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This week our attendance was...

94.7%

Oh no, let's get to 96% next week!

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Time has flown since we returned to school and I can't quite believe we are heading into the last week of September! We've a very busy week next week with many additional activities going on for both yourselves and the children. We are looking forward to seeing you all at some of the events!

Parents Evening:

Sorry for the confusion last week over the date for parents evening. It is definitely on Thursday 28th September. Everyone should now have received their booking form via parent app. If you have not received this please contact the office. Please note, there will be NO after school activities on this night. The paid after school club will, however, run as normal.

Mental Health Ambassadors:

This year, each class has nominated their Mental Health Ambassadors with the first meeting taking place next week. Look out for all the good work they will be doing this year!

RT – Savannah and Rueben
RM – Mason and Harper
1M – Harper and Tommy
1/2G – Sophie/Louie and Lara/Vinnie
2B – Scarlett-Jade and Holly
3B – Harvey and Alexa
3/4D – Ben/Ese and Amelia/Elizer
4FB – Dante, Kian and Jaxon
5W – Oscar and Mirabella
6HP – Ollie and Leanne
6JP – Jayden and Danielle

Mrs Chapman:

As some of you may be aware as you haven't seen her around, Amanda Chapman has now left us. Amanda was employed by a family support charity and her contract has now expired – although none of us were aware of this and so it was a very abrupt ending. We would like to thank Mrs Chapman for all her hard work

and wish her all the best for the future. The charity have now appointed a new lady to join us, Linda Harvey. Linda will hopefully be joining us after October half term and I am sure everyone will make her feel welcome.

Book Fair:

Our book fair will be in school from next Wednesday (27th) to October 4th. This will be open every night after school between 3.15pm and 3.45pm just outside the school hall with entrance through the KS2's playground. Please bring your children along!

Gazette photograph:

On Monday, the Evening Gazette will be in school to take class photos of our new reception children. So, brushed hair and lots of smiles please!

European Day of Languages:

Next Tuesday is our European day of Languages which is kindly being run by Mr Wild. There are lots of exciting activities planned for all year groups (I know because I've signed the order form from Mr Wild!) so look out for all the photographs on Facebook and please ask your child/children what they have been up to!

Parking / dogs on site:

Just a polite reminder please that no dogs are allowed on site as we are not insured. The only dog allowed is our therapy dog, Fudge, who is fully trained to be around children and is insured. Similarly, could I please request that you do not park in front of the gates, even when they are closed. This is still used as an emergency entrance/exit.

Mereside Family Hub events:

MERESIDE MOVERS at The Freedom Church:

on MONDAY 25th September from 9 - 9.30am

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

Our "Being a Parent" course registration is on Tuesday 26th September -

just call in our children's centre @ 9.45am to hear how we can support YOU and your children. This would then be followed by just 8 Tuesday sessions from 10am-12pm (*excl. half-term*)

Idea's and advice will be kindly shared, on how to nurture yourself and your child.

Family Hub Wednesday Coffee Morning:

27th September with Mrs Peck / for **SEND** advice and support

PLEASE JUST COME TO OUR CHILDRENS CENTRE FROM 8.45AM

Babies & Toddlers welcome - refreshments available and lots of lovely clothing for you to take home for your children.

Parents Champion Meeting:

Next Friday is our first parents champion meeting in school at 2.30pm. Please feel free to drop in for a brew and biscuits and have a chat about how things are going in school. If you have any suggestions on how we could improve please bring them to the meeting as we'd love to hear them!

Baines School Open Evening:

For parents in years 5 and 6 please see the attached flyer for Baines High School open evening.

Disco Divas:

Many of our children attend Disco Divas and they are taking part in a dance competition at the Pleasure Beach with Audacity. Good luck Nevaeh, Kaiden, Layla, Madeline, Raven, Pearl, Amber, Kyla, Tilly and Willow – I'm sure you are going to be fantastic!!

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

Nursery – Lincoln for listening so well and showing an awareness of his own needs and **Demi-Leigh** for growing in confidence and beginning to explore the classroom independently. Well done both of you!

RT – Isaac for finding all four of our letter sounds in our monster sound hunt and **Savannah** for her enthusiasm with reading comprehensions and great word work. Well done both of you!

RM – Wiinter for always having the biggest smile on her face and for making us all giggle with her witty jokes and **AJ** for being a very caring friend when another child was sad. Well done both of you!

1M – Karlson for always being amazing and being an always child and **Lilly-Mae** for such a great effort in writing. Well done both of you!

1/2G – Lara for completing some beautiful independent work and **Alvie** for always doing the right thing. Well done both of you!

2B – Lexcy for some fabulous ideas in her writing and **Bella-Rose** for excellent effort and a positive attitude to learning. We are so proud of you both – Well done!

3B – Harvey for producing excellent pieces of work in both maths and literacy and showing a much better attitude to learning and **Nora** for always doing the right thing without having to be asked. Well done both of you!

3/4D – Cody and **Ruya** for consistently trying their best in every subject and being brilliant role models for the class. Well done both of you!

4FB – Dominik for achieving 100% in his spelling tests for two weeks in a row and **Nylah** for being a good friend to all in 4FB. Well done both of you!

5W – Lucas for great oracy and writing in Spanish and **Evie** for working so hard in P.E. and being a supportive, excellent coach to others too. Well done both of you!

6JP – Rio for some fantastic work in Spanish and **Danielle** for always positively engaging in everything we do. Well done both of you!

6HP – Blue for always taking part in our class discussions and **Liam** for always having a positive attitude and trying his best. 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 25th September – Gazette Reception Class Photograph

Mereside Movers at the Freedom Church – 9am

Tuesday 26th September – European Day of Languages

Wednesday 27th September – October 4th – Book Fair in school

Wednesday 27th September – Coffee morning (with SEND advice and support)

Thursday 28th September – Parents Evening

Friday 29th September – Parent Champion Meeting – All welcome
Monday 2nd October – Open day for reception 2024 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 3rd October – Open day for reception 2024 – 9.30am and 4pm
Friday 6th October – Harvest assembly – 9am – all welcome
Wednesday 11th October – Coffee morning with Mereside Movers
Monday 16th October – Mereside Movers at the Freedom Church – 9am
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 25 th September	Story Club – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
P.E. – 1/2G 1M	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
		am

	<p>Reception class photograph – The Evening Gazette</p> <p>Mereside Movers at the Freedom church for pre- schoolers</p>	9am
<p>Tuesday 26th September</p> <p>P.E. – 2B 3B 3/4D 4FB 5W 6HP 6JP</p>	<p>Dance Festival – Years 1/2/3/4/5/6</p> <p>Seasonal Crafts – Years 1 and 2</p> <p>Zentangle Drawing – Years 5 and 6</p> <p>Years 1 and 2 Reading tales in the tepee</p> <p>European Day of Languages – Whole School</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>Lunchtime</p> <p>All day</p>
<p>Wednesday 27th September</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>Book Fair in school</p> <p>Coffee Morning in the Children’s Centre (SEND support and advice on offer)</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>Lunchtime</p> <p>3.15 - 3.45pm</p> <p>8.45am</p>
<p>Thursday 28th September</p> <p>P.E. – 3B 3/4D 4FB 5W 6HP 6JP</p>	<p>No after school activities tonight due to Parents Evening</p> <p>Book Fair</p> <p>Parents Evening</p>	<p>3.15 – 5.30pm</p> <p>3.30 – 5.30pm</p>
<p>Friday 29th September</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>Parent’s Champion meeting</p> <p>Book Fair</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>Lunchtime</p> <p>2.30pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 3.45pm</p>