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This week our attendance was...

**91%**

Oh no – Let's get to 96%

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy and slightly colder first week back we have had! It's been lovely to hear about the children's learning and excitement for bonfire night this week. I also enjoyed the flurry of fireworks we could see from the estate on Tuesday night in the after school club.

### **Welcome back**

I'd like to update our whole school community on the return of Mrs Walpole, Assistant headteacher and our DSL. For the next few weeks, her hours may look a little different, but they will be back to full time in no time.

#### **A message from Mrs Walpole**

*I'm back and I am feeling recovered following my operation ! It has been lovely to return and I want to particularly thank Mrs Thomas who has done an amazing job in my school role for the past 6 months. I am liaising closely with her and catching up about the support we currently have in place for families and children. You have the pleasure of both of us for a little while ! There have been quite a few changes and it is lovely to meet 'Trish' ( Mrs Taylor-Royston) in her family support role. If you would like to drop in for a cuppa and a chat with any of us, please just pop into the office and access school's family hub room. If we are unavailable due to pre-arranged meetings, we will get back to you asap to arrange an alternative convenient time to meet.*

I'd also like to welcome Ms Chapman to our Mereside community, having worked with Ms Chapman for over a year within her role in FCAT, I know that she will be able to support the children, parents and carers in school while Ms Upton is unwell.

Miss Peet has also joined us this week as our new HLTA who will be in some classes when teachers are out of class. She has a wealth of experience and has settled into Mereside life quickly!

### **PE dates**

As a reminder our PE dates for this half term are:

Rec - Monday

1M - Tuesday and Friday

1G - Tuesday and Friday

2JP - Tuesday and Friday

2HP - Tuesday and Friday

3B - Wednesday and Thursday

3W - Monday and Thursday

4B - Monday and Thursday

4D - Monday and Thursday

5D - Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday

6FB - Wednesday and Thursday

### **Clubs Autumn 2**

Clubs for Autumn two have been shared on MCAS today. Please check to sign up.

### **Remembrance service**

We will hold our annual remembrance service in school on Monday. Children will be able to purchase a poppy upon arrival on Monday for a donation.

### **Anti Bullying week 2024**



Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme: Choose Respect. Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12th November, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Over the course of the week pupils will be engaging in different activities to promote respect, along with our other school values, understand how we can support one another and create Anti-bullying charters within each class.

### **Christmas**

Christmas will be approaching quickly, and with this brings lots of productions and events in school. Next week I will publish all the finalised dates for your diaries so you don't miss anything. Likewise, I will also be sharing information about our Christmas fair.

## Children in need day



This year we would like to invite pupils to decorate a biscuit for the donation of £1 for Children in need. The money can be taken to class on or before Friday 15th November. Pupils will be invited to take part in this activity during the day to bring home to 'share' at home.

## Asda Cashpot



I was astounded to discover that we have a cashpot worth over £244 currently on the ASDA app. A huge thankyou to our parents and wider community who have opted for us to benefit from this cause. We look forward to being able to spend this money on items as directed by our pupil council.

## Football results

This week pupils from year 5 and 6 competed in an inter school competition. They won one and drew one. Mr Mooney and Miss Summers were very proud of the children, they were a credit to school. A big well done to Mr Mooney's man of the match **Josh F** and Miss Summer's man of the match **Luke M**.

## Above and Beyond:

This week these amazing children have reached above and beyond:

Jayden Forbes-Whitaker  
Jimmy Young  
Oscar Griffiths  
Isaac Forbes-Whitaker  
Dottie-Rose  
Christabel Lucky  
Karlson Panteli-Riley

Well done everyone!!

A huge well done to Jayden E , I hope you enjoy your hot chocolate treat!

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

Nursery – **Monika** for building positive relationships with her peers being kind and helpful and **Axel** for being super sensible and helping his brother settle into our daily routines

**Reception – Christabel** for being really helpful and kind. Your smile lights up the room. **Emily-Rose** for working so hard during phonic lessons. Well done to the both of you.

**1M – Summer** for trying hard in lessons and **Isaac** for a fantastic attitude towards learning. Well done, both of you!

**1G – Oscar** for having an amazing attitude to learning and having a positive start to the new half term and for **Olivia** for always trying her best and giving her all! Well done to you both!

**2JP - Marley** for being an all round superstar and **Elissa** for finding her voice and trying really hard! Well done!

**2HP- Rory** for always trying his best and being a good role model to others and **Isabella** for putting her hand up and getting involved in class discussions!

**3B – Jimmy** for a fantastic effort in all our phonics lessons and Finley for his beautiful presentation in his maths work.

**3W – Peyton** for being an all round superstar and **Gracie R** for her excellent work in maths.

**4B –Amelia** - for being a wonderful role model and having an excellent attitude to all things Mereside! **Eliza** for being an always pupil who has continued to have an amazing attitude and has contributed wonderfully to our class work.

**4D –Evie** for consistently being a fabulous role model. Her hard work and amount of effort in class has helped her to grow in confidence! **James** for having a great attitude towards his learning and supporting others. Keep up the good work!

**5D – Skarlet K** for her wonderful contributions to class discussions and **Jayden E** for having an impeccable attitude to learning! Well done both of you!

**6FB - Ruby-Blu** for her poetry that brought a tear to Miss Barson’s eye and **Lucas B** for being a an always pupil.

A big well done to everyone!!

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

Mrs L Richardson  
Deputy Headteacher

### Dates for the diary

Date	Event	Time
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November P.E. – 3W 4B 4D	Remembrance service	

<p>Tuesday 12th November</p> <p>P.E. – 1G</p> <p>1M</p> <p>2HP</p> <p>2JP</p> <p>5D (Swimming)</p>	<p>Year 6 trip to Spitfire centre</p>	
<p>Wednesday 13th November</p> <p>P.E. – 3B</p> <p>5D</p> <p>6FB</p>	<p>Year 4 trip to Lakeland Oasis in Milnthorpe</p>	
<p>Thursday 14th November</p> <p>P.E. – 3W</p> <p>3B</p> <p>4B</p> <p>4D</p> <p>6FB</p>		
<p>Friday 15th November</p> <p>P.E. – 2HP</p> <p>2JP</p> <p>1G</p> <p>1M</p>	<p>Children in need biscuit decorating</p>	