

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

Principal's Welcome and Updates

Well, I can't believe I am already in my second half of the Autumn Term, with Christmas just round the corner. I'm sure you will agree that this year has gone so quickly.

I am enjoying meeting you all and hope to see as many of you as possible on Friday when parents are in for lunch and the afternoon in school. Your children will love to have you in school and share their learning with you,
Very best wishes,

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/>

Our Book Fair will be happening in school from Monday 19th November till 23rd November.



The children have been saving up in school in preparation for this and there will be a range of books available for them to buy with their savings....

We will have the fair available outside the school hall every day after school and on Parents Evening (21st Nov) too if you wish to make some further purchases.

School Trips and Visits

A big Thank you to everyone for your recent contributions towards trips that have been taking place, I am sure the children have been telling you all about the fantastic time they have had at Chester Zoo and our Viking and Pirate Days, and how much these trips really helped them to enhance their learning in these areas.

Xmas Panto Trip – KS1 – 11th December – Our KS1 classes will be going to the Circus Panto – Payments for the trip to be made through Parent Pay please by no later than 10th December

We have some exciting things happening leading up to Christmas and the children are looking forward to getting involved with these – see dates for diaries overleaf

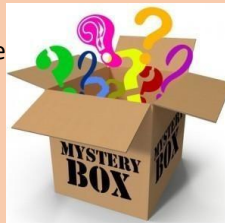


Mystery Box Themed Week

We had an absolutely wonderful week and school was really buzzing in every class with their mystery boxes.

The staff and children had a fantastic time planning their lessons together and we hope you managed to catch the article about it in the Gazette which captured the weeks' activities perfectly.

We look forward to planning to do more Themed weeks over the year



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

Children's Centre

Our Children's Centre staff have been busy with lots of activities and events over the past half term and we look forward to welcoming you all over the coming festive weeks

The Better Start Early Years Panto will take place on 1st December at 3pm, please call 839739 for more details

Halloween Disco

What a fantastic time we all had at the Halloween Disco. The children looked great in their spooky costumes and enjoyed the Disco.

Thank you so much to Mereside MAFIA for arranging the event and they raised over £150!!!

Well done to all Involved



Harvest Festival



Thank you on behalf of Streetlife for everything given during our Harvest Festival and for coming along to our service. I am sure you will agree there was lots to celebrate and find out from the children.

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



Attendance

w/c 15.10.18 – w/e 09.11.18

RB	95.3%
1B	93.1%
1/2R	94.6%
2T	96.2%
3P	94.1%
3/4C	95.4%
4R	99.1%
5C	96.5%
5/6R	92.3%
6KL	92%
Whole School	94.9%

Team Points

	Total	Place
Ambleside	1088	= 1 st
Keswick	985	= 1 st
Windermere	1090	3 rd
Grasmere	928	4 th



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EVENTS IN SCHOOL

W/c 12th Nov
16th November

British Values and Remembrance Themed Week
Children in Need - Wear Something Spotty!! -
Please pay £1 which will go to Children in Need



16th November

Parents Lunch with Children and Afternoon in School



21st November
30th November

Parents Evening
Non-Uniform Day - Bring a Bottle for the Tombola stall

30th November
7pm
7th December

Mereside Xmas Lights Switch on and Market Stalls
Non-Uniform Day - Bring in chocolate for the Tombola stall

10th December
11th December
11th December

Xmas Lunch for the children and staff
KS1 Xmas Panto Trip
Early Years Xmas Production - in the afternoon (2.15pm)

12th December

Early Years Xmas Production - in the morning (9.30am)

14th December

Xmas Jumper Day - bring in cakes for the Xmas Fayre and school will make a donation on behalf of school to Save the Children



14th December
2pm
18th December

School Xmas Fayre - children will finish school at 2pm
KS1 Xmas Performance in the afternoon (1.30pm)

19th December

KS1 Xmas Performance in the morning (9.30am)

w/c 17th Dec
21st December

All class Xmas Parties
Christmas Service and celebration assembly - Parents welcome

21st December

Break up for Xmas at 2pm - back to school on 7th January 2019 at the normal time

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EVENTS IN CHILDREN'S CENTRE

1st December

Blackpool Better Start Early Years Panto

