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This week our attendance was...

93.9%

Well done everyone!

13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just a reminder that school closes for October half term next Friday, the 20th October, at 3.15pm and we reopen on Tuesday 7th November.

Halloween Pumpkin Competition/Disco:

Next Tuesday all of our children are welcome to come into school dressed in a Halloween costume as we host our Spooktacular disco with games and delicious snacks. We are asking for a contribution of £2 which includes money towards the disco and treats. Nursery will have their disco during the school day in the early years area. Reception and KS1 disco will take place in the school hall, 2-3pm. Collection will be at the usual time from their classroom whilst KS2 are invited to the disco from 3:15-4.15pm.

On top of this we will also be holding a pumpkin carving competition on Tuesday with all entries on display in the hall. This is open to all year groups so have fun carving and we look forward to seeing all the entries!

PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE NO DANCE CLUB AFTER SCHOOL, this will instead be re-arranged in school time as they do their practice ready for their performance. There will also be NO YEAR 5/6 DRAWING CLUB. However, KS1 after school activities will run as normal.

Class photographs and celebration assembly:

Next Friday will be class photographs in school so full school uniform please and hopefully lots of big smiles! As the hall will be set up for the photographs from 8.30am there will unfortunately be no celebration assembly next Friday.

Black History Month:

As you are aware, our children have been celebrating Black History month this week and a selection of their work will be on show in the children's centre between 2.45pm and 3.15pm on Thursday 19th October. Please feel free to pop in to have a look!

Half term sports week:

Blackpool Football Club Community Trust will be running a half term sports camp on our school site for children in years 4-6 during October half term. A link has been sent out on parent app so please sign up if interested.

Mereside Movers:

We will be hosting a Halloween themed Mereside Movers session at the Freedom Church on Monday at 9am. Please bring along your toddlers and pre-schoolers to join in all the fun.

(The Church cafe & charity shop are open each morning and a Food Bank on Thursdays)

Library visits:

Next week we will also be re-starting our class visits to Mereside Library. We will be starting with 1M next Monday afternoon with dates being booked in for every class to attend in the coming months. Thank you to Mrs Walsh for all her hard work in organising.

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

Nursery – Oliver for his enthusiasm for learning and following rules so well and **Cash** for really being engaged in self chosen activities and showing lots of interest in animals and mini beasts. Well done both of you!

RT – Ade for settling into our class so well and being a marvellous Meresider and **Darcie** for trying so hard with her phonics. Well done both of you!

RM – Eryk for settling into school life so well and **Jayden** for always being ready to learn. Well done both of you!

1M – Charlie for trying hard in all lessons and **Alice** for being a great friend. Well done both of you!

1/2G – Ehis and **Jack** for lots of hard work and always giving their best. Well done all of you!

2B – Gracie-Mai for an excellent effort in her written work across all subjects and **Hugo** for a fantastic attitude and engagement in geography and science. We are so proud of you both – Well done!

3B – IJ for always being helpful in class and doing the right thing and **Isabella** for trying so hard to improve her behaviour. Well done both of you!

3/4D – Isabella for having a brilliant attitude inside and outside the classroom and **Darcy** for showing such resilience in her learning. Well done both of you!

4FB – Arianna for a fantastic contribution to Black History Month and **Isaac** for a wonderfully thought out DT project. Well done both of you!

5W – Riley for always making great choices and being an exemplary member of our school community and **Mirabella** for consistent, high level reading and always having her reading book and diary in school every day. Well done both of you!

6JP – Daniel for some fantastic work in maths and **Riley** for excellent engagement in everything. Well done both of you!

6HP – Blue for putting a smile on my face with his positive attitude towards learning and **Riley** for an excellent effort when attempting a new method in maths. Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

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

Monday 16th October – Mereside Movers at the Freedom Church – 9am

Tuesday 17th October – Halloween fun day – All children – disco and dress up

Thursday 19th October – Unity Academy Football Tournament

Friday 20th October – Class Photographs

School closes for half term at 3.15pm

Tuesday 7th November – School opens

Themed week – Artists

Friday 10th November – Remembrance Service

Parents lunch and spend the afternoon in class

Wednesday 15th November – Coffee morning with our school nurse

Friday 17th November – Children in Need – Non-uniform day

Monday 27th – Friday 1st December – Waterpark Residential – UKS2

Friday 8th December – Whole school panto

Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 12th December – Early Years production – 2pm

Wednesday 13th December – Early Years production – 9.30am

Friday 15th December – Christmas Fair

Monday 18th December – Early Years Christmas party

Tuesday 19th December – Years 3 and 4 Christmas party

KS1 production – 2pm

Wednesday 20th December – KS1 production 9.30am

Whole school Christmas dinner

Thursday 21st December – KS1 and Upper KS2 Christmas party

Friday 22nd December – Christmas celebration assembly and sing song

School closes for Christmas at 1.30pm

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

Ms S Upton
Headteacher

Coming up next week...

Date	Event	Time
Monday 16 th October P.E. – 1/2G 1M	Story Club – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Ball Games – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Sing and Sign – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Football – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Manga – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Early Years Book Club	Lunchtime
	Mereside Movers – Freedom Church	9am

<p>Tuesday 17th October</p> <p>P.E. – 2B 3B 3/4D 4FB 5W 6HP 6JP</p>	<p>Seasonal Crafts – Years 1 and 2</p> <p>Years 1 and 2 Reading tales in the tepee</p> <p>Halloween dress up day, disco and pumpkin carving competition</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>All day</p>
<p>Wednesday 18th October</p> <p>P.E. – 1M 1/2G</p>	<p>Mini Choir – Years 1 and 2</p> <p>Just Dance – Years 3 and 4</p> <p>Archery – Years 5 and 6</p> <p>Year 3 and 4 Book Club</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>Lunchtime</p>
<p>Thursday 19th October</p> <p>P.E. – 3B 3/4D 4FB 5W 6HP 6JP</p>	<p>Playground Games – Reception</p> <p>Lego Club – Years 3 and 4</p> <p>Athletics – Years 3 and 4</p> <p>Rounders – Years 5 and 6</p> <p>Choir – Years 3/4/5/6</p> <p>Athletics – Years 5 and 6</p> <p>Keyboard Lessons – Years 5 and 6</p> <p>Year 5 and 6 Book Club</p> <p>Black History Month display in the Children’s Centre</p> <p>Football tournament – school team</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>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>Lunchtime</p> <p>2.45pm – 3.15pm</p> <p>PM</p>
<p>Friday 20th October</p> <p>P.E. – Reception 2B</p>	<p>Football – Years 5 and 6 (run by Blackpool Football Club)</p> <p>Year 6 library</p> <p>Class Photographs – No celebration assembly</p> <p>School closes for half term</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>Lunchtime</p> <p>All day</p> <p>3.15pm</p>