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9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

This week our attendance was...

**90.7%**

Oh no – Let's get to 96%

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've achieved a lot in our 4-day week this week. The children have produced some lovely artwork as part of our art week and created some lovely poppies for our remembrance service this morning. We'd also like to say a massive thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us in school this afternoon to spend some time with their child in class. We hope you had an enjoyable time!

**Children in Need:**

Next Friday is Children in Need and so all children are invited to come to school in non-uniform for a £1 donation. Of course, all Pudsey wear/hair bands etc are more than welcome!

**Attendance data:**

Sorry for the delay this week but today you will receive your child's individual attendance data for last half term. Remember that the minimum your child's percentage should drop to is no lower than 96%. Your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day is very much appreciated. Our whole school attendance currently stands at 93.6%.

**Questionnaires:**

Please find attached the results of this terms parental questionnaires. As always, if you have any questions or queries, don't hesitate to get in touch with the office who will be happy to arrange a time when we can meet. My door is always open and it is always easier to solve any concerns if these are communicated early on. Similarly, speak to your child's class teacher. Both home and school want the very best for all children.

**Family Hub Information:**

FAMILY HUB COFFEE MORNING with \*\*\*\* OUR SCHOOL NURSE TEAM \*\*\*\*

Please join us on Wednesday 15th November in our children's centre from 8.45am to 10.30am for our school nurse advice on sleep patterns, toileting & any health concerns that you would like help with for your children. Refreshments, as well as clothing and shoes are offered free to all our Mereside families. Babies and toddlers also welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **PE days:**

Unfortunately, there have had to be a couple of changes to the advertised PE slots last half term. Parents have been informed of these but just as a check these are the updated PE days for this half term.

Reception – Friday

1M – Tuesday and Friday

1/2G – Tuesday and Friday

2B – Tuesday and Wednesday

3B – Tuesday and Thursday

3/4D – Monday and Thursday

4FB – Monday and Thursday

5W – Tuesday and Thursday

6JP – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

6HP – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

### **Dance Festival:**

Our superb dance club will be performing next week at the Winter Gardens Dance Festival. Good luck everyone – you'll smash it!!

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

**Nursery – Grace** for being kind and helpful and **Chase** for having a great interest in maths activities and using his words to express his wants and needs. Well done both of you!

**RT – George** for having a super week and being a lovely friend and **Reegan** for trying really hard to learn her letter sounds and blend them to read words. Well done both of you!

**RM – Oscar** for making fantastic choices and being ready to learn – Go Oscar, and **Somma** for always trying her best and being a superstar. Well done both of you!

**1M – Myles** for trying so hard in maths and **Chimamanda** for always being a superstar and trying hard in every lesson. Well done both of you!

**1/2G – Sophie** and **Kayden** for a brilliant attitude and fantastic work during art week. Well done both of you!

**2B – Gracie-Mae** for contributing well to class discussions and **Cameron** for some excellent vocabulary in our literacy lessons. We are so proud of you both – Well done!

**3B – Evie** for always helping out and producing some beautiful artwork and **Jayden** for a much-improved attitude and behaviour. Well done both of you!

**3/4D – Oskar** for always trying his best in lessons and **Ethan** for a much-improved attitude. Well done both of you!

**4FB – Junior** for being a lovely, smiley member of the class this week with lots of enthusiasm for learning and **Meka** for trying very hard in her times table practice, working towards her bronze award. Well done both of you!

**5W – Rocco** and **Ruby-Blu** for a terrific technique in art and an all-round brilliant week of focus, perseverance and maturity – your efforts have really shown. Well done both of you!

**6JP – Nathan** for trying so hard all round in all subjects and **Riley** for such a positive and helpful attitude. Well done both of you!

**6HP – Riley** for producing a fantastic piece of artwork, inspired by Peter Thorpe and **Liam** for consistently being a positive role model and a good friend. 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 term progresses)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Coffee morning with our school nurse

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need – Non-uniform day

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Waterpark Residential – UKS2

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – No pens Wednesday

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole school panto

Christmas Jumper Day

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Early Years production – 2pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Early Years production – 9.30am

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fair

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Early Years Christmas party

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 3 and 4 Christmas party

KS1 production – 2pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 production 9.30am

Whole school Christmas dinner

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – KS1 and Upper KS2 Christmas party

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Christmas celebration assembly and sing song

School closes for Christmas at 1.30pm

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 13 <sup>th</sup> November P.E. – 3/4D 4FB	Painting Club – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Storytime Club – Reception	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Languages Club – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Sing and Sign – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November P.E. – 1M 1/2G 2B 3B 5W 6HP 6JP	School reopens	8.35am
	Seasonal Crafts – Year 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Dance festival – Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Christmas Arts and Crafts – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Mini Choir – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm

P.E. – 2B 6HP 6JP	Manga – Years 5 and 6  <b>Family Coffee Morning with our School Nurse</b>	3.15pm – 4.15pm  <b>8.45am</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November  P.E. – 3/4D 4FB 5W 6HP 6JP	Craft Club – Reception  Crafts and Art – Years 5 and 6 Piano – The same children as last half term	3.15pm – 4.15pm  3.15pm – 4.15pm  3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November  P.E. – Reception 1M 1/2G	Football BFC – Years 5 and 6  <b>Children in Need - £1 donation</b>	3.15pm – 4.15pm  <b>All day</b>