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This week our attendance was... 93.6%

Oh no – Let's get to 96%

 $28^{th}\,March\,2024$

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just a reminder that school closes for the Easter Holiday today at 1.30pm and we reopen on Monday 15th April at 8.35am

Happy Easter Everyone!!!!

Easter Bingo:

A huge thank you to everyone who attended last nights Easter Bingo. We fitted just over 100 people into the hall and a great time was had by all. A special thank you goes to Mrs Meeks for her wonderful organisation, our families for their great support and all the staff who stayed to support the event. Thank you everyone!

Competition Winners:

This week we have had our Easter competitions in school and I know our Judges, Miss Power and Miss Tench, had such difficult decisions to make. The entries were absolutely wonderful so well done everyone! Our winners are:

Nursery (2 year old room) – Brooklyn and Niko Nursery (Pre school room) – Cash and Emilia RT – Summer and Arlo RM – Pearl and Wiinter 1M – Maya and Charlie 1/2G – Marley and Peyton 2B – Cameron and Finley 3B – Lilly and Alfie 3/4D – Tilly and Isabella 4FB – Harley and Whyatt 5W – Ruby-Blu and Lucas W 6HP – Willow and Riley E 6JP – Tiana and Riley H

Mrs Harvey:

It is with great sadness that we are saying goodbye to Mrs Harvey today who is our Family Worker employed by the charity SHS. We would like to wish Linda all the best of luck in her future career and extend a very large thank you for all of the work for our families. We'll really miss you!

PE and Swimming - Summer Term:

Year 4 will be starting swimming on a Tuesday after Easter. For all PE lessons can we please ask that parents and carers remove earrings before they come into school as this is causing a few issues.

Early Years – Thursday 1M – Monday and Friday 1/2G – Monday and Friday 2B – Monday and Friday 3B – Tuesday and Thursday 3/4D – Tuesday and Thursday 4FB – Tuesday and Thursday 5W – Tuesday and Wednesday 6JP – Tuesday and Wednesday

FSM Vouchers:

For those families entitled to free school meals vouchers will be sent out next week so please check your emails.

After School Clubs:

Next week we will also be sending out our update after school activity list for you to sign up for. Please try and ensure that your child attends at least one activity as it is great for them to mix wit ha wider range of people from across the school.

Family Hub Updates:

Our Family Hub Team wish all our Mereside families a lovely Easter holiday. If you need any help over the festive period, please contact Blackpool South Family Hub, whom are based at Palatine Leisure Centre on St Anne's Road, Blackpool.

APRIL FAMILY HUB EVENTS:

* Mereside Movers at our COFFEE MORNING in children's centre on 17th April & on 15th May - Refreshments & free toiletries + clothing to share * Family Workshop - date to be confirmed

* Mereside Movers at Freedom Church on Tuesday 30th April @ 9am

** HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAMME starts in school on Monday 22nd April @ 3.15 - 4.15pm

(Families will take part in fun games & activities + receive prizes, vouchers & a 3-month leisure pass)

THE FREEDOM CHURCH EASTER FAMILY EVENTS:

* Free Craft Cafe on Wednesday 3rd April from 10am to 12pm

* Family Bingo on Friday 5th April from 5 - 7pm

(Adults £5 + Kids £1 & food available)

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

Nursery – Scarlett for clear communication and making us so proud and Mason for using his words and engaging so well in carpet times. Well done both of you! RT – Jac for a fantastic effort in phonics and Maggie for trying really hard to write her sentences and writing lots at home. Well done both of you!

RM – Mason for always challenging himself and being such a motivated learner and **Eryk** for making so much progress in reading and phonics.

1M – Karlson for always being an always child, all day, every day and **Elissa** for using her big voice. Well done both of you!

1/2G – Dominic for having a really positive week and **Tine** for being so helpful and caring. Well done both of you!

2B – **Holly** for an excellent effort in her writing and developing her ideas so well and **Amelia** for some super work in maths when measuring. We are so proud of you both – Well done!

3B – Theo for settling in so well, **Ebony** for an excellent week and **Corey** for an amazing effort with his writing. Well done both of you!

3/4D – Ben for articulating himself so well and **Grace** for some excellent work in Literacy Well done both of you!

4FB – Isaac for an amazing Literacy Big Write and impressing all classroom staff with his enthusiasm for our book, Frindleswylde and **Dante** for a fantastic last week with us at Mereside. Well done both of you!

5W – Logan for always being an excellent role model both in and out of the classroom and **Alicia** for consistently pushing herself and attempting the 'tricky' bits. Well done both of you!

6H – Charlie for a positive attitude towards school and **Danielle** for being so helpful and supporting others. Well done both of you!

6HP –Juno for always being very enthusiastic and asking lots of insightful questions and **Drake** for making an excellent pop up book. Well done both of you!

We'd also like to say a very big Mereside thank you to IIona's mum in nursery, Dorina for all her help translating for our new family. It was very much appreciated!!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

This will be updated on the first week back after Easter with all our key dates for the Summer Term.

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

Ms S Upton Headteacher