



Learning for life!

Meridian Update

Term 1

Monday 3rd September – Friday 19th October

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Children back to school on Wednesday 5th September

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Meridian Community Primary School & Nursery



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**Friday
20th
July
2018**

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic year we have had at Meridian! The children have all worked so hard and it was great to hear about all the things they have enjoyed when they completed their questionnaires. The top 3 things they loved the most were: Forest School, Outdoor Play and Learning and the Human Body topic!

Year 6

The Year 6 children have had an amazing year – they have worked so hard to do their best and the determination they have shown in their learning has been wonderful. It has been lovely to watch these positive young people grow and develop in confidence over the years and I know they will continue to do well at their new secondary schools – these schools are lucky to be getting such fabulous students! Good luck and I look forward to hearing about how you are all getting on in the next stage of your education.

Curriculum Chats

Don't forget to check out the important dates in this newsletter for the Curriculum Chats in September. This is a chance for you to meet your child's new teacher and hearing about the learning planned for the year. Next year, you are also invited to come in for half an hour before the Curriculum Chat to read with your child if you would like – all part of our plan to get children enjoying reading and loving books! We look forward to seeing you in September!

New Classes for September

The children all really enjoyed meeting their teacher in their new classroom last week. On the first day back, the Senior Leadership Team will be around on the playgrounds to guide you if you don't know where to go! There have been a few changes of layout to accommodate different year groups – so please ask if you are not sure.

I hope you have a wonderful summer break – fingers crossed that the sunny weather continues!

I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes

Claire Westcott

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(Headteacher)



TERM DATES 2018/2019

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October break

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October

Term 2

Monday 29th October – Wednesday 19th
December

Christmas break

Thursday 20th December – Wednesday 2nd
January

***Children back to school on Thursday 3rd
January***

**PLEASE NOTE NOT ALL INSET DAYS HAVE
BEEN SET FOR 2018/2019**

Thank you for helping us save money!

Thank you to everyone for supporting the school by downloading the app. This has actually saved us **£1000s** as we no longer have to pay for paper and copying charges for newsletters and other written communications from the school. If you know anyone that has still not downloaded the app – please do support them in doing this or send them to the school office for additional help.

Important Dates

- 03.09 INSET DAY – school closed for training
- 04.09 INSET DAY – school closed for training
- 05.09 Children back to school
- 10.09 Year 6 – Read with your child followed by Curriculum Chat **2pm**
- 11.09 Year 5 – Read with your child followed by Curriculum Chat **2pm**
- 12.09 Year 4 – Read with your child followed by Curriculum Chat **2pm**
- 13.09 Year 3 – Read with your child followed by Curriculum Chat **2pm**
- 14.09 Year 2 – Read with your child followed by Curriculum Chat **2pm**
- 17.09 Year 1 – Read with your child followed by Curriculum Chat **2pm**
- 21.09 Jeans for Genes Day – children can wear jeans (with the rest of their school uniform) for a £1 donation to this charity event
- 25.09 PTFA meeting **7pm**
- 27.09 Parent Council **9am**
- 04.10 Parent Coffee Morning – **9am** in the Annexe
- 12.10 PTFA Fancