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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Everyone at Mereside Academy would like to wish all of our families a healthy and happy 2022!

Mereside on Show:

We are delighted to be able to share our very own Mereside Video later this afternoon on our Facebook page. It shows some of the opportunities and experiences our children have here at Mereside. Please share with your family and friends, especially with those who have children looking for a reception place for next September.

Reception Class Places for 2022:

Just a reminder for all parents with a child who is due to start school in our reception class in September 2022, that the deadline for applications is the 15th January so please make sure you get the paperwork in on time.

Get Active and Fit:

From February, Blackpool Community Trust will be holding their 12-week fitness and weight management programme from our Children's Centre. It is absolutely free and a great way to meet new people too. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Reading Launch:

This year is our year of reading at Mereside. We have revamped our teaching, thought of new competitions and rewards, introduced new books and looked at new ways of engaging our children. This week all of our staff attended our reading launch and this will be similarly launched to the children on Monday so look out on our Facebook page for some pictures and further updates!

Can you please ensure that all children's diaries/reading records are in school daily to support the children with their spellings and reading.

Book Sale:

We have an abundance of surplus books in school which we are offering to children across school for a donation of 20p. Our Year 5 and 6 children will come round with a book trolley throughout the week next week to offer these to all children.

PE days:

This half term our PE slots will be as followed.

Early Years – Thursday

1/2S – Tuesday/Wednesday

1/2R – Tuesday/Friday

1/2M – Monday/Tuesday

3/4HP – Monday/Thursday

3/4JP – Monday/Thursday

5/6B – Tuesday/Friday

5/6M – Tuesday/Friday

5/6P – Tuesday/Wednesday

From now on I will also keep the PE days on the 'Coming up next week' section at the end of each newsletter, just in case you need a reminder!

After School Activities:

All parents should now have received the activity list for this half term. If you haven't then please contact the office and we will make sure this is forwarded to you so you can sign up for your child/children. Activities/days/times can be found at the end of this newsletter.

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

Nursery – Jayden for settling back into nursery well and doing good counting. Well done Jayden!

RT – Bella and Jenson M for a fantastic effort in phonics. You've both been stars – Well done!

RP – Finley for creating lots of beautiful art work with lots of detail and a mixture of colours and **Gracie** for always having a smile on her face and being such a lovely friend to everyone. Well done both of you!

1/2S - Innocent for great contributions in class and helping classmates without a second thought and **Lacey** for showing a love of reading in the classroom whenever she has a spare moment and requesting to share stories with her family. Well done both of you!

1/2M – Daniel for settling into school so well and **Hanna** for some fantastic independent work. You are both superstars!

1/2R – Ruya for settling into our class straight away and sharing her happy smile with us and **Theo** for some fantastic independent writing in our English lessons – Well done both of you!

3/4HP – Oskar and **Redin** for both settling wonderfully into our class. A big welcome from everyone at #TeamMereside. Well done both of you!

3/4JP – Riley for awesome enthusiasm in gymnastics this week and **Reggie** for being a fantastic role model with a brilliant 'ready to go' attitude. Well done both of you!

5/6P – Leila for trying so hard with her SPaG work this week and **Frankie-Leigh** for identifying square and prime numbers with confidence. Well done both of you!

5/6M – Kyla-Rose for taking pride in her books and producing excellently presented pieces of work and **Amelia** for having an excellent attitude in maths and challenging herself to solve more advanced questions. You are both brilliant!!

5/6B – Izzy for being a superstar reader and going above and beyond with her reading this week and **Harrison** for working really hard and being so focussed in class. Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Monday 17th January – Year 6 Road Sense talk by the fire department
 17th – 21st January – SEND reviews all week
 Monday 7th February – Mental Health week
 Tuesday 8th February – Schools Alive Performance
 Thursday 10th February – School Closes for half term at 3.15pm
 Friday 11th February – Whole staff inset
 Thursday 3rd March – Coffee Morning – All welcome
 Friday 4th March – World Book Day
 Monday 7th March – Whole School Reading Week
 Wednesday 14th March – Parents Evening
 Friday 11th March – Comic Relief
 Monday 21st March – Our chicks and ducks arrive for hatching
 Tuesday 22nd March – Year 3/4 production PM
 Wednesday 23rd March – Year 3/4 production AM
 Friday 25th March – Easter Class Swap
 Wednesday 30th March – Easter Competitions – Easter hats and egg decorating
 Thursday 31st March – Easter Service
 Friday 1st April – School closes for the Easter holidays at 1.30pm

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Ms S Upton
 Headteacher

Coming up next week...

Date	Event	Time
Monday 10 ^h January P.E. – 1/2M 3/4JP 3/4HP	Commando Joes - Years 1 & 2	8am – start of school
	Times Table Club – Years 3 & 4	8am – start of school
	SATs Club – Year 6	8am – start of school
	Commando Joes – Years 1 & 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Dance Club – Reception	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Puzzle Club – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 11 th January	Science Club – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm

<p>P.E. – 1/2R 1/2S 1/2M 5/6P 5/6M 5/6B</p>	<p>Textiles Club (Printing, weaving, sewing) – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6</p> <p>Dance Club – Years 3 and 4</p> <p>SATs Club – Year 6</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>8am – start of school</p>
<p>Wednesday 12th January</p> <p>P.E. – 1/2S 5/6P</p>	<p>Film Club – Years 3 and 4</p> <p>SATs Club – Year 6</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>8am – start of school</p>
<p>Thursday 13th January</p> <p>P.E. – Early Years 3/4JP 3/4HP</p>	<p>Mindfulness (puzzles, games and drawing) Club – Years 3 and 4</p> <p>Schools Alive – For those performing at the Winter Gardens</p> <p>SATs Club – Year 6</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>8am – start of school</p>
<p>Friday 14th January</p> <p>P.E. – 1/2R 5/6B 5/6M</p>	<p>Coding Club – Years 3 and 4</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p>



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