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This week our attendance was...

**97.3%**

**Well done everyone!**

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had another brilliant week in school this week with a range of activities going on. Please see our Facebook page to see our photographs from the week. Also, a massive thank you for all your efforts with your costumes for Roald Dahl Day. They looked absolutely fantastic!

**We are delighted to announce...**

A massive congratulations to the following children who have been awarded key roles in school.

**Our house captains will be:**

Air (Yellow) – Mathew and Danielle  
Water (Blue) – Kelsey and Riley  
Fire (Red) – Rio and Makayla  
(Green) – Harrison and Mylee

**Our Prefects will be:**

Alex, Mylee, Willow, Gabriella, Amber, Daniel, Juno and Shanequa

**Our Pupil Councillors will be:**

RP – Muhammed and Victoria  
RT – Cameron and Mylah  
1M – Karlson and Isabella-Rose  
1/2G – Megan and Nathan  
2B – Sapphire and Lexcy  
3B – Teddy and Tina  
3/4D – Tilly and Theo  
4FB – Skarlett and Millie-Mae  
5W – Nikita N and Lucas  
6HP – Brianna and Max  
6JP - Mylee and Leah

**Our Reading Ambassadors will be:**

Danielle, Mylee, Alicia and Rocco

**Whilst finally our librarians are:**

Daniel, Kyla, Lucas and Makayla

**Parents Evening:**

Parents Evening this term will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. This is the perfect chance to speak to your child's new teacher and see how they have settled in. Appointments can be made via parent app and you should receive this by the end of today. If you haven't received anything by Monday then please let the office know who will be happy to help.

**Jeans for Genes Day:**

Next Friday is the national Jeans for Genes Day, raising money for seriously ill children with gene disorders. All children are welcome to come into school wearing non-uniform with a £1 donation to the charity.

**All Reception Parents:**

A reading information evening will be held on Monday 18th September from 3.30pm - 4pm. Mrs Walsh and the Early Years team will provide you with all of the information that you need to start your child on their reading journey. This is a fantastic opportunity to discuss phonics and reading with the teachers and ask any questions that you may have. We look forward to seeing you there!

**A message from Mrs Lydon:**

- ParentApps – please can all parents look out for an invite from ParentApps inviting them to login and activate their accounts – this is where we send out all our newsletters, school info, club bookings, PE days and important messages etc...
- Parent Pay – if not yet activated accounts – please come to see us and we will help with activation codes and set up...
- A form will be sent out next week via ParentApps for parents to update their personal data so that we have all the correct information in our systems for all children – includes, phone numbers, address, who can collect from school, can they walk home on their own etc...

Thank you for all your support in making our office run smoothly.

**Attendance – Is my child too ill for school?**

As you are aware, attendance in schools has always been of importance, however, it is also very high on the current government agenda. They have linked in with the NHS to guide parents on when to keep their child at home and when to send them into school. Please see the following document, 'Is my child too ill for school?' for further details and also remember that every child's attendance should be higher than 96%.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### **Class Photos / Key dates:**

Just so you are aware, I have added in to the key dates section the upcoming date for class photos. This will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. I have also added all dates for the second half term, including dates for Christmas activities.

### **A message from our family support hub:**

*\*\* Our Family Hub is now located in our school reception area - please call in for a chat, we have donated uniform available and lots of information on school and local early help support.*



*Alternatively, please join us at one of the following events...*

*MERESIDE MOVERS at The Freedom Church*

*on MONDAY 25th September 9 - 9.30am*

*& MONDAY 16th October 9 - 9.30am*

*(Parents/Carers play group for 0 - 4 years, all very welcome)*

*Family Hub Wednesday Coffee Morning Dates:*

*27th September with Mrs Peck / SEND advice & support*

*11th October with Mrs Walsh / MERESIDE MOVERS*

*(Parents/Carers play group for 0 - 4 years, all very welcome)*

*15th November with our SCHOOL NURSE*

**PARENTING COURSE - Please enrol now:**

Starting on 26th September on Tuesdays

from 10am to 12 noon - *practical tips & advice*

*If you have any questions or queries, please just ask for Ms Benyon.*

### **Blackpool Gang Show:**

In October half term some of our children will be performing in the scouts/girlguiding Blackpool Gang Show at the Grand Theatre. This runs from the 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> October and is a true variety show with fun for all the family. If you get the chance, please go down to support our children.

