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This week our attendance was...

Data will be added next week!

Well done everyone!

6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,



We have had a brilliant first few days back in school and we have all quickly settled back into school life so well. All of the children have come into school chatting happily about their summer and happy to see everyone again. They really are little superstars!

**A big welcome:**

I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to our new reception children and their families. You are at the start of an exciting new journey and we can't wait to share it with you as your child develops. Similarly, we welcome many other new children and families throughout school. Welcome to #Team Mereside. We hope that you settle in well and enjoy your time here and I'm looking forward to meeting you all personally.

**Staffing updates:**

I'd also like to extend a very warm welcome to our new staff members who I am sure you will be seeing around school. We would like to introduce our new Family worker who I am sure many of you will get to know well, our two new HLTAs who will be covering classes when teachers have planning/management time or are completing training, our two new specialist support workers for those children who require an extra bit of help and our new nursery staff who

are covering for Mrs McCarron who has unfortunately broken her arm over the summer holidays.

**Our Family Worker – Mrs Taylor-Royston**



**HLTAs –**



Mrs Daly



Mrs Smith

**SLSAs –**



Miss Jones



Miss Mowbray

## Nursery -



Miss Cookson

Miss Braithwaite

### **Roald Dahl Day:**

On Friday 13th September (next Friday) we will be celebrating Roald Dahl day in school. We will be sharing some of his wonderful stories and taking part in story-based activities.

If your child would like to come dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character they are welcome to do so. We don't wish to cause any financial burden so please don't spend money on this. If you haven't anything already, then the children can come as a boy or girl from a story and just wear their own clothes.

### **Nut Allegies:**

Just a reminder that our school is a nut free zone as we have both adults and children in school who may have a serious reaction. Please ensure there is nothing in your child's pack lunch box which contains nuts. Thank you for your support with this.

### **MCAS App:**

Just a reminder that we are now using the MCAS App for all our school communications, messaging and anything relating to payments/fees etc. If you are unsure on how to use the app or need to reset passwords/activate your accounts etc please pop into the office who will be happy to help. All new parents will have the activation emails sent to them via email this week.

### **After School Activities:**

You should be receiving our after-school activity list for this half term later today. All activities will start on Monday. If you haven't received this please contact the office on Monday who will be happy to help.

### **A reminder...**

P.E. days for this half term are:

Reception – Friday  
1M – Thursday/Friday  
1G – Monday/Thursday  
2HP – Thursday/Friday  
2JP – Tuesday/Wednesday  
3B – Monday/Tuesday

3W – Monday/Tuesday  
4B – Tuesday/Wednesday  
4D – Wednesday/Friday  
5D – Tuesday/Thursday  
6FB – Monday/Thursday

**And finally...**

There will be no stars of the week this week as this is only the second day back. Celebration assembly will begin again next Friday at 9am. All parents and family welcome to join us.

**Upcoming dates for your diary:**

(Please note this will be updated with new dates as the half term progresses)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** – Roald Dahl Day (Dress up)  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – Gazette Reception Class Photograph  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Jeans for Genes Day (Non-uniform day)  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Parents Evening  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – Book Fair in school  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – European Day of Languages  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September** – Open day for reception 2025 – 1.30pm  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – Open day for reception 2025 – 9.30am and 4pm  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest/Celebration assembly – 9am – all welcome  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 3 class visit  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – 3W Library visit  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – School closes for half term at 3.15pm

Any questions please don't hesitate to ask; thank you for your continued support,

Ms S Upton  
Headteacher