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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for all your patience since FCAT's cyber attack. It will still be another 3 or 4 weeks before we are fully up and running again but the phonelines are back working and we can now send out communication again hence the weekly newsletter is back 😊

Yesterday we held our European Day of Languages celebrations with each class taking a different country. If your child hasn't spoken to you about it then ask them what country they looked at in their class. Thank you to Mr Wild for organising.

Book Fair:

As many of you saw on parents evening our book fair has arrived in school and will be open tonight, Monday and Tuesday after school. It's a great opportunity to start the Christmas shopping early with a good book! Please enter school through the KS2 playground gates. Unfortunately, we are only able to take card payments.

Open Days:

Next week we have our open days for potential new reception starters in September 2025. If you, or anyone you know, has a child starting school next year then feel free to pop in to look around school on Monday at 1.30pm or Tuesday at 9.30am and 4pm. Please pass on to anyone you know who might be interested.

Harvest:

Next Friday, as part of our celebration assembly, the children will be singing a couple of harvest songs to celebrate our harvest collection which will be on display in the hall. Could we please ask for any donations to be brought into school on Thursday or Friday next week. As in previous years, please do not send in fruit or vegetables as these don't stay fresh long enough for the charities to distribute. Cans and packets of food would be most welcomed as would body wash, soaps, toothpaste etc. Thank you in advance for your support.

Parents Evening:

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended parents evening on Wednesday and for completing the questionnaire. If anyone was unable to make

it but would like to talk to their child's class teacher or complete the parental questionnaire then please speak to the class teacher who would be happy to help.

MCAS APP

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding with the issues around the MCAS App for communication. Mrs Lydon is working hard to try to get everything back up and running and you should hopefully start to see it coming back to life in the next week with your children's information being updated. Please can we ask that if you notice any information that is not correct or you cannot access what you would hope to, please let us know and we can try to rectify and support. If you have not yet had your access through for the App, please let the office know and we will be able to help with that.

Children and young person's advocacy drop in:

Advocacy Awareness Week

Blackpool C&YP Advocacy
@ Empowerment Charity

Join us to find out more about C & YP Advocacy

Children & Young Person's Advocacy Drop in at Blackpool Family Hubs

Monday 14th October
North Hub 10am - 1pm and Central Hub 2pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday 15th October
South Hub 2pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 16th October
Central Hub 10am-1pm and North Hub 2pm-4.30pm

Thursday 17th October
South Hub 10am-1pm and Central Hub 2pm-4.30pm

Friday 18th October
Central Hub 10am-1pm and North Hub 2pm-4.30pm

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 12:
Children and young people have the right to an opinion and to be listened to and taken seriously.

And finally, this week's superstars are...

Nursery – Logan for exploring and trying new sensory experiences and **Crystal** for coming into nursery with a big smile on her face and joining in activities. Well done both of you!

Reception – Dottie-Rose for always being a superstar and a role model to others and to **Isla-Rai** for being a kind and helpful friend. Well done to both of you!

1M – Arlo for demonstrating fantastic skills in P.E and **Alankritha** for gaining confidence in speaking to her friends. Well done both of you!

1G – Logan for trying very hard everyday and **Jayden** for always showing great resilience. Well done, both of you!

2JP- Lara for being an all round superstar and **Alvie** for showing the Mereside way perfectly. Well done!

2HP- Rico- For always doing the right thing.

Raven- For being a kind friend and helpful person in the classroom.

3B – Bella-Rose for showing excellent resilience and **Alexis** for always being a superstar! Well done both of you!

3W – Rayna for an exceptional effort and participation in all learning, **Megan** for being an all round superstar showing the Mereside Way and the whole of 3W for an exceptional effort in all tasks in our European Day of Languages. Well done all of you!

4B – Jade for your wonderful enthusiasm and attitude to learning, a wonderful start to year 4. **Cody** for consistently fabulous effort in all your work. I am very proud of you both!

4D – Lucas for a fantastic start to English. You wrote a fabulous persuasive letter and I was really impressed! **Donnie** - for ALWAYS being so helpful to others, being an amazing mathematician and making everyone smile every day. Well done to both of you and keep being brilliant!

5D – Maggie for always showing our school values and **Jayden F-W** for an amazing attitude and effort all week. Well done both of you!

6FB- Logan and **Nikita N** for demonstrating excellent resilience this week, and **all of 6FB** for a fantastic attitude towards their Mock SATs!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Wednesday 25th September – Tuesday 1st October – Book Fair in school

Monday 30th September – Open day for reception 2025 – 1.30pm

Tuesday 1st October – Open day for reception 2025 – 9.30am and 4pm

Friday 4th October – Harvest/Celebration assembly – 9am – all welcome

Wednesday 9th October - Year 3 Trip to Bowland Wild Boar Park

Tuesday 15th October - Coffee Morning with Mrs Peck (SENDCo) - all welcome

Thursday 17th October – 3W Library visit

Friday 18th October – School Photos – Individuals and Family

Friday 18th October – School closes for half term at 3.15pm

Any questions or queries then please don't hesitate to ask; thank you for your continued support,

Ms S Upton
Headteacher

Coming up next week...

Date	Event	Time
Monday 30 th September P.E. – 1G 3B 3W 6FB	Year 1-6 - Drawing Year 5 and 6 - Piano Club Open Day for reception starters September 2025 Book Fair	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 1.30pm 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Tuesday 1st October P.E. – 2JP 3B 3W 4B 5D	Years 1-6 - Dance (For the dance festival at the Winter gardens) Year 1 and 2 - Crafts Open Day for reception starters September 2025 Book Fair	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 9.30am / 4pm 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Wednesday 2nd October P.E. – 2JP 4B 4D	Staff training	
Thursday 3rd October P.E. – 1M 1G 2HP 5D 6FB	Storytelling - Year 1 and 2 Karaoke - Year 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Friday 4th October P.E. – Reception 1M 2HP 4D	Football – Years 5 and 6 (run by Blackpool Football Club) Harvest Celebration Assembly and donations - All welcome	3.15pm – 4.15pm 9am
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