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This week our attendance was...

92.3%

Oh no – let's get 96% next week!

13th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's all change in Years 3 and 4:

Our lower key stage 2 phase has expanded and therefore there is a need for our two classes to become three. All parents/carers of children in years 3 and 4 should have received a separate letter with more details in it last Tuesday. If you haven't received this, please contact the office who will ensure you receive a copy. This means that we welcome Miss Cropper into school who will be working alongside Mrs Sunderland (the former Miss Raby!) in the extra class.

Primary School Admissions (Reception children for 2023):

If you haven't already done so, don't forget to apply for a school place for our reception class for September. The deadline for applications is this Sunday, 15th January. To complete the form online please use the following link.

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school-place.aspx>

Library Service:

Please see the attached leaflet for further information for booktime story times at the library. I know many of our children love listening to stories and it is something that the whole family can get involved in!

American Lunch Day:

Next Thursday is our American lunch day in school. If you would like your child to have a school dinner on this day, instead of a packed lunch, please let the office know.

5/6JP Charity Fundraising :

On Friday 20th January the children in 5/6JP have chosen to host a **HERO RUN** for our chosen charity **The ABF Soldiers Charity**. This includes the rest of the school taking part in a sponsored run dressed as a superhero. To take part in this event we are asking for a donation of 50p per child across school to give to the charity. Children are welcome to come to school dressed up as a superhero and will be making a superhero mask within school hours to wear to the event if needed.

We also welcome any parents/carers to come join in too and you are also welcomed to dress up if you would like and complete the run with your child. A 50p donation will also be welcomed.

Here are the times for the event:

Nursery and Reception – 9.30AM

KS1 – 10AM

LKS2 – 10.30M

UKS2 – 11AM

When the children return to school, we will also be hosting a bake sale and selling the Charity's merchandise, with items starting from 20p+. Children from all year groups are welcome to come into school with some money to buy a treat with if they wish.

Parents Stars of the week:

This week, and for the first time ever, we have awarded a star of the week certificate to parents and Nans for helping to organise our donated clothing and footwear store. They have also helped with refreshments at our family hub coffee morning, they have worked so hard and we are grateful for their support. So, a big thank you to Rory & Darcy's Mum, Amy Kalthoeber and Teddy's Nan, Angela Wild.

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

Nursery – Darcy for being really happy in nursery and settling back in so well. Well done Darcy!

RT – Vinnie for blowing us all away with his reading and **Alvie** for always being kind and working so hard – Well done both of you!

RP – Amber for continuing to flourish with her reading, she can now blend words in her head and read tricky words. Amber, you 'WOW' me every day and then **Jessica** for being so impressive in all areas of learning but especially in writing. She is able to hear all the dominant sounds in words. You have made fantastic progress Jessica. Well done both of you!

1/2G – Kian for making bug improvements in the classroom and for being so helpful and **IJ** for trying so hard with his writing skills and giving everything a go. Well done both of you! Finally, a big well done goes to the **whole of 1/2G** for having an amazing attitude to learning this week.

1/2R – Peyton for being a super listener and making wonderful progress in maths and writing and **Alfie** for brilliant work with 3D shapes in maths and brilliant writing about The Ugly Duckling. Well done - you are both superstars!

1/2M – Cody for fantastic contributions during our whole class sessions and **James** for fantastic reading and always reading at home – Well done both of you!

3/4FB – Reggie and **Santi** for being a super role model and always being on task – Well done both of you! Also, to **all the year 3's** for being absolute superstars!

3/4P – Dante for being so inquisitive in science and **all the year 4's** for having a great year, you will be missed!

5/6HP – Blue for such a huge improvement in his writing and **Braxten** for being noticed by staff around school for being kind and supportive towards others. Well done both of you!

5/6JP – Travis for having a fantastic attitude towards everything and **Tommy** for brilliant effort in his work. Well done both of you!

5/6W – Akshath for settling in to a new school so well and working really hard and **Alex** for being an always person and superb role model to everyone in the class. Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Sunday 15th January – Primary school admissions close for new reception 2023

Monday 16th January – SEND meetings all week

Thursday 19th January – American Day lunch

Friday 20th January – 5/6JP Charity Fundraising – whole school superhero day!

Monday 23rd January– Chinese lunch

Monday 6th February – Mental health and wellbeing week

Thursday 9th February – Valentine’s lunch

School closes for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 20th February – School reopens

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Wednesday 15th March – Parents Evening

Friday 17th March – Comic Relief

St. Patrick Day’s lunch

Tuesday 21st March – Year 3/4 production 1.30pm

Wednesday 22nd March – Year 3/4 production 9.30am

Friday 24th March – Easter class swap

Wednesday 29th March – Easter competition day (Early years and KS1 – Easter bonnets; KS2 Egg decorating

Thursday 30th March – Easter Service – All welcome

Friday 31st March – School closes for Easter at 1.30pm

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support,

Ms S Upton

Headteacher

Coming up next week...

SEND meetings all week – parents who are involved have been sent an appointment.

Date	Event	Time
Monday 16 th January	Bingo – Years 1/2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
P.E. - 1/2M	Choir – Years 3/4/5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
1/2R	Sing and Sign– Reception/1/2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
1/2G	Commando Joes – 3/4/5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Manga drawing – 3/4/5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 17 th January	Football Club - Years 3/4/5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
P.E. - 5/6HP		3.15pm – 4.15pm

<p>(Double Session)</p> <p>5/6JP 5/6W 3/4FB 3/4P</p>	<p>Recycled Marble runs – Years 1/2/3/4/5/6</p> <p>Drawing Club – Reception</p> <p>Dance/cheerleading Club – Years 1/2</p> <p>Reading Rebels Book Club – Years 5/6</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p>
<p>Wednesday 18th January</p> <p>P.E. – 5/6JP 5/6W</p>	<p>Mini Sports – Reception</p> <p>Yoga Club – Years 1/2</p> <p>Craft Club – Years 5/6</p> <p>Learn to Crochet – Years 3/4</p> <p>Rugby – Years 5/6</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p>
<p>Thursday 19th January</p> <p>P.E. – Early Years 1/2G 1/2M 1/2R</p>	<p>Schools Alive – Existing members only</p> <p>American Day Lunch</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>11.30am – 1pm</p>
<p>Friday 20th January</p> <p>P.E. – 3/4FB 3/4P</p>	<p>Wood Work – Years 3/4/5/6</p> <p>Tower Building – Years 1/2</p> <p>Year 5/6 Charity Day</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>All day</p>