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This week our attendance was...

91.9%

Oh no – Let's get to 96%

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another very busy week in school this week with a group of children visiting a Science event today and 3B having a lovely day out on the train last Wednesday. Today has been a very successful Comic Relief Day whilst we've also been in full flow rehearsing for our Shakespeare performance with some of the children in year 6 and Years 3 and 4 being really busy preparing for their production next week. It'll be Easter before we know it!

Easter Bingo:

As part of Elmer's Big Parade celebration, we will be hosting a Mereside Family Easter Bingo on Wednesday 27th March at 3.30pm in the school hall. There will be lots of Easter goodies to be won so we're looking forward to seeing as many families there as possible. For further information please see the attached poster.

Year 3 and 4 Production:

Next week is our much-awaited year 3 / 4 production of, 'The Mystery of Magpie Manor'. The children have been working so hard to learn their lines and song words and we are sure that they will make everybody proud. Performances are next Tuesday at 2pm and then Wednesday at 9.30am. Good luck to all involved!

Uniform:

Over recent weeks, we have seen a steady increase in the number of children not wearing appropriate school uniform. Could you please make sure that your child is wearing grey school skirt or trousers, a white polo shirt and our school jumper. Footwear should be black shoes or fully black trainers. Please note that brightly coloured trainers are not permitted with our full school uniform. On PE days, children should be wearing a plain t-shirt in the colour of their house, their PE sweatshirt, black leggings / jogging bottoms and a pair of trainers. We thank you for your support with this as it is so important that all children feel a sense of pride and belonging when wearing their uniform.

Easter Class Swap:

Next Friday we will be holding our annual Easter Class Swap Day where in the afternoon our teacher's will swap classes to take part in an Easter Craft activity

with that class. This is a great opportunity for all of our children to build relationships with other staff members in school.

Book Fair:

Just a quick reminder that our book fair is still in school for the beginning of next week and will be open on Monday and Tuesday at 3.15pm before it is collected on Wednesday morning.

Family Hub Updates – Stick Man Workshop:

Is your child in reception? If so, we would love for you to join us in a stick man workshop where you and your child will be able to get creative whilst listening to stories. Please see the attached flyer for further information and if you would like to book on then simply follow the link or speak to Mrs Benyon.

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

Nursery – Noah for beginning to grow in self-confidence and beginning to be proud of his achievements and **Dylan-Joshua** for having a super week and using his listening ears and making the right choices. Well done both of you!

RT – Reegan for writing her sentences completely independently and **Summer** for completing all the colour changes. Well done both of you!

RM – Isla-Rose for always being a model student and for having high expectations of herself and **Victoria** for a fantastic story retelling of the Little Red Hen. Well done both of you, you are both shining stars!

1M – Theon for a fantastic first week at Mereside and **Harper** for always being a great friend. Well done both of you!

1/2G – Dottie for a brilliant week and working so hard on her writing and **Rea** for always being polite and helpful. Well done both of you!

2B – Scarlett and **McKenzie** for making every piece of their literacy work better than the last. You have both made excellent progress. We are so proud of you both – Well done!

3B – The whole of 3B for being absolutely amazing on our trip and doing a great job representing Mereside Primary! Well done all of you!

3/4D – Charley for her determination to improve her work and **Tilly** for some fantastic work in maths. Well done both of you!

4FB – Kian for excellent work in science creating his own extension to our experiments on ice and **Scarlet K** for an excellent knowledge of the Easter Story and such positive contributions in our RE lesson. Well done both of you! We'd also like to say a huge thank you to Miss Gradwell who finishes her placement with us today.

5W – Marleigh for a fantastic first week at Mereside and **Lucas** for putting 100% effort into everything he does. Well done both of you!

6H – Rio for respecting others and showing our school values so well and **Makayla** for some great research on Blackpool for her report writing. Well done both of you!

6HP – Max for some amazing work on his non-chronological report and putting in 100% effort and **Kayden** for having a super week. Well done both of you!

We also have a very special star of the week for Laura Griffiths who spent so much time sharing her baking skills with the other parents at our coffee morning. Thank you so much – you were an absolute star!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

(Please note this will be updated with new dates as the term progresses)

Wednesday 13th – Tuesday 19th March – Book Fair in school

Tuesday 19th March – Year 3 and 4 production – 2pm

Wednesday 20th March – Year 3 and 4 production – 9.30am

Thursday 21st March – World Poetry Day

School nurse drop in session

Friday 22nd March – Easter Class swap day

Wednesday 27th March – Easter Bonnet competition – EY and KS1

Easter Egg decoration competition – KS2

Family Easter Bingo – All welcome – 3.30pm

Thursday 28th March – Easter themed celebration assembly

School closes for the Easter holiday at **1.30pm**

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 18 th March P.E. – 3B 3/4D 4FB	Lego Club – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Drawing Club – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Recycled Robots – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Eco Club – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	SATs revision – English – Year 6	8am
	Book Fair in school	3.15pm
Tuesday 19 ^h March P.E. – Early Years 5W 6HP 6H	Seasonal Crafts – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Cosmic Yoga – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Just Dance – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Tangling and Doodling (10 max) – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Year 3/4 production	2pm

	Book Fair in school	3.15pm
Wednesday 20 th March P.E. – 3B 3/4D 4FB	Mini Choir – Years 1 and 2 Rugby – Year 3 Year 5 Year 3/4 production	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 9.30am
Thursday 21 st March P.E. – 1M 1/2G 2B 5W 6HP 6H	Bingo – Years 1 and 2 Choir – Years 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 Keyboard (same children as last time) SATs revision – Maths – Year 6 World Poetry Day	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 8am All day
Friday 22 nd March P.E. – 1M 1/2G 2B	Puppets, dancing, rhymes and songs - Reception Football – Years 3 and 4 (BFC) Easter Class Swap	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 1.30pm – 2.30pm

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Adult Skills

Stick Man Workshop



for
Reception
Pupils
→

Take part in fun activities with your child based on Julia Donaldson's book, *Stick Man*

- ✓ Listen to the story
- ✓ Make your own Stick Man
- ✓ Go on a hunt
- ✓ Get creative
- ✓ Play games

few places left

Free workshop on
Thursday 21st March 9.00-11.00am
Mereside Primary

Book your place by filling in the form at
<https://bit.ly/FLSM24>

or see Ms Benson



Due to health and safety we are unable to accommodate younger siblings in the session



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Mereside Family Easter Bingo



Wednesday 27th March - 3:30 – 5:30 in the school hall

50p per game strip

£2.50 book of 6 strips



Prizes

1 line - small Easter prize

2 lines - medium Easter

Full house - large Easter prize



Family tables - all welcome



All profits will be donated to Brian House through our partnership with Elmer's Parade



Refreshments and snack shop provided at a small cost - profits to Brian House



Grand Easter Raffle - £1 a strip