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This week our attendance was...

98.1%

Well done everyone!

8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

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.

Attendance:

A huge congratulations goes to Hugo in year 2 for being in school and on time every day this week. He has won a food voucher for his family. I will be picking random weeks throughout each term for more voucher winning attendance weeks so watch this space for further details!

Just a reminder that attendance will be sent home at the end of each half term and the magical number to achieve as a minimum is 96%. It is so important that all children are in school all of the time for them to reach their potential and for them to mix happily with their friends. Please see the attached attendance guide for parents for more detail.

Roald Dahl Day:

On Wednesday 13th September, 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, therefore we have attached some ideas of DIY costumes below. We look forward to seeing your creativity!

Reception Class Photo:

The Evening Gazette has been in touch this week and we can now confirm that they will be in to take a photo of our reception classes on Monday 25th September. These will then be printed in the gazette later that week so plenty of notice to make sure they look lovely and smart.

Celebration Assembly:

I am very aware that pre covid parents were invited into school for celebration assembly on a Friday. As a staff we have held many discussions around this as I know a few parents would like to join us again. Therefore, from next Friday all parents are welcome to join us at 9am every Friday. However, please note, that due to safeguarding protocols all adults must be in the hall and not the corridors. Similarly, we do request that all phones are switched off.

High School Open Days:

For all year 5 and 6 parents. Please note the dates below for our local high school open days. South Shore's open day was yesterday but if you missed it feel free to give them a ring and I am sure they will accommodate a visit for you.

St George's School is on 21st September from 5 - 8pm

Highfield Academy is on 26th September from 4 - 7pm

After School Activities:

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

Please note that you do not need to sign up for lunchtime clubs – these will be arranged in school.

A reminder...

P.E. days for this half term are:

Reception – Friday

1M – Monday and Wednesday

1/2G – Monday and Wednesday

2B – Tuesday and Friday

3B – Tuesday and Thursday

3/4D – Tuesday and Thursday

4FB – Tuesday and Thursday

5W – Tuesday and Thursday

6JP – Tuesday and Thursday

6HP – Tuesday and Thursday

Being a Parent:

"Being a Parent" 9 sessions of practical tips & advice

on how to bring up confident, happy and co-operative children.

Starts in school on Tuesday 26th September from 10am to 12pm

Please see the attached poster and let Ms Benyon, our family worker know if you want like to book a place, or if you have any queries.

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

Nursery – **Ilona** and **Noah** for settling in so well on their first week. Well done both of you!

RT – **Freya** for having the smiliest personality and the most beautiful manners and **Cameron** for being a lovely friend and making such good choices. Well done both of you!

RP – **Mason** for settling in straight away and being a fantastic role model – you've been a superstar and **Penelope** for having such a positive and caring attitude. She is always ready to learn and applies herself so well during choosing time. You are a shining star. Well done both of you!

1M – **Elissa** and **Tommy** for always working hard and being a star in every lesson. Well done both of you!

1/2G – **Nathan** for settling in really well in his first week at Mereside and **the whole of 1/2G** for a fabulous first week back and for lots of hard work. Well done all of you!

2B – **McKenzie** for an excellent effort and attitude in his writing and **Finley** for fabulous work in geography labelling an aerial photograph. We are so proud of you both – Well done!

3B – **Ander** for having an excellent attitude to learning and a great first week back, completing all of his work to an amazing standard and **Ebony** for having such a positive mindset and a fantastic start to the new school year. Well done both of you!

3/4D – **Grace** for putting in 100% effort all week and **River** for settling in so well. Well done both of you!

4FB – **Athena** for a great first week and settling in so well and **Lacey** for a fantastic week, following instructions and producing some excellent work. Well done both of you!

5W – **Jasmine** for making a flying start to year 5 and demonstrating excellent skills in both English and Maths and **Jade** for showing superb effort in learning and being an excellent role model of our class signs of success. Well done both of you!

6JP – **Sofia** for being all round amazing and **Harrison** for beautiful handwriting. Well done both of you!

6HP – **Shanequa** for her excellent work in literacy when using modal verbs and conjunctions to pose questions about a mystery book character and **Ollie** for always being the first to put his hand up to share his ideas and participate in class discussions. Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

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

Wednesday 13th September – Roald Dahl Day (Dress up)

Friday 22nd September – Jeans for Genes Day (Non-uniform)

Library service in to present awards

Monday 25th September – Gazette Reception Class Photograph

Tuesday 26th September – European Day of Languages

Friday 29th September – Parent Champion Meeting – All welcome

Monday 2nd October – Open day for reception 2024 – 1.30pm

Tuesday 3rd October – Open day for reception 2024 – 9.30am and 4pm

Thursday 5th October – Parents Evening

Friday 6th October – Harvest assembly – 9am – all welcome

Friday 20th 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

Coming up next week...

Date	Event	Time
Monday 11 th September P.E. – 1/2G 1M	Story Club – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Ball Games – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Sing and Sign – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Football – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Manga – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Early Years Book Club	Lunchtime
Tuesday 12 th September P.E. – 2B 3B 3/4D 4FB 5W 6HP 6JP	Dance Festival – Years 1/2/3/4/5/6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Seasonal Crafts – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Zentangle Drawing – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Years 1 and 2 Reading tales in the teepee	Lunchtime
Wednesday 13 th September P.E. – 1M 1/2G	Mini Choir – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Just Dance – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Archery – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Year 3 and 4 Book Club	Lunchtime
	Roald Dahl Day	All day
Thursday 14 th September P.E. – 3B 3/4D 4FB 5W 6HP	Playground Games – Reception	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Lego Club – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Athletics – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm

<p>6JP</p>	<p>Rounders – Years 5 and 6</p> <p>Choir – Years 3/4/5/6</p> <p>Athletics – Years 5 and 6</p> <p>Keyboard Lessons – Years 5 and 6 (Please note, we may need to limit the numbers of this group but we will ensure all children who sign up are involved over the year)</p> <p>Year 5 and 6 Book Club</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>Lunchtime</p>
<p>Friday 15th September</p> <p>P.E. – Reception 2B</p>	<p>Football – Years 5 and 6 (run by Blackpool Football Club)</p> <p>Year 6 library</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>Lunchtime</p>