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Dear Parents/Carers,

Football Thursday:

Next Thursday we are being visited by Blackpool Football Club who are going to be bringing in their winning play off trophy. Each class will have the opportunity to have their photography with the trophy. We have therefore decided that we will celebrate Blackpool's success in the play offs and the Euros by having a football Thursday. All children will be joining in with a range of activities and can come into school on that day in either their school PE kit or a football kit of their choice. Look out on Facebook for some photos!

World Music Day:

On Monday this week we celebrated World Music Day by listening to a range of music and carrying out a range of activities based on what they had listened to. Hopefully they have all listened to some sort of music which they wouldn't usually listen to!

Meet your new teacher sessions:

Due to the mixing of bubbles when we hold our meet your new teacher day, we are having to rearrange our provision so certain groups of children meet their new teachers for September at different points in the coming weeks rather than all on one day. I can assure that all children will be given the opportunity to meet their new teacher before we break up for the summer holidays.

Year 5/6 issues:

We are having a few issues with girls in years 5 and 6 coming into school in very tight cycling shorts at the moment and pulling them up as far as possible to make them as short as possible. Could you please ensure all children have their school PE shorts on as this is now becoming very inappropriate.

Similarly, many of our year 5 and 6 children are bringing sunglasses into school (even in the rain!), which they are swapping, are being broken, causing arguments and some are insisting on wearing them in class. You can imagine the fallouts that are happening so no sunglasses please.

A letter from Dr Arif:

Please find attached a letter from Dr Arif which has been sent to all schools regarding the covid situation in Blackpool.

Dogs on the school site:

Could I please remind all parents that no dogs are allowed on the school site, including the playground at pick up and drop off times. Our therapy dog, Fudge, has been trained to be around children, we know of individual children who are fearful and we have full insurance for Fudge to be on site. This is not the case with family dogs and we do need to follow national health and safety guidelines.

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

Nursery – Myles for being so kind to his friends and showing concern and affection towards others. Well done Myles!

RT – Corey for some amazing CVC word writing and **James** for being an amazing superstar in PE. Well done both of you!

R/1PP- Junior for trying really hard with his reading and writing this week and being an all-round superstar and **the whole of R/1PP** for representing school fantastically during our trip to the beach – Well done!

1M – Noah for working so hard in every lesson and **Olivia** for always having a wonderful smile on her face. Well done both of you!

2R – Santi for being a brilliant mathematician and being a good friend by helping others, **Riley** for great work in computing by using programming in scratch and **Oliver** for giving 100% effort in everything he does and being the fastest answerer in the class.

3/4P – Mylee for some fantastic extra work at home on Ancient Egyptian life and **Daniel** for working so hard in maths this week. Well done both of you!

3/4SP – Kelsey for some amazing work in maths and **Lilly** for great work and effort in Literacy. Well done both of you!

3/4KR – The whole class from Miss Ward for being a super class and working so hard for her during her time at Mereside. (That makes Ms Upton really happy too 3/4KR – Well done!)

5/6C – Louie-Jack for showing fantastic resilience at swimming and **Miley** and **Teyla** for carefully finding evidence to back up their Shakespeare character inferences. Well done!

5/6M – Amy for amazing effort this week and showing great resilience and **Nathan** for a fantastic setting description of the woods. Well done both of you!

5/6B – Son, Frankie and Brooke for some amazing teamwork which resulted in some fantastic acting during our unit work on Shakespeare – Well done all of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

(Please note that changes may happen due to Covid and more will be added as the term goes on!)

Thursday 8th July – End of Year reports to be sent home

Monday 12th July – Race for Life

Friday 16th July – Year 5/6 Performance – Now to be recorded!

Friday 16th July – Cornet Concert – Either outdoors or to be recorded.

Tuesday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers Festival

Wednesday 21st July – Leavers Assembly 9.30am (Year 6 parents only)

Wednesday 21st July – School closes for the Summer Holidays at 1.30pm

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Ms S Upton
Headteacher

Date: 24th June 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the last couple of weeks, we have seen a significant increase in cases of coronavirus including the variant of concern (Delta) here in Blackpool. This variant is more transmissible, meaning it spreads from person to person much more easily and quicker.

As we know, school is a key part of a child's life and is vital for educational progress, wellbeing and wider development. With this in mind, some schools may be introducing enhanced measures where needed to ensure both pupil and teacher safety and help children to remain safely in the classroom, getting the best education experience possible. You may see that schools are introducing extra safety measures during end of term activities such as sports days.

With case rates rising, it is really important everyone connected to school life – children, parents and teaching staff do all they can to support and follow protective safety measures in place.

I want to make a personal plea to you, that everyone continues to play their part by:

- Ensuring students and families at home are testing regularly (twice a week). 1 in 3 people have COVID-19 without any symptoms so this is helpful to stop the spread of infection unknowingly.
- Keeping their distance at school drop-offs and pickups.
- Wearing a face covering where required and I've asked Schools to consider re-introducing this measure for pupils in secondary schools including in the classroom whilst case rates remain high.
- Practicing good hand hygiene.
- Getting a PCR (lab) test if you have symptoms of COVID-19. If you are unsure about your symptoms it's better to get tested than not.
- If you test positive for COVID-19 it's important that you self-isolate and this means staying at home and not going out to meet friends and family.
- Meeting up with others outdoors rather than indoors where possible.
- Getting vaccinated when invited and remembering to get your 2nd dose too.



I completely appreciate restrictions have been in place for some time now, it is so important to continue moving forward with the progress we have made so far, and I ask you - parents/guardians to continue to take precautions for a little while longer. This will help to break the chain of transmission, drive those rates down and help to keep children in the classroom to learn, develop and have fun, safely.

Thank you for doing all you are doing and have done so far. Let's all continue to work together, keep school safe and get back to some normality.

Yours sincerely



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On **Monday 12th July** our school will be taking part in Cancer research's Race for Life.

The children - and adults - will be asked to collect sponsorship to run the **3km Race** around the school field.
That's 10 laps!

Fancy dress is welcome and we aim to make the race as fun as possible for everyone involved with music, water stations, cheering and of course **medals for the finishers!**

This event will be run throughout the day
KS1 9:30
LKS2 10:45
UKS2 1:15

Sponsorship forms and envelopes will be going out this week and it is hoped that everyone is able to collect some sponsorship to support this wonderful charity.

On the **FRIDAY** before the event (9th) please bring in any sponsorship forms and remaining donations can be collected on the Monday.

Our grand fundraising total will be shared on the Friday!

Unfortunately we will not be able to welcome parents onto the school grounds for this event.

Mereside Primary Academy is an inclusive school, all children will be supported and encouraged to complete this fun activity. There will be tail walkers to ensure that no child comes last!

Sponsorship Form

Name	Amount per lap	Total	Collected
<i>Example</i>	<i>10p</i>	<i>£1.00</i>	
<i>Example</i>	<i>5p</i>	<i>50p</i>	