

# Mereside Primary School and Children's Centre

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**November 2017**

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## **Fun Open Day**

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November we held our first Fun Day/Open Day and it was a great success. I hope those of you who attended enjoyed it. We hoped that it would attract parents who are looking for a Reception place for their child for September 2018 which is why it was an Open Day, but also wanted it to be a fun event for our children, so everyone was welcome. We were well supported by Radio Wave and you may have heard the adverts during the week before the event, or the interviews on the day with myself and Alfie Spence, our Head Boy, and Melanie Vintner, our Head Girl. They did us proud and gave a good impression of our school. Many thanks too to all the staff who gave up their Saturday to help at the event.

*If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 you need to apply for a primary school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The easiest way to apply is online at [www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions)*

If you require support in completing the application, please speak to either the school office, or the Children's Centre, where the staff are trained to help parents apply for Reception places.

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## **Mrs Richardson**

Mrs Richardson will be starting her maternity leave at the beginning of December, and we wish her well and look forward to meeting her new arrival! Joining us on 1<sup>st</sup> December is Mrs Lisa Kimber, an experienced teacher moving to us from Revoe Learning Academy, who will take over Mrs Richardson's class.

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## **Dance Festival**

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Dance Festival at the Winter Gardens last week. They can be very proud of how hard they worked in the weeks before the show, and of their super performance on the night. And thankyou too to Mrs Birt for all her hard work in putting the whole thing together.

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## **PE kits**

We currently have lots of children who have no PE kit in school. One class last week had 14 children without a kit, meaning PE had to be cancelled. All the children need a T-shirt, a pair of shorts and a pair of pumps. All of these items are available from the school office. Please can you check that your child has their full PE kit in school, and if not, can you provide one as soon as possible so they can take part in the lesson.

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## **Christmas events**

Please see overleaf for a list of important dates coming up, including Christmas Concerts and parties.

## Important dates

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Healthy Lifestyles sessions with Sport Blackpool for all classes
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November and Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	'A Christmas Journey' with Blackpool Schools and Youth Work for Y2 (a Christmas story workshop)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Non-uniform day – bring chocolate (KS1) or a bottle (KS2) for the Christmas Fair
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December at 9:30 and Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December at 2:15	Early Years Christmas Concert
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December (evening)	Christmas Festival at the Winter Gardens
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-uniform day – bring cakes or a toy for the toy stall for the Christmas Fair
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December at 3:30	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December at 2:00 and Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December at 9:30	KS1 Christmas Concert
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Parties
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Party
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 2:00	KS2 Christmas Concert
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December at 2:00	Break up for Christmas
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 8:45	Return to school

**All holiday dates for 2017-18 are on our website.**

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## Children's Centre events

<b>Wed 22 Nov</b>	Polar Express film 3.30pm
<b>Fri 24 Nov</b>	Natural Xmas decorations Children's Centre 9.30am
<b>Sat 2 Dec</b>	Children's Centre Xmas Fun event 11am-1pm. Booking essential!
<b>Fri 8 Dec</b>	Winter Wonderland @ Winter Gardens 11am-2.30pm
<b>Tues 12 Dec</b>	Children's Centre Baby Club Xmas Party 1pm
<b>Wed 13 Dec</b>	Children's Centre Next Steps Xmas party 10am
<b>Thurs 14 Dec</b>	Bumbles @ Tarnside Xmas Party 10am
<b>Thurs 21 Dec</b>	Children's Centre coffee morning with mince pies from 9am

The Children's Centre closes for Christmas on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December and re-opens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

