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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations, we've made it through another week! To all those who are supporting their children at home I'd just like to say that you are not expected to be perfect and if your children have attempted their work and you are all safe and sound then that is success. This will pass and there is some light at the end of the tunnel so hang in there.

**Latest Announcement:**

As I am sure you are aware, Boris Johnson announced on Wednesday that schools would not be opening **fully** until the 8<sup>th</sup> March at the earliest. However, we have all our fingers crossed that year groups will begin to be reintroduced over the next half term. The picture is constantly changing and I am sure there will be many more announcements in the coming weeks. All we can do is support each other and stay positive for the sake of our children.

**Bronze Award:**

We have now officially received our Bronze award from Blackpool Council for our work around bullying. I have attached our confirmation letter from Diane Booth, who is head of Children's Services in Blackpool. I must say a huge thank you and a big shout out to all the parents who completed the survey for us. They played an instrumental part in our success. Our PSHE lead Ms Macdonald said: "We are so proud to have been awarded this Charter Mark and will be working towards our silver award too! Applying for this award has been an incredibly rewarding experience but above all a supportive one - we cannot wait to progress through these levels. It is lovely to have the support from Headstart and the Blackpool Beating Bullying Campaign to help us with suggestions on how to move forward so we can continue to provide the best that we can for the children of Mereside. This is something we are always committed to doing and we will work hard with all our #teammereside members to 'be the best that we can be'.... silver and gold- we're coming for you! Blackpool will BEAT BULLYING!

**Mental Health Week:**

Next week is Mental Health Week in school and we have many exciting activities planned. With the current national lockdown mental health has never been so important for both our children, their families and school staff. One way or another we have all been affected by recent events. Please talk to your children about their learning next week and don't forget to seek support and advice if you are suffering with your mental health at this time too.

**Stars of the Week:**

This week's lockdown stars are...

**Early Years bubble:**

Remote Learners – **Madeline** for doing lots of challenges and sending into school lots of photographs. We have loved seeing them! Also, to **Kian** for an amazing effort and work on our Google Classroom.

School based – **Megan** for being such a superstar all of the time and **Olivia** for her amazing writing about Winter.

**Year 1/2 bubble:**

Remote Learners – **AJ** for feeling so ill but still completing his work and to **Riley** for completing all of his work, every single day with 100% effort. You've both got a super attitude!

School based – **Luke** for some amazing story writing and **Jack** for having a positive attitude and working hard in school.

**Year 3/4 bubble:**

Remote Learners – **Amelia** for submitting some fantastic work with great online engagement and **Jack** for always contributing really well with our google meets activities and completing work.

School based – **Ruby** for working so hard, getting on so well and always having a huge smile on her face and **Harry** for giving 100% in his setting description this week. It was great!

**Year 5/6 bubble:**

Remote Learners – **Summer** and **Leonie** for an amazing effort, fantastic work, great interaction and 100% given in every lesson. Also, to **Louie Jack** for going over and above with everything that he does. Your commitment and effort are amazing! Finally, we have **Mason** making so much progress and growing in confidence all of the time. Your attitude has been amazing Mason!

School based – **Dominik** for applying himself and really engaging in all lessons and **Boyd** for always getting on and really focussing in every lesson.

**WELL DONE** to all our stars this week. We have so many more that it could have been though so look out for your name next week!

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

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Headteacher