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

**Nursery** – **Emily** for being an absolute superstar and **Stella** for coming in really happy and great work with the potty training. Well done both of you!

**RT** – **Jesse** for always being a good friend and **Ava** for beautiful writing and always giving 100% in everything. Well done both of you!

**RM** – **Isla-Rose** for always being ready to learn by always positively contributing during learning time and **Ellie** for always being so happy and helpful in class, you're such a superstar Ellie. Well done both of you!

**1M** – **Kingsley** for having a fantastic attitude towards his work and **Isabella** for fantastic contributions in whole class sessions. Well done both of you!

**1/2G** – **Madeleine** for settling in really well and always being a star and **Megan** for always being helpful and kind. Well done all of you!

**2B** – **Rylee** for asking fantastic questions and always having a response to whole class work and **Sapphire** for excellent effort and attitude in all areas - always. We are so proud of you both – Well done!

**3B** – **Alfie** for working so hard this week on his growth mindset and trying so hard even when he finds it difficult and **Ella** for always giving 100% in everything she does. She is always ready to learn and a joy to have in class. Well done both of you!

**3/4D** – **Daniel** for putting in 100% effort, **Theo** for some brilliant work all week and **Jayden** for having a fantastic attitude to learning. Well done all of you!

**4FB** – **Charlie** and **Jayden F-W** for a fantastic week and such an outstanding effort. Well done both of you!

**5W** – **Nikkita M** and **Alfie** for consistently being always children, setting a superb example to others and working really hard in their learning in all subjects. Well done both of you!

**6JP** – **Kelsey** and **Amber** for facing their fears and showing fantastic swimming. Well done both of you!

**6HP** – **Logan** for his brilliant artwork of Fantastic Mr Fox and **Kayden** for excellent effort and resilience in P.E. 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 term progresses)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – Reception parents reading meeting – 3.30pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** – Jeans for Genes Day (Non-uniform)

Library service in to present awards

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Gazette Reception Class Photograph

Mereside Movers at the Freedom Church – 9am

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – European Day of Languages

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – October 4<sup>th</sup>** – Book Fair in school

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Coffee morning (with SEND advice and support)

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Parent Champion Meeting – All welcome

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Open day for reception 2024 – 1.30pm

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Open day for reception 2024 – 9.30am and 4pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Evening

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest assembly – 9am – all welcome

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Coffee morning with Mereside Movers

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Mereside Movers at the Freedom Church – 9am

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Class Photographs  
 School closes for half term at 3.15pm

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – School opens  
 Themed week – Artists

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Service  
 Parents lunch and spend the afternoon in class

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Coffee morning with our school nurse

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need – Non-uniform day

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Waterpark Residential – UKS2

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole school panto  
 Christmas Jumper Day

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Early Years production – 2pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Early Years production – 9.30am

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fair

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Early Years Christmas party

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 3 and 4 Christmas party  
 KS1 production – 2pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 production 9.30am  
 Whole school Christmas dinner

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – KS1 and Upper KS2 Christmas party

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 18 <sup>th</sup> September  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
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September  P.E. – 2B 3B 3/4D 4FB 5W 6HP	Dance Festival – Years 1/2/3/4/5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Seasonal Crafts – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Zentangle Drawing – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm

6JP	Years 1 and 2 Reading tales in the tepee	Lunchtime
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September P.E. – 1M 1/2G	Mini Choir – Years 1 and 2 Just Dance – Years 3 and 4 Archery – Years 5 and 6 Year 3 and 4 Book Club	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm Lunchtime
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September P.E. – 3B 3/4D 4FB 5W 6HP 6JP	Playground Games – Reception Lego Club – Years 3 and 4 Athletics – Years 3 and 4 Rounders – Years 5 and 6 Choir – Years 3/4/5/6 Athletics – Years 5 and 6 Keyboard Lessons – Years 5 and 6 Year 5 and 6 Book Club	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm Lunchtime
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September P.E. – Reception 2B	Football – Years 5 and 6 (run by Blackpool Football Club) Year 6 library Jeans for Genes Day - £1 donation	3.15pm – 4.15pm Lunchtime All day