

# Mereside Primary School and Children's Centre

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## End of Year Newsletter – July 2019

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### Message from Mrs Bamber

What a fantastic year we have had since September 2018! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here this year and have felt privileged to have been able to meet so many wonderful people, parents, carers, staff, Governors and many more. The school has continued to grow and I could not be prouder of the children and their achievements this year. I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families a very lovely summer break and look forward to working with you all as Executive Principal when we return to school on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

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### Staffing Updates

This year we say a fond farewell to a number of staff, some of whom have been employed for up to 27 years.

It is with great sadness that we see these staff members leaving us and as Principal, I would like to thank each and every one of them for their hard work, dedication to the school and the children and for their loyalty over the years they have been with us. We wish you all the very best for the future and you will all be sadly missed.

We say goodbye to:

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| Mrs Lawrence           | Pastoral Manager      |
| Mrs Herrington         | Administrator         |
| Mrs Clayton            | SSA2                  |
| Mrs McVey              | Teaching Assistant    |
| Mrs Collier            | Teaching Assistant    |
| Mr Todd                | Teaching Assistant    |
| Mrs Fletcher           | Teaching Assistant    |
| Mrs Jackson            | Early Years TA        |
| Mrs Hargreaves-Hatcher | Early Years TA        |
| Mr Lavelle             | Site Supervisor       |
| Mr Threlfall           | Asst Site Supervisor  |
| Mrs Lavelle            | Class Teacher         |
| Mrs Brown              | Nursery/Class Teacher |

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### Key Points of successes this year

As mentioned at our Celebration and Awards Assembly on 16<sup>th</sup> July, we have had lots to celebrate and recognise from this year. For those that were unable to make our Assembly, here are some of the key points and areas for great celebration at Mereside this year. I thank you all for your commitment and support to the school and Children's Centre over the past year to help enable all these things to happen.

- Fantastic Assessment results across the whole school! The children and staff have worked exceptionally hard to achieve the results this year and should all be very proud of themselves.
- Development of our Forest School – this is now being used regularly and children are enjoying learning outside the classroom
- Photos, quotes and displays around school have transformed many areas of the school and created a brighter and more striking internal décor – I am sure you agree that these look fantastic and really showcase our school well
- Our Reception intake for September 2019 has increased by a further 10 pupils than the previous year and we are offering a trial period of 1 year for 2 year olds into our Nursery when we return to school. We are happy to confirm that we have filled all our 2 year old places already! Great news for a good start to the year in September! We are hopeful that this may mean that more places could become available if numbers and interest continues to increase.
- Exciting Curriculum Themed Weeks such as the Mystery Box!
- Media coverage in the Gazette as much as possible and we look forward to pushing this further going into the Autumn Term
- Parents lunch and Afternoons in school. These have been very successful events with over 100 parents/Carers joining us on each of the occasions. We look forward to continuing to hold these once a term moving into the new year.
- Close working relationships with the community and wider stakeholders. We have taken part in many events such as Xmas lights switch on, M.A.F.I.A. community events. I have really enjoyed my visits to the local Youth Club evenings. Our Xmas and Summer Fairs were as successful as they have always been and our recent Summer Fair raised a grand total of £1,085 which will go towards playground developments. Thank you all for your continued support.

Whilst there are so many more things we could list here as our achievements and celebrations, we hope this gives you a flavour of all the exciting and wonderful things we have been doing here at Mereside Primary School this year, and we look forward to planning and doing many more exciting events and activities moving into our 2019 – 2020 academic year