaviour Review

At Mersey Vale we are very proud of all our children and how well they behave and conduct themselves. We believe in a restorative approach to conflict and set very high expectations based on our five Golden Rules. Recently, as a whole staff we have reviewed our behaviour policies and procedures to make sure they are easy to follow and relevant to the children. Over the next few months we will be introducing new behaviour initiatives, such as re-vamping Golden Time and introducing an MVPS behaviour badge. As these changes are introduced I'm sure your child/children will want to tell you about them, so please ask them to explain about what happens in school when you follow the Golden Rules and what happens if you don't.

In the meantime, here are our 5 Golden Rules...

At Mersey Vale Primary School we...

- Work hard and always try our best
- Are caring, kind and helpful
- Are honest and take responsibility for our actions
- Look after property
- Are respectful of ourselves and others



Important Information

CLASS TEACHERS 2018 - 2019

As you know we have a superb team of experienced teachers at Mersey Vale. Between them they have given a total of 114 years of service to our school! It is important that we continue to offer them opportunities to develop in their careers and as part of this some of our teachers will be teaching different year groups next year. In some cases this means that they will 'move up' with the class and teach the same group of children in 2018-19. This of course has the benefit that they already know the children and their individual needs very well.

Nurs	Ms Bunting (Mon–Thurs) Ms Whiteley (Fri)
Rec	Mrs Edwards (Mon–Thurs) Ms Bunting (Fri)
Year 1	Mr Ellis
Year 2	Ms Whiteley (Mon–Tues) Ms Varetto (Wed–Fri)
Year 3	Ms Mather
Year 4	Mrs Bradley
Year 5	Mr Aspinall
Year 6	Ms Whitehead (Mon, Wed–Fri) Mrs McDonagh (Tues)



Summer Sun

Please can we ask you to ensure that your child has a sun hat/ cap and is wearing sun screen when we have hot, sunny days? Children spend time outside every day at breaks, lunchtimes and during outdoor games sessions and we would not want them to get sunburnt. It's also a good idea for your child to bring a water bottle to school so that they can keep themselves refreshed and not get thirsty. Also, if your child requires hayfever medication, please ensure they have this administered prior to arrival in school.

School Uniform

If you require new uniform for September please download a form from our school website <http://www.merseyvale.stockport.sch.uk/letters/> or call into the school to get one. Payment should be made through Parentpay through the 'General Payments' option. Orders must be received by Friday 23rd June to ensure that items arrive before the summer holiday. It is still possible to buy uniform from the local uniform suppliers, MCS Stores 220 Fog Lane, Didsbury, Manchester M20 6EL who can be contacted on 0161 445 7740 and also Triple S School Uniform & Sports, 102 Heaton Moor Road, Stockport, Cheshire, SK4 4NZ who can be contacted on 0161 442 8834. They, along with other suppliers such as supermarket chains etc. can supply the remaining items required for a complete school uniform. Please ask for further details if required

Dinner Money and Snack Money

We encourage all parents to sign up and use [Parentpay](#) for all transactions with school. It reduces administration and risk for our office staff and once you are used to the processes, parents too!

The cost of dinner money for this half term for those of you who prefer to pay it in full in advance is £75.25. We expect all parents who pay weekly to pay by the Friday of the week before the meals are taken. If you wish to pay for the whole term this must be paid in advance at the beginning of the term.

The cost of snack money for Reception and Years 1 - Year 6 for this half term for those of you who prefer to pay it in full in advance is £17.50.

End of Year Trips

Visits and trips out of school are a great way to enhance the curriculum and make it creative and exciting for children. For example last half term our Nursery children had a really interesting visit to Reddish Vale Farm and Year 1 spent a fabulous day at Formby beach.

This half term:

- Reception children will visit Manchester Airport as part of their 'Journeys' topic where they will have a tour, learn about airport jobs and aircraft and visit a flight deck where they can imagine they are a pilot or a flight engineer.
- Years 1, 2 & 3 will have the opportunity to spend the day at Tatton Park near Knutsford. The day will include a visit to the working farm, entrance to the gardens and maze and chance to play on the fantastic adventure playground facilities there.
- Years 4, 5 & 6 will be heading to Treetop Nets at Heaton Park in Manchester. There they will have the chance to play high up in the tree



Date for the Diary!



Key Stage Two children are already busy rehearsing for their spectacular performance of the hit show "Porridge."

Be sure to get your tickets as they are bound to sell out quick!

The dates available are...

Wednesday 11th July – Dress rehearsal
9.30am (Younger children welcome)

Thursday 12th July - 1.30pm and 6pm
(Adults only)



canopy. It is the biggest aerial nets adventure site in Manchester with over 2000m² of giant trampolines, walkways, slides and tunnels all made out of netting, safely suspended between trees up to 12m off the ground.

Letters, including the costs for these trips have been sent home already, but can also be found on the school website or are available for the school office.

Years 1 & 2 will also visit the construction site of the new Mercedes Benz showroom which is being built just off Didsbury Road. The RG Construction Group have invited the children to see what is involved in building such an enormous showroom and how they recycle and care for the environment on a building site. A letter with further details of this exciting half day out will follow shortly.



Reading celebration at Priestnall School

Last half term our Y5 and Y6 classes took part in a reading competition organised by Priestnall School which encouraged children to read a wide range of books. Congratulations to Zakiryah, Ethan and Jenna from Y5 and to Kristina, Rafael and Abi in Y6 who have all been nominated to receive special awards which will be presented at a celebration evening at Priestnall on 26th June.

Finally...

It is fast approaching the end of the school year and it is nearly time to say goodbye to our Year 6 children and their parents/carers who will be moving onto Priestnall and other high schools. Everyone at Mersey Vale Primary School wishes them good luck and we hope that they'll return to let us know how they're getting on.

We would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year. All staff really appreciate the time and effort you give in so many ways. This has been another hugely successful school year for Mersey Vale and we will continue to build on this next year. We look forward to seeing you at the various events listed above and wish you all an enjoyable summer.



Yours faithfully,

Mrs. J. Mullane
Headteacher

Ms. C. Varetto
Deputy Headteacher

