

## PARENTS IN SCHOOL

The success of a primary school depends on the co-operation between home and school and we are happy to welcome parents into school at any time. If there is a problem or something you are unhappy about, then teachers are available to discuss matters with you. It is helpful to make an appointment however, as teachers are sometimes involved in meetings. If a matter is urgent, please bring it to the attention of the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher.



Many parents are available to help in various ways, usually with trips or visits and reading in school, this is greatly appreciated. During the school year parents will receive a letter inviting them to help. We will also offer some advice and support to those parents who can assist us. All parents who help in school have to be cleared through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and forms are available from the school office.



We have a very successful **Home School Association** to which all parents automatically belong. This association not only raises funds for the school but also organises social activities, which extend relationships between all those connected with the school, and advances the education of the pupils. The Annual General Meeting is held in the Autumn term when new parents are welcomed and a new committee is selected. The Association Chair can be contacted by parents who wish to know more via the school office. We enjoy good relationships with our parents and they are very supportive.



There is a **Home School Agreement**, which parents and school are both required to sign and which we hope will have a role in helping parents and school to work together.

## YOUR HELP AT HOME



We understand that all parents are keen to support their children at home. Homework varies with the age and the ability of the child and we are working towards the guidelines set down by the Government. At Prenton Primary School we feel that homework should support the work in the classroom and not be seen as a separate task. Parents will be provided with an overview sheet of topics taught in each year group as parents sometimes wish to support their child's learning by visiting the library or

making trips connected to their child's topic. However we do appreciate that children have their own out of school interests to pursue and therefore tasks set will not be too onerous.

The children in Foundation take activities home to aid their reading skills until they develop more independent skills. Foundation children take their reading books home on a weekly basis. In Foundation and Key Stage One shared reading books are also taken home to increase skills and the enjoyment of reading.

Homework in other year groups consists of:-

- Reading
- Learning spelling and multiplication tables

In addition some of the following tasks may be assigned:-

- Book Reviews
- Preparation for a classroom task
- Practising the school handwriting style
- Researching information for topics being studied in class
- Preparing talks or presentations
- General maths work and maths investigation.



**At Prenton we feel reading is a crucial part of a child's learning. Please help by encouraging all children, whichever year group they are in, to read regularly at home and by listening to them for a short time each day and discussing their reading with them. Reading books and library books are taken home.**

Parents can help their children by:-

- Supporting children who have an individual programme of work.
- Providing a quiet working environment with as few distractions as possible.
- Assisting children to learn spelling and multiplication tables, which are tested on a regular basis.
- Taking children to the library to select and study reference books connected to the topic being studied in class or helping them to access information from a computer or the internet, if available.

It is important that parents ensure work is completed thoroughly and sent back to school on time and that they praise the success of their children through their efforts demonstrated in homework tasks. Parents should feel free to discuss any aspects of homework with the class teacher either via the homework book or in person. It is through encouragement and by showing an interest in all aspects of school life that parents can help most. All new parents will receive a copy of the school homework policy.