**We finish for Christmas on Thursday 22nd December at 2pm**

**Back to school Monday 9th January at 8:45 am**

**Academy update**

I can confirm that all necessary legal preparations are now complete and we will convert to academy status as part of Fylde Coast Academy Trust on January 1st. This is an exciting time for us now as we move forward in partnership with some of the most successful schools in the area. Mereside School is now well placed to build on the good work we have done so far, and provide the best education possible for your children, now and into the future.

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**End of term information**

On Thursday we will be holding our end of term Celebrations assembly, including the Attendance awards for the term, at the usual time of 8:55. All welcome.

Congratulations to 4S, who had 100% attendance for the previous week. 4S may come to school in non-uniform if they wish on Wednesday 21st Dec.

**All the children are invited to come in non-uniform on Thursday 22nd Dec (no charge). Wear something Christmassy if you like!** (please note this is not a toy day).

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**Important Spring Term dates for your diary**

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| Monday 9th January 2017 8:45 am | Back to school |
| Tuesday 7th February | Valentine’s Disco |
| Friday 10th February 3:15 | School closes for half term |
| Monday 20th February | Back to school |
| Wed 1st March | Poetry Competition |
| Thursday 2nd March | World Book Day |
| Wed 29th March | **PARENTS’ EVENING** |
| Wed 5th April | Easter Eggs and Bonnets Competitions |
| Fri 7th April | Break up for Easter |
| Tuesday 18th April | Back to school |

**Important: Parents of children in Y6 please note SATS week is 8th – 12th May 2017. It is vital your child is in school this week. Please do not book any holidays as under no circumstances can they be authorized.**

**Parents of children in Y2 please note their tests will take place at various times during the month of May so again please do not book any holidays during this time.**

**Children’s Centre news**

 We are taking names for a 'Brush up your English' course starting in January and Maths starting in February, booking essential; free crèche - book at reception and ask for more details

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Baby Rover: come and pick up a bargain! Become a lifetime member for a one-off payment of  £2.50 then purchase 10 items of babies’ and children’s clothes for just £1 a bundle.

Baby Rover sessions held 12.30-3pm in the Children's Centre Café on the second Tuesday of the month. Come and see the lovely freshly recycled clothes.

10th January

14th February

14th March

11th April

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See you in the New Year!

