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This week our attendance was...

**89.3%**

Oh no – Let's get to 96%

20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Half Term everyone! Just a reminder that school reopens on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 8.35am. Have a lovely break, the children have worked so hard this half term and definitely deserve the rest; We've some very tired children (and very tired staff!). Well done everyone on a great half term!

### **Congratulations!**

A huge congratulations to our football team who won the first ever FCAT football tournament yesterday at Unity, showing exceptional teamwork and perseverance. You were all a credit to the school and yourselves – we are already looking forward to the next tournament! Go #TeamMereside!



### **Special events:**

A very big thank you to everyone who made our Halloween day so special. The children looked fantastic which is down to all the hard work of parents and carers. We had a great time decorating school and if you haven't seen the photos on Facebook yet then have a peek at our page.

The first week back will also be Artist Week in school where each class will be focussing on the work of a famous artist so hopefully we'll have a very productive week and will be able to share our work on the Friday.

### **Spend time in class:**

Linking in to Artist week we will be having our annual afternoon where parents and carers can spend time with their children in class. All will be able to eat lunch with their child before spending the afternoon with them in class. At 2.30pm we will then have celebration assembly where the children can share what they have been doing in class for Artist week in between us handing out our weekly certificates. Further details around timings etc will be sent home on the first day back after half term. Please remember that this is a chance for you to complete a piece of work with your child and to chat to them about what they have been doing. It will not be a formal lesson. Our aim is to purely build confidence for the children and let them feel proud of what they have achieved.

### **Attendance data:**

On the first day back after half term you will receive your child's individual attendance data which shows you their attendance for this half term. Remember that the minimum your child's percentage should drop to is no lower than 96%. Your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day is very much appreciated. Up until the end of last week our whole school attendance so far this term was 95.1%.

### **After School Activities next half term:**

A list of next half term's after school activities will be sent out via parent app over half term. If you need a paper copy on the first day back please contact the office who will be happy to help. Clubs will start from the first week back so please try to make sure that your child is signed up for at least one club.

### **Questionnaires:**

This is the last call for any outstanding parental questionnaires. All results will be collated on the first day back and shared with parents in that week's newsletter.

### **Family Hub Holiday Information:**

Our Mereside Freedom Church, on Langdale Road are offering a FREE breakfast for children from 9am to 12pm. They will also be hosting the following great activities:

OCTOBER-

23<sup>rd</sup> Family Craft Cafe 10am – 12pm

25<sup>th</sup> Dancing Diva's taster session 10am – 12pm

28<sup>th</sup> Light Party in fancy dress from 6.30pm – Free entry

30<sup>th</sup> Family Craft Cafe 10am – 12pm

NOVEMBER-

1<sup>st</sup> Family Craft Cafe 10am – 12pm

5<sup>th</sup> Bingo – doors open at 6pm and eyes down at 6.30pm

**PE days next half term:**

P.E. days for this half term are:

Reception – Friday

1M – Tuesday and Friday

1/2G – Wednesday and Friday

2B – Tuesday and Wednesday

3B – Tuesday and Thursday

3/4D – Monday and Thursday

4FB – Monday and Thursday

5W – Tuesday and Thursday

6JP – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

6HP – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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

**Nursery – Scarlett** for her fantastic efforts in music and movement and **Isla** for attending to her own needs and having a have a go attitude. Well done both of you!

**RT – Jac** for always having such a positive attitude and **Anai'yah** for being a lovely friend. Well done both of you!

**RM – Jayden** for taking a change in routine in his stride and **Harper** for trying so hard to make great choices and for being a kind friend. Well done both of you!

**1M – Harper** for some fantastic counting and **Ae'lana** for using her big voice. Well done both of you!

**1/2G – Amber** and **Vinnie** for always putting a smile on everybody's face. Well done all of you!

**2B – McKenzie** for always trying his best and impressing us with his effort and attainment in all areas and **Lilly-Ann** for not only a fabulous start to year 2 but for continuing to impress the staff every day. We are so proud of you both – Well done!

**3B – Alexa** for working really hard in literacy and contributing excellent answers in class discussions and **Corey** for a much improved attitude towards learning and trying really hard even when he finds it tricky. Well done both of you!

**3/4D – Kian** for putting in 100% effort and having a great attitude all week and **Aniyah** for working so hard. Well done both of you!

**4FB – Whyatt-Junior** for always trying his best in everything he does and **Maggie** for always putting amazing effort into everything. Well done both of you!

**5W – Michaela** for having a brilliant focus and development whilst using the column method in maths and **Santi** for a fantastic, positive attitude to all his learning. Well done both of you!

**6JP – Tiana** for being all round amazing always child and **Drake** for trying so hard with all his work. Well done both of you!

**6HP – Leanne** for always being a positive role model and **Gabriela** for having beautiful handwriting and perfect presentation. 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)

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

Themed week – Artists

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Service – For children and staff

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 after half term...

#### ARTIST THEMED WEEK

Date	Event	Time
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED –</b>  <b>Staff training day</b>	<b>All day</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	School reopens  Seasonal Crafts –Year 1 and 2  Dance festival – Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6  Christmas Arts and Crafts – Years 3 and 4	8.35am  3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Mini Choir – Years 1 and 2  Manga – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Craft Club – Reception	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	P.E. – 3/4D	3.15pm – 4.15pm

4FB 5W 6HP 6JP	Crafts and Art – Years 5 and 6 Piano – The same children as last half term	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November P.E. – Reception 1M 1/2G	Football BFC – Years 5 and 6 Remembrance service – Children and staff only Be in class with your child day / lunch	3.15pm – 4.15pm 11am Pm – times to be confirmed