

## MERESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE NEWSLETTER – January 2019

### Principal's Welcome and Updates

I do hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and my very best wishes for a very Happy New Year. Well, we are already in Spring Term and will be looking forward to lighter evenings and signs of Spring really soon. Our focus this term will be looking at our curriculum and how we can make it as exciting and engaging as we can for all our children. We will be looking at new topics, visits/visitors in school, using our community and ensuring the children have a rich and fantastic curriculum over the seven years they are at Mereside Primary School.

*Mrs Bamber*



#### Did you know that you can see what we are doing in school on Twitter?

We have been posting exciting updates about what we are doing in school on Twitter, please connect with us and see what we have been doing at [@MeresidePrimary](https://twitter.com/MeresidePrimary). You can also keep up to date by visiting our updated and new look website at <https://www.meresideprimary.com/>



Please remember to activate your Parent Pay accounts! We will be sending an electronic version of this newsletter through Parent Pay and feedback from our parents using Parent Pay is really positive and they have said how easy they are finding it to pay for fees and Trips.

If you need a copy of your activation details, please ask at the office

#### Breakfast and After School Club Reminder:

Children are able to get some breakfast from Brenda in our Children's Centre from 8.00am at a cost of between 10p and 25p per item, but please remember that they must be supervised by an adult.

Mr Todd and Brenda continue to run our ever successful After School Club! This runs from 3.30pm – 5.30pm at a cost of just £5.50 per child per day, or £8.75 for Nursery aged children.

If you are interested in using our After School Club, please ask for more details at the school office

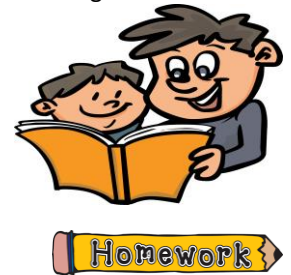


#### MUGA

Can we please remind pupils that the MUGA should not be used before school in the mornings for Health and Safety reasons. Please can we ask Parents to remind their children about this as we have seen a small increase in accidents and incidents occurring due to them using it before school as it is not supervised.

#### Homework

Thank you all for a continuing good start to your children's homework. Please continue to support your child with all their homework and always ask and question them about their school day and learning.



### WORLD BOOK DAY

Just a heads-up so you have plenty of time to prepare!!

World Book Day this year is on 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to come to school dressed up as a character from any book.

We look forward to seeing all their creations!



#### Bumped Head Notes

Please be reminded that if your child has a bump to the head whilst in school, as well as having the usual letter sent home, we will also be placing a 'Bumped Head' wristband on your child(ren) so you will be able to easily see it. This has been working really well and it was fantastic to see an article about it in the Gazette recently!!



#### Mereside Nursery

We have spaces available in our Nursery for children aged 3 – 4yrs. Funding is currently available for all children which means they can attend Nursery for 15hrs per week fully funded. In addition to this, if you are a working family and meet the criteria, there is additional funding available which enables your child to attend up to 30 hrs fully funded. Please ask at the school office for more information.

#### Children's Centre

Please see below for more information about our Children's Centre Activities which will be running over the Spring Term. As you can see there are lots of things for you and your children to get involved in and we look forward to seeing you.

Also, please don't forget, that our Café is open for the general public until 2.30pm every day where you can get hot drinks and homemade hot and cold food for reasonable charges. Brenda will be sure to welcome you all...

#### Attendance

10/12/18 – 18/01/19

RB	92.1%
1B	94.7%
1/2R	89.9%
2T	93.4%
3P	97.1%
3/4C	93.9%
4R	97.5%
5C	97.2%
5/6R	93.1%
6KL	97.4%
Whole School	94.8%

#### Team Points

	Total	Place
Windermere	2416	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ambleside	2256	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Grasmere	2225	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Keswick	2206	4 <sup>th</sup>

DATE	SCHOOL EVENTS AND DATES FOR DIARIES
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Shakespeare Themed Week
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentines Disco - more info to follow
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Schools Alive - 7pm at the Grand Theatre
15 <sup>th</sup> February	School breaks up for 1 week - return to school normal time 25 <sup>th</sup> February
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair Week
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents lunch with children and afternoon in school

Days	Time	CHILDREN'S CENTRE EVENTS AND DATES FOR DIARIES
MONDAYS	9am - 11.30am	Bookstart Corner with Jayne
	10.20am - 11.05am	Tiddly-om-Pom-Poms
	All Day	Little Diggers Garden
	Various Dates (Ask for more details)	Preparing for Parenthood Course
Tuesdays	9.30am - 12pm	Stop Smoking in Pregnancy
	10am - 10.30am (Starts 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	Melody Bear Dance sessions
	All Day	Little Diggers Garden
	1pm - 3pm	Baby Club
	1pm - 4pm (Alternate Tuesdays)	Clevr Money Drop in with Credit Union
	1pm - 3pm (12 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	Baby Rover
Wednesdays	10am - 11.30am (Term time only)	Next Steps - A next step after Baby Club after about 14 months
	All Day	Little Diggers Garden
	10am - 12pm (16 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	Free childcare for 2, 3 & 4 year olds
	12.45pm - 2.45pm	Family Maths
	2pm - 3pm	Blackpool Coastal Housing Surgery
Thursdays	10am - 11.30am	Bumbles Parent and Toddler Group
	10am - 12pm	Knitting Nanas Knitting Group
	2pm - 3pm	Better Start Park Rangers
Fridays	9am - 10.30am	Parent and Carers coffee morning
	9.30am - 11am	Parents Forum
	All Day	Little Diggers Garden
	9.30am - 11.30am	EPEC "Being a Parent" course