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This week our attendance was...

95.3%

Oh no – SO close!

24th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over this half term I am spending time with the children from each class talking to them about what they like about school, what they would like to improve, whether they feel safe and who they would talk to if they had any problems. I have started this week in 1/2M and they were absolutely delightful - I'm not sure I can create a zoo on the school field though!

Strike Action:

As you will have seen on the news, next Tuesday, members of the NEU will have the option of industrial action. Although this will affect a few classes in school I can confirm that school will be open as normal for all children. All classes will be taught by their own class teacher, the person who normally covers in that class or a member of the senior leadership team. We will not be using supply or anyone who does not know the class and children.

World Book Day:

Next Thursday is World Book Day and we will be celebrating with the theme of Fairy Tales and Traditional stories. You should have received a letter about the day from Mrs Walsh but just as a reminder it is a dressing up day, there will be a book swap and we will be handing out world book day tokens.

Also, on Thursday our reception team would like to invite you and your reception child back into school to enjoy a glass of milk, some biscuits and stories read to you by our reception staff.

World Book Day Lunch:

On Thursday is our World Book Day lunch day in school. If you would like your child to have a school dinner on this day, instead of a packed lunch, please let the office know who will be happy to help.

Blackpool Football Club:

On Thursday, years 5 and 6 went on an exciting trip to Blackpool Football Club, as part of a Young Poets programme. The children had a tour of the stadium,

including the stands and hall of fame. We are now looking forward to writing some fantastic poems based on the journey of a football game.

SEND information day:

Blackpool will be hosting a SEND information day for any families who wish to attend. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Coffee Morning:

MERESIDE FAMILY HUB welcome you to our coffee mornings this term on: *Wednesday 8th March & Thursday 23rd March from 8.45 to 10.30am.* Please join us for a chat and refreshments. Ms Benyon and Mrs Chapman will be there to offer your family help, support and listen to what our parents and carers need. We currently have lots of donated items of clothing, uniform and shoes/pumps: please come along or just ring the office, as we are keen to share these items with all our Mereside families.

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

Nursery – Arlo for settling back into nursery so well after the holidays. Well done Arlo!

RT – Raven for trying so hard to sound out words and **Chloe** for developing her confidence in reading – Well done both of you!

RP – Karlson – I can always rely on you to make excellent choices and to give 100%. You are a superstar! Also, **Jessica** for making brilliant progress with her phonics. You are now confidently reading and writing words. Well done Jessica!

1/2G –Zara for trying so hard with her reading and writing and **Lilly** for having a great attitude to learning and trying so hard in phonics. Well done both of you!

1/2R – Sapphire for being an 'always' child and giving 100% in every lesson and **Hannah** for a fantastic change in attitude in coming into school. Well done both of you!

1/2M – Jack for being an always child and **Bryanny** for always trying her best – Well done both of you!

3P – Harley for trying so hard with his maths work and **Meka** for writing a lovely character description. Well done both of you!

3SC – Junior for showing resilience and trying hard when faced with difficult tasks and **Jayden** for always working so hard and getting full marks in his spelling test. Well done both of you!

4FB – Riley for a fantastic effort in Science and a great attitude to his work all week, **Reggie** for working so hard on his times tables in his own time and **Luke** for always giving 100% in his work, all the time, every time – Well done all of you!

5/6HP – Riley for a brilliant first week at Mereside and **Braxten** for being recognised by the swimming teachers for having an excellent attitude. Well done both of you!

5/6JP – Tommy for a brilliant start to his SATs revision and **Chloe** for being an always person. Well done both of you!

5/6W – Nathan for some brilliant home learning on the Titanic and **Ella** for being an always person and working hard in all lessons. Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day/World Book Day Lunch

<p>Wednesday 1st March</p> <p>P.E. – 1/2G 1/2R 1/2M</p>	<p>Zentangle – Mindful doodling – Years 3/4/5/6</p> <p>Themed Arts and Craft – Years 5 and 6 Just dance and sing – reception</p> <p>Multi skill sports – Years 3 and 4</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>Thursday 2nd March</p> <p>P.E. – 4FB 3SC 3P 5/6JP 5/6HP 5/6W</p>	<p>SATs Boosters – Year 6</p> <p>Drawing Club – Years 1 and 2</p> <p>Shakespeare Rehearsals – Invite only</p> <p>World Book Day and Lunch</p>	<p>8am – 8.30am</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>All day</p>
<p>Friday 3rd March</p> <p>P.E. – 4FB 3SC 3P</p>	<p>Sensory Circuits – Years 1 and 2</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p>