

# Mereside Primary School and Children's Centre

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**December 2017**



## **Non-uniform day this Thursday**

Our last day of term this Thursday will be a non-uniform day with no charge as a thank you for all your fundraising support in the run-up to Christmas. Your donations make a big difference to the activities we can run for the children over the whole year and your support is much appreciated.

Don't forget we break up at 2pm Thursday and return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Wishing you a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year from all of us at Mereside!

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## **Mrs Jackson**

Mrs Claire Jackson, who is currently a Behaviour Mentor here at Mereside, will be leaving us at the end of term to take up a new post. We will miss her but wish her all the best in her new role. After Christmas Mrs Ireland from Pathways will be taking over the Behaviour Mentor role, working alongside Mrs Prosser.

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## **Christmas Fair**

A couple of weeks ago we held our annual Christmas Fair, which was very well attended as usual. Thankyou to everyone who sent in chocolate, bottles etc for the raffle and tombolas, and to all of you for attending and supporting us so well. We raised a total of £712 which will go towards the cost of Christmas parties and other rewards and prizes throughout the year.



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## **Christmas Festival**

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Christmas Festival at Blackpool Tower last week. It was a very enjoyable evening and the children sang beautifully as part of a choir of 600 Blackpool schoolchildren. A special thankyou to Mrs Ball for all her hard work with the children, helping them learn the songs, and to the staff who gave up their evening to accompany the children.

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## **PE kits**

The children will be bringing their PE kits home for the holidays this week. Can I ask you please to check your child has a white T-shirt, a pair of blue shorts and a pair of pumps ready for our return in January. All of these items are available from the school office or can be bought from any supplier.



<b>Important dates</b>	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Non-uniform day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December at 8:55	Attendance Awards assembly
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December at <b>2pm</b>	Break up for Christmas
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 8:45	Return to school
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February at 3:15	Break up for half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February at 8:45	Return to school

**All holiday dates for 2017-18 are on our website**

### **Children's Centre events**

Thurs 21 Dec	Children's Centre coffee morning with mince pies from 9am
Every Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January to 22 <sup>nd</sup> March  (10 weeks)  9.30am-11.30am	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Caring for Babies and Young Children</b></p> <p>Learn more about physical care routines, nutrition and wellbeing of babies and toddlers to keep them happy and healthy.</p> <p>Build a portfolio and gain a qualification, great for any parent as well as step towards a career in childcare. Advice &amp; guidance on next steps after this course is available on request.</p> <p>Booking essential, call in or phone 01253 839739. For more information please contact the Children's Centre</p>

**The Children's Centre closes for Christmas on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December and re-opens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.**

