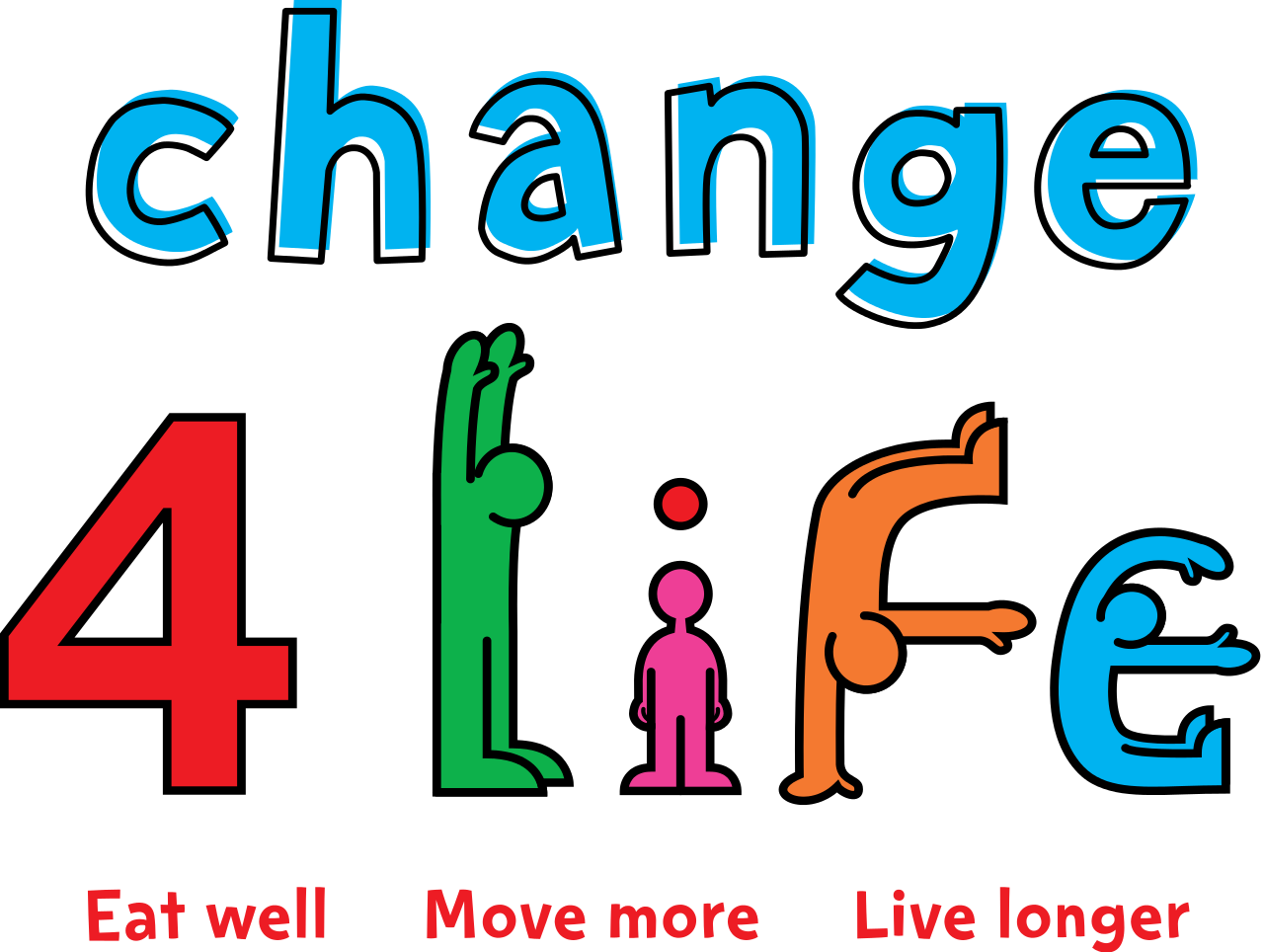
**Healthy Mereside**

From Monday 19th February there will be an exciting club starting which will be open to all of our families. There will be fun physical activity sessions and family healthy food sessions here after school run by staff from the Making Changes team. Families taking part will also be able to access FREE unlimited swimming and adults will be able to take part in a free gym session. So if you and your children would like to get healthy in 2018 this is a great opportunity! Call, text or email the Making Changes team to reserve your free place:

Phone: 01253 478194 / 07983 552781 or email: Making.Changes@blackpool.gov.uk

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**Hola Las Cumbres!**

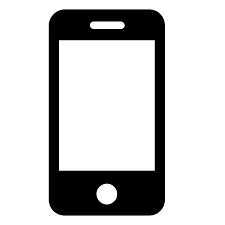
We are starting a twinning project with a school in Spain, Las Cumbres in Mostoles near Madrid. It is a primary school with children of the same age range as Mereside. We are finding out about each other’s schools and learning about the life of children in a different country. We will also be learning about the culture of Spain and its geography, and a little of its language. We hope that in the summer term we will be visited by some of the teachers from Las Cumbres. On 8th February we will be holding a Spanish Day – more details to follow.

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**After School Club**

You may remember that we were monitoring the situation with After School Club up until Christmas due to it running at a loss. I’m pleased to say that the rise in fees has helped to reduce the loss so we are now able to say the club will continue to run for the foreseeable future. We will need to keep an eye on the finances and review it again in the summer. There are still places available if you would like your child to attend.

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**Phone numbers**

If you have changed your phone number recently could you please inform us of your new number for our records. We send urgent messages out to all parents by text, and also we need to be able to contact you in an emergency about your child. Please just let the office know as soon as possible.

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| **Important dates** | |
| Thursday 1st February | Reception ‘Night at the Museum’ |
| Wednesday 7th February | Schools Alive at The Grand Theatre |
| Thursday 8th February | Spanish Day |
| Friday 9th February at 3:15 | Break up for half term |
| Monday 19th February at 8:45 | Return to school |
| Monday 19th February at 3:30 | Healthy Mereside begins |
| Wednesday 28th February | Poetry Competition |
| Thursday 1st March | World Book Day |
| Tuesday 6th March | 5KL performing Macbeth at The Grand Theatre |
| Wednesday 14th March | Parents Evening |
| Thursday 29th March at 2pm | Break up for one week for Easter |
| Monday 9th April at 8:45 | Return to school |
| w/b 14th May | Y6 SATS week |
| Friday 25th May at 3:15 | Break up for two weeks |
| Monday 11th June at 8:45 | Return to school |
| Friday 20th July at 2pm | Break up for Summer |

**All holiday dates for 2017-18 and 2018-19 are on our website**