**Staff News**

At the end of term we said goodbye to Mrs Harrop, Mr Street and Mrs Blackburn who have all moved on to new ventures.

We wish them all the very best in their new pathways and thank them all for all they have done in their time at Mereside.

**Principal’s Update and Messages**

We are nearing the end of my first full year here at Mereside and what a journey we have been on. I could not be prouder of the school, the children, parents and wider community as together we work incredibly hard to ensure Mereside as a whole is the best that we can be.

We have lots of exciting things coming up over the last half term as you can see in the Dates for Diaries overleaf and I look forward to seeing you all and welcoming you as always into our happy school.

Mrs Bamber

**Homework**

Thank you all for a continuing to support 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.



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**Friday 5th July at 2.15pm**

Our Summer Fair this year will be held at 2.15pm on Friday 6th July. We have as always lots planned for the day and we look forward to welcoming you into school that afternoon.

Please look at the Dates for Diaries for Non-Uniform in support of the fair and we thank you in advance for your continued support with our events



From September 2019 the school will no longer be able to accept cash for payment of fees, trips or uniforms etc.

We ask that all parents please activate their Parent Pay accounts in time for this change - please ask at Reception for a copy of your details if you need these.

We are able to process card payments in school too so please ask to pay by card if this is preferred.

**P.E Kits**

By now, I am sure you will all be thrilled with your child’s new P.E. sports tops. We think they look fantastic and it is lovely to see the children ready for their Sports/P.E. activities for the day.

Please can we remind parents that the school P.E. kit of a plain white T’shirt and blue shorts should be worn underneath the new P.E. tops and sports bottoms. For girls that are wearing leggings, P.E. shorts need to be available in school to change into if required. Please be reminded that children should be wearing any other sports type clothing than these.

**Sports Day and Youth Games Week**

Week commencing 24th June we will be taking part in the Blackpool Youth Games events. This is week-long sporting extravaganza for local schools where participants, teachers, coaches and clubs join forces
some of the events that we will be taking part in are boy’s football and mixed dodgeball.

We also look forward to our school Sports Day, please see the dates for diaries for the date and let’s hope for some nice dry weather!

**Children’s Centre**

Carol and the team have been busy as ever providing support to our community and work tirelessly with the events program they offer.

Details about our Children’s Centre Activities and events unto the end of Summer can be seen on the Dates for Diaries overleaf. 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…

**Transition Week**

Week commencing 8th July is our Transition week.

Our current Year 6’s will spend this whole week at the High School they will be joining in September and they are expected to make their own way to their new schools.

Please be reminded if you have not yet sent in your paperwork for this we need it as soon as possible to send on to High Schools. If this paperwork is not returned, then it will create problems for the children to go.

This week will also allow opportunity for all our other year groups to spend time and meet their class teachers for next year. I am sure they will have fun…

**Attendance**

**01/09/2019 – Date**

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| RB  | 94.5% |
| 1B | 96.5% |
| 1/2R | 95.9% |
| 2T | 95.3% |
| 3P | 97% |
| 3/4C | 95.3% |
| 4R | 98.4% |
| 5C | 97.6% |
| 5/6R | 96.8% |
| 6KL  | 95.6% |
| Whole School  | 96.3% |

**Team Points 26/4/19- 14/06/19**

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|  | **Total** | **Place** |
| Ambleside | 2335 | 1st |
| Keswick | 2266 | 2nd  |
| Windermere  | 2266 | 3rd  |
| Grasmere  | 2218 | 4th  |

**Mereside Nursery**

From September 2019, we are excited to announce that we will be extending our current provision for Nursery to allow for children aged 2 years. This will be trialled over the next year with a view to review in the New Year whether this will change permanently from Sept 2020. There will be no change to our current provision for 3 year olds.

If you are interested or would like further details, please do not hesitate to ask at Reception for more details of speak to Mrs Brown in our Nursery.

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| **DATE** | **SCHOOL EVENTS AND DATES FOR DIARIES** |
| **21st June 2019** | Parents Afternoon in school – please refer to letter sent home for more details  |
| **21st June 2019** | Non-Uniform Day – Please bring a bottle for the Summer Fair Tombola |
| **24th – 28th June 2019** | Blackpool Youth Games  |
| **26th June 2019 (morning)**  | Key Stage 1 and Early Years Sports Day  |
| **26th June 2019 (Afternoon)**  | Key Stage 2 Sports Day  |
| **28th June 2019** | Non-Uniform Day – Please bring in Chocolate for the Summer Fair Tombola  |
| **3rd July 2019** | Children’s University  |
| **3rd July 2019** | 100% Attendance Party at Blackpool Football Club (6pm – 8pm) letters to follow for those that will be invited to attend  |
| **5th July 2019** | Non-Uniform Day – Please bring Cakes for the Summer Fair  |
| **5th July 2019** | SUMMER FAIR – children will break up at 2pm for the Fair  |
| **9th July 2019** | Themed Lunch day for children – Chicken Festival  |
| **12th July 2019** | Year 6 Leavers Disco (6pm – 8pm) – hosted by M.A.F.I.A.  |
| **16th July 2019** | Awards Assembly - time to be confirmed |
| **17th July 2019** | Street Party Lunch for the children  |
| **19th July 2019**  | Leavers Assembly – time to be confirmed  |
| **19th July 2019**  | School Breaks up for Summer at 2pm  |