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This week our attendance was...

**89.2%**

Oh no – let's get 96% next week!

9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone for all their support at our Christmas Fair yesterday, it is appreciated as always and the children had a great time. Just a reminder that school closes for Christmas next Friday at **1.30pm**.

**Christmas Non-Uniform Day:**

We'll have one more chance to wear those Christmas jumpers in school next Friday (our last day!) for our end of term non-uniform day. All children can come in their Christmas clothing or simply as non-uniform!

**You said....**

You said and we listened...one of the areas which one or two parents were unsure of in our parental questionnaire was whether they received enough information around their child's progress. Therefore, at the end of each half term, starting next week, we will be sending out a progress update for each subject your child studies. This will be a simple colour coded chart which will be additional to our usual parent's evenings and end of year reports. We hope you find it useful. Don't forget though, if you have any concerns or want an update just arrange to speak to the class teacher at any time. You don't need to wait until the end of term.

**Indoor athletics/10-pin bowling:**

This week we have had children representing Mereside in both the indoor athletics competition and a 10-pin bowling festival. All represented school so well and we are so proud of every one of them. Well done to all involved!

**KS1 Production:**

Our KS1 Christmas Production will be held next Tuesday (13<sup>th</sup> Dec) at 1.30pm and then repeated again on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am. All welcome!

**Christmas Dinner:**

Next Wednesday we are also offering **every** child (for those who normally have a school dinner and those who have a packed lunch) a **free** Christmas dinner. It would be lovely to see everyone involved in the festivities! If you don't usually have a school dinner, there is no need to let us know in advance, we will just count up numbers in the morning. The kitchen is prepared for the extra!

### **Carol Service:**

Next Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, is our Christmas service in school at 9am. All welcome!

### **After School Club:**

As you know, on the last day of term, we finish at 1.30pm. Therefore, there will be no after school activities or paid after school club on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **MERESIDE MOVERS "Music & Movement Session" at The Freedom Church:**

We welcome all Mereside Parents & Carers, their toddlers & babies (0 - 4 yrs) to join in with song, dance, stories and lots of fun for all. Refreshments available. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

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

**Nursery – Winter** for always using her beautiful manners. Well done Winter!

**RT – Ae'Lana** for a wonderful angel performance with a fantastic big voice and

**Evania** for a wonderful camel performance with a fantastic big voice – Well done both of you!

**RP – Ehis** for projecting his voice during the nativity performance – you were brilliant Ehis and **Rea** for giving 100% in our performance, you sang beautifully. Well done both of you!

**1/2G – Oskar** for being a really kind friend and helping others and **Chase** for making big improvements this week with his behaviour. Miss Guest is looking forward to seeing even more improvements. Well done both of you!

**1/2R – Lilly** and **Evie** for making and labelling an amazing body in science. Well done - you are both superstars!

**1/2M – Isabella** and **Teddy** for being superstars with an improved attitude and the making of good choices this week – Well done both of you!

**3/4FB – Shaun-Paul** and **Nylah** for trying their best all week and giving 100% in everything they do – Well done both of you!

**3/4P – Nikkita** for always participating in all that we do and **Harley** for some excellent maths work this week. Well done both of you!

**5/6HP – Leanna** for always reading at home and **Daniel** for practising his spellings at home and getting full marks two weeks in a row. Well done both of you!

**5/6JP – Amy** for being extra resilient with her maths work and **Makayla** for trying extra hard in singing. Well done both of you!

**5/6W – Drake** for working really hard across the whole curriculum this week and setting a great example to all and **Alicia** for perseverance and working well in a group during P.E. Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

### **Upcoming dates for your diary:**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Early Years Christmas party

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Production 1.30pm/Year 3/4 Christmas party

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Production – 9.30am / Whole school Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 and Year 5/6 Christmas party

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Carol Service 9am – All welcome

School Closes for Christmas at 1.30pm

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support,  
 Ms S Upton  
 Headteacher

**Coming up next week...**

Date	Event	Time
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Drawing Club – Years 1/2 Choir – Years 1/2/3/4/5/6 <b>Early Years Christmas Party</b>	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm <b>All day</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December  P.E. - 5/6HP 5/6JP 5/6W 1/2G 1/2R 1/2M	Football Club - Years 3/4/5/6 Recycling Crafts – Years 1/2 Craft Club – Reception Dance Club Adventures in Bookland reading club – Year 3 <b>Years 3/4 Christmas Party</b> <b>KS1 Production</b>	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm <b>All day</b> <b>1.30pm</b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  P.E. – 3/4P - Early Years	Commando Joes – Years 1 and 2 <b>KS1 Production</b> <b>Christmas Dinner</b>	3.15pm – 4.15pm <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am – 1pm</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December  P.E. – 3/4FB 3/4P 5/6HP 5/6JP 5/6W	STEM book club – Years 5/6 Karaoke Club – Years 5/6 Schools Alive – Whole school but this needs a commitment to take part in the production at the Grand Theatre one evening in February. Art Club – Years 1/2 <b>Years 1/2 and 5/6 Christmas Party</b>	3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm 3.15pm – 4.15pm <b>All day</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December  P.E. – 1/2G	<b>Carol Service</b> <b>School closes for Christmas</b>	<b>9am</b> <b>1.30pm</b>

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