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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been delighted to welcome everyone back this week. School is buzzing once again with so many different activities going on in every class I visit. The children have been absolutely amazing and we are so proud of them!

Get Mereside Moving 2021:

Run for Fun or Walk and Talk, that is our aim in the coming weeks as we aim to get Mereside moving. Starting this week, we will be running from Blackpool to London, which works out at a massive 380Km (or 236 miles!)

Our route plan is...

Blackpool to Kirkham 14 km
 To Preston 14km
 To Bolton 28km
 To Manchester 17km
 To Stoke on Trent 58 km
 To Birmingham 65km
 To Oxford 96km
 To London 88km

For every 100m completed each child will fill in a box on their class booklet until they reach the next destination. Here they will learn interesting facts about each place before moving on to the next leg of their travels. Good luck everyone!

Meet our Mereside Bee:

Our school Therapy Dog, Fudge, has been a huge asset to school so we thought it must be time to introduce our next (not quite life size!) school pet. We are delighted to introduce you to our Mereside Bee – Be kind, be safe, be ready!



The first job for our Mereside Bee was to hand out the prizes to our competition winners from our virtual school trip day – Well done to all our winners! The children loved meeting our new staff member and we can't wait for more classroom visits in the future.

Red Nose Day:

Next Friday is Red Nose Day. This year the focus is around superheroes and having fun. With this in mind we are happy for all children to come to school dressed as a superhero or just simply in non-uniform. Throughout the day there will be a variety of activities in school for the children to look forward to.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, donations this year cannot be made in cash and therefore a link will be sent where you can donate online.

Mereside's Book Day:

Just a head's up that on Friday 26th March we will be holding our very own Mereside Book Day to celebrate properly now we have all of our children back in school. Children are more than welcome to dress up as a book character for the day and we will be running many activities during the day for all year groups.

On a sadder note:

It has been brought to my attention by a few members of staff that at certain times of the day, but especially over lunchtime, one or two of our children are letting us down with their manners. The vast majority of our children have been polite and respectful with brilliant behaviour as always, however for the few that are letting us down at the moment I must reiterate that disrespect or lack of manners is NOT acceptable in school at any time. Could I ask all parents to talk to their children this weekend and reiterate the importance of manners and respect in school. Thank you for your support with this.

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

Nursery – Luke for settling back into nursery and the nursery routine very well. He has been kind to his friends and has been really enthusiastic to learn new things, asking lots of inquisitive questions.

RT – Isabella for settling in so well to a fantastic first week and **Olivia** for helping me and keeping me organised...a mini teacher in the making!

R/1P- Billie for having an amazing first week, showing kindness to her friends and always having a lovely smile on her face, **Kian E** for working hard making number bonds to 10 using numicon and having lovely ideas on the carpet, during his first week in our class. Finally, a big well done to the whole class for settling back into routines, showing resilience and helping our new friends settle in!

1M – Kian for settling back into school so well and **Amelia** for some amazing phonics work.

2R – Charlie for being a great friend, having a positive attitude and working hard and

Ijeoma for giving 100% effort in everything she does and being kind and caring.

3/4P – Braxten for trying really hard with his work and behaviour all week and **Max** for settling back into school life so confidently and enthusiastically.

3/4SP – Lilly for completing some excellent work this week and showing great effort in lessons and **Jayden** for impressing so much in Maths. Well done!

3/4KR – Alexander for always being exceptionally well-mannered and polite and **Jack** for returning to school with a really positive attitude.

5/6C – Teyla for having a wonderful attitude and being a super helper in class and **Jack** for returning to school with such a mature attitude.

5/6M – Sophia and **Brooke D** for both overcoming barriers and showing great resilience now school is fully open again. You have both been amazing!

5/6B – Liam for having such an amazing, fantastic attitude on his return to school and **Reece** for producing some fantastic work in Science this week.

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Friday 19th March – Red Nose Day

Wednesday 24th March – It's Easter Competition time! Bring into school for judging your Easter hats (Nursery, reception, year 1 and Year 2) and your egg decorating (Years 3-6)

Thursday 25th March – Easter Celebrations in school. We'll make sure it all goes on Facebook so you don't miss out!

Friday 26th March – Mereside Book Day

Friday 26th March - School closes between 1.15pm and 1.30pm for the Easter Holidays. The exact time for each bubble will follow next week!

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

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Headteacher