

**MERESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE
NEWSLETTER – October 2018**

Dates for your Diary

w/c 15th October – Mystery Object Themed Week in classes

Harvest Festival Weds 17th October at 2.30pm

18th October – Chester Zoo Trip – classes 5C, 5/6R, 6KL

19th October – Break up usual time for Half Term

30th October – Return to school – normal time

30th October – MAFIA Halloween Disco in our School Hall at 5pm

Principal's Welcome and Updates

I have really enjoyed my first half term at Mereside Primary School and it has gone so quickly!! I would like to thank all our children, parents/carers and community for making me feel so welcome and I am looking forward to the next half term leading us up to Christmas.

Don't forget we break up for half term on Friday 19th October. We hope you all have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you all when we return to school on Tuesday 30th October.

Mrs Bamber

Open Day

We are hosting our Annual Open Day on Weds 17th Oct at 9.30am, 1.30pm and 4.30pm where we will be welcoming members of the community to show off our fantastic school in preparation for admissions for Reception children for Sept 2019.

We have been busy preparing for this and have produced promotional photos of your children on. Keep a look out for some of them in the post and at the big Tesco!! We are excited to see them all...

School Trips and Visits to School

We have some exiting curricular trips and visits to school happening this half term and the children are looking forward to getting involved.

Chester Zoo – 18th Oct for classes 5C, 5/6R & 6KL – the children are all looking forward to learning more about the animals during the visit and will be attending an exciting workshop too. Please can all pupils wear full school uniform for this trip and as the trip is outside, prepare for colder weather just in case.

Viking Day – Date to be arranged - for classes 3P, 3/4C & 4R – A Viking visitor came to school!! The children were excited to be getting involved in the activities planned for the day and we thank all parents that contributed for their support to help make this happen for the children

Pirate Day – 11th Oct for classes 1B, 1/2R & 2T - The children came to school dressed up as Pirates and had a great day getting involved in pirate activities for the day!!

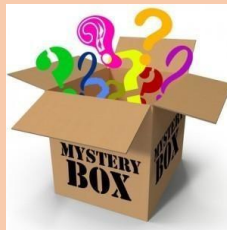


Mystery Box Themed Week

Week beginning 15th October, all our classes will be getting a box with mystery items in them. Our children and staff have no idea what the boxes will have in them and all planning for teaching for that week will then be planned around what items they have...

This will make the opening of those boxes very exciting for both children and staff.

The Gazette are hoping to come down to capture some of the excitement with the children as they open their Mystery Boxes, so keep a look out for them in the paper in the coming weeks..!!



Bumped Head Notes

When we return to school after Half Term, 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 in case the letter is lost in the bottom of your child's bag!!



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 upto 30 hrs fully funded. Please ask at the school office for more information.

Harvest Festival



Reminder that our Harvest Festival will be taking place on Weds 17th Oct 2018 in support of Street Life. Donations of dried food, tinned food, soap, toothpaste etc are gratefully accepted and we look forward to seeing all our classes involved in the Assembly at 2.30pm where Streetlife will be attending to receive donations.



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

[Mereside Primary @MeresidePrimary](https://www.meresideprimary.com/)
You can also keep up to date by visiting our website at <https://www.meresideprimary.com/>

Homework

We've had a good start to homework being done, thank you for all your support and dedication with this.

We are as always, very grateful for your support with this and it really does make a difference.



Attendance

w/c 17.09.18 – w/e 11.10.18

RB	93.8%
1B	96.3%
1/2R	96.2%
2T	93.3%
3P	96.2%
3/4C	92.2%
4R	97.9%
5C	98.8%
5/6R	90.9%
6KL	96.4%
Whole School	93.8%

Team Points

	Total	Place
Ambleside	2646	1 st
Keswick	2597	2 nd
Windermere	2555	3 rd
Grasmere	2124	4 th

Children's Centre

A full schedule of activities and events being held in our Children's Centre over the coming weeks is available on our school website and includes events such as Baby Club, Bumbles, Dads and Families and access to so much more support for families.

Why not pop in and have a brew in our Café to find out more.

Halloween Disco

Mereside M.A.F.I.A will be hosting a Halloween Disco in our school hall on 30th October starting at 5pm and will finish at 7pm. Children will get a Hotdog and a Tuck Shop will be available if they wish to buy snacks. Tickets are £1 per Child and we hope they all have a wonderful time

