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16th September 2022

This week our attendance was...

95.1%

Oh no – let's get 96% next week!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a busy first few weeks back in school and everyone has settled in so well with their new classes. I have had many children come up to my room to share their work with me and it's been lovely to see how proud they are of what they have produced.

We also can't wait for next week where we have an author visiting school to work with our KS2 children on Tuesday and then we have a whole school science day on Thursday.

Bank Holiday:

Just a reminder that school is closed this Monday for the Queen's funeral and will reopen on Tuesday 20th September.

Waterpark:

Our year 5 and 6 children have had an amazing week at Waterpark this week and when I visited them on Tuesday I couldn't have been prouder of them. They were all superstars and an absolute credit to both their families and our school. Now to start organising the next waterpark trip...

Community Reading Champion:

We are delighted with the appointment of Mrs Walsh as our community reading champion in school. This is a new role introduced this year whilst we look at extending our reading offer both in and out of school. We are also looking at supporting families to ensure their child can read well so they can access the rest of the curriculum and thrive. Mrs Walsh's office is situated just behind the main office and it is already looking wonderful! Both Mrs Walsh and I will be attending the opening of Mereside Library next Friday at 3.30pm and look forward to seeing many of you there.



Being a Parent Sessions:

There are some fantastic free sessions about being a parent coming up over the next few weeks at a variety of locations. They are run by local parents and provide practical tips on how to bring up confident happy and co-operative children. The group lasts for 9 weeks and is a great way to meet other parents. To top it off free childcare is also available. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Mereside Youth Club:

Mereside Youth Club needs you! If you are in KS2 (Years 3/4/5 and 6) why not pop down on a Monday and Tuesday 5.30pm – 7.30pm to the Mereside youth and community centre near the park. All are welcome!

BFC:

We have been asked by Blackpool FC Community Trust to share a leaflet with parents regarding disability sessions they are running. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.

Jeans for Genes Day:

Don't forget that next Friday all children are invited to wear their Jeans to school (non-uniform day) with a £1 donation to charity. This is to support a charity related to combating childhood genetic diseases who run the Jeans for Genes Day nationally. We hope to raise money to support this good cause.

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

Nursery – Luna for exploring and settling into the environment so well and being so helpful in nursery. Well done Luna!

RT – Vinnie for settling in so well and always being kind to others and **Elissa** for a super understanding and retelling of her book – Well done both of you!

RP – Rea for always being ready to learn with a smile on her face and **Isabella** for being a wonderful friend to all children in the class. Your smile lights up the room. Well done both of you!

1/2G – Olivia for always doing the right thing and always being ready to learn and **Scarlett-Jade** for trying her absolute best with both her maths and literacy work. Well done both of you!

1/2R – Hannah and **Frankie-Rose** for some amazing independent writing. We were all so impressed. Well done - you are both superstars!

1/2M – Ese for some amazing writing this week and **Mollie** for some fantastic phonics – Well done both of you!

3/4FB – Oscar for a fantastic piece of work in history, I'm super proud of the effort you put in and **Shaun-Paul** for always putting a smile on our faces and trying really hard this week – Well done both of you!

3/4P – Bailey-James for some wonderful work in Literacy this week and **Ruya** for some lovely art work sketching Blackpool's landscapes. Well done both of you!

5/6 for those not at Waterpark – Everybody for amazing skills and effort in bikeability, **Kayden** for smashing every obstacle that he has been faced with, **Jayden** for being a pleasure to have in the classroom, **Tyler** for being truly amazing in bikeability and finally **Logan** for showing great resilience throughout the week. Well done all of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Tuesday 20th September – Author Visit – KS2 Workshops

Thursday 22nd September – Science Day

Friday 23rd September – Jeans for Genes Day – Non-Uniform Day

Monday 3rd October – Open Day 1.30pm for Reception starters 2023

Tuesday 4th October – Open Day 10am for Reception starters 2023

Thursday 6th October – Parent’s Evening

Thursday 6th October – Open Day 4pm for Reception starters 2023

Friday 7th October – Harvest Assembly 9am – Parents welcome

Friday 14th October – School closes for half term at 3.15pm

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Ms S Upton
Headteacher

Coming up next week...

Date	Event	Time
Monday 19 th September	Bank Holiday – School closed all day	All day
Tuesday 20 th September P.E. - 5/6HP 5/6JP 5/6W 3/4FB 3/4P	Dance Club – Years 3/4/5/6 Football – Years 3/4/5/6 Reading Club – Year 3 Author Visit – KS2	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm All day
Wednesday 21 st September	Commando Joes – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 22 nd September P.E. – Early Years 1/2M 1/2G 1/2R	Music Club – Years 5/6 Science Day – Whole School	3.15pm – 4.15pm All day
Friday 23 rd September P.E. – 5/6HP 5/6J	Jeans for Genes Day – Non-uniform (£1 donation) – Whole school	All day



DISABILITY SESSIONS

JUNIOR PAN ABILITY KICKS

Term-time football sessions for 8-16 year olds living with a disability. These sessions cater for all football abilities.

FREE

EVERY WEDNESDAY 4:30PM - 5:30PM

AGES 8 - 12

EVERY THURSDAY 4:30PM - 5:30PM

AGES 13 - 16

 **Stanley Park, West Park Drive
FY3 9HQ**

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB

Term-time youth club for 8 to 18 year olds living with a disability. Offering a place to meet new friends through activities such as; sports, arts and crafts, games, and more.

FREE

EVERY FRIDAY 5PM - 7PM

(DURING TERM TIME)

 **Education and Community Centre
Bloomfield Road, FY1 6JJ**

For more information: email info@bfcct.co.uk
call 01253 348691 or visit www.bfcct.co.uk

*Excluding bank holidays



Being A Parent



These fantastic free sessions offer tips and advice on how to be a parent.

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The group lasts for 9 weeks and free childcare is available.

Time	Venue	Starting	Ending
10.00am – 12.00pm	The HealthWorks 1 Clifton Street, FY1 1JD	Tuesday 20 th September	Tuesday 22 nd November
10.00am – 12.00pm	Thames Primary Academy Severn Road, FY4 1EE	Wednesday 21 st September	Wednesday 23 rd November
6.00pm – 8.00pm	Online using Google Meet	Tuesday 20 th September	Tuesday 22 nd November

Topics covered include:

- Communicating with your child
- Understanding their behaviour
- Discipline strategies
- Listening skills
- Coping with stress

"The course wasn't what I expected at all. It's shown me that I'm not alone and given me the confidence boost I needed. I've learned there's no such thing as a perfect parent and my relationship with my son has grown so much stronger."

For more information or to book, contact Sarah Greene on 07387 250094 or email sarah.greene@blackpool.gov.uk

