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This week our attendance was...

**94.9%**

Oh no – Let's get to 96%

13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

A massive thank you for everyone's efforts with Roald Dahl day today. The children look fabulous (as do the staff!).

**We are pleased to announce:**

We have been very busy appointing some more roles for our children in school this week. We are delighted to announce our new house captains for this year. They will be presented with their badges in assembly next Friday.

**Fire** - Ruby-Blu, Teddi

**Water** - Lydia, Lucas B

**Air** - Oscar, Alicia

**Earth** - Nikitta M, Riley

**Next week in school:**

Next Thursday, the Evening Gazette will be in school to take a photograph of our new reception class. Please make sure your child is in full uniform and we'll get those smiles ready!

Then on Friday it is our Jeans for Genes Day where **all** children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform with a £1 donation to a children's charity who support research into those children who are born with a gene deficiency. A well worth cause which also enables parents to stay in hospital with their children whilst they undergo surgery/treatment.

**A letter from Buckingham Palace:**

We were delighted this week to receive a letter from Buckingham Palace passing on their thanks for the most kind and generous messages that were sent to the King. Well done #TeamMereside!

**School Photographs:**

Just so you know the date in advance, our individual and family photographs by Tempest will take place on the 18th October. If you wish for a family photograph these will be at **8.30am** in the hall.

### **Year 5 and 6 parents:**

Calling all parents in Year 5 and 6. We have been asked to let you know that Highfield Academy is holding their open event on Tuesday 24th September from 4.30pm - 7pm. All are welcome to attend. As soon as we hear from the other local high schools we will share their dates too.

### **MCAS App:**

We have been made aware this week that some parents haven't received this week's correspondence. If this is the case please update the app and reload. Thank you!

### **Parking / dogs on site / scooters:**

Just a polite reminder please that no dogs are allowed on site as we are not insured. The only dog allowed is our therapy dog, Fudge, who is fully trained to be around children and is insured. Similarly, could I please request that you do not park in front of the gates, even when they are closed. This is still used as an emergency entrance/exit and finally, just a reminder that scooters and bikes are not allowed to be ridden anywhere on the school site.

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

**Nursery** – **Harry** for being kind and caring to our new starters and **Jack** for always being kind to his friends and being so helpful. Well done both of you!

**Reception** – **Isabelle** for being such a happy little girl and being a good friend and **Chase J** for adapting so well to life in reception. Well done both of you!

**1M** – **Cameron** and **Mylah** for always showing our Mereside Way all day, every day. . Well done both of you!

**1G** – **Mason, Roux** and **Penelope** for always showing our Mereside Way all day, every day. Well done all of you!

**2JP** – **Isabella** for always trying hard in every subject and **Madeleine** for fantastic contributions in all lessons. Well done!

**2HP**- **Karlson** for always trying his best and being ready to learn and **Evania** for always doing the right thing and listening well to instructions.

**3B** – **Gergo** for a fantastic start at Mereside and **Saffy** for being an excellent role model. Well done both of you!

**3W** – **Sophie** for being an excellent role model and showing the Mereside Way, all day and **Lilly** for her brilliant contributions in all lessons. Well done both of you!

**4B** – **Kian** for an amazing return to school with full engagement in school life and **Grace** for consistently beautiful presentation in all her work.

**4D** – **Teddy** - for always contributing in our class discussions, building and challenging others, speaking with confidence and having a positive mindset during lessons. **Jayden** for starting the year with a fantastic attitude towards his learning. You have been really impressing me! Well done both of you!

**5D** – **Nylah** for a fabulous first week back at Mereside and **Lucy Ann** for 100% effort all week!

**6FB**- **Alfie** for a fantastic attitude towards his work, **Nikitta M** for excellent effort in reading at home, and **all of 6FB** for a fantastic start to Year 6!

A big well done to everyone!!

**Upcoming dates for your diary:**

**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

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** - 3B Library visit

**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 Trip to Bowland Wild Boar Park

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** - Coffee Morning with Mrs Peck (SENDCo) - all welcome

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – 3W Library visit

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – School Photos – Individuals and Family

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – School closes for half term at 3.15pm

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

Ms S Upton  
Headteacher

**Coming up next week...**

Date	Event	Time
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1-6 - Drawing	3.15pm – 4.15pm
P.E. – 1G		
3B	Year 5 and 6 - Piano Club	3.15pm – 4.15pm
3W		
6FB		

<p>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>P.E. – 2JP</p> <p>3B</p> <p>3W</p> <p>4B</p> <p>5D</p>	<p>Years 1-6 - Dance (For the dance festival at the Winter gardens)</p> <p>Year 1 and 2 - Crafts</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p>
<p>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>P.E. – 2JP</p> <p>4B</p> <p>4D</p>	<p>Staff training</p>	
<p>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>P.E. – 1M</p> <p>1G</p> <p>2HP</p> <p>5D</p> <p>6FB</p>	<p>Storytelling - Year 1 and 2</p> <p>Karaoke - Year 3 and 4</p> <p>Evening Gazette Photograph for Reception starters</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>Any point during the day!</p>
<p>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>P.E. – Reception</p> <p>1M</p> <p>2HP</p> <p>4D</p>	<p>Football – Years 5 and 6 (run by Blackpool Football Club)</p> <p>Jeans for Genes Day - Non-uniform day (preferably jeans) for charity - £1 donation</p>	<p>3.15pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>All day</p>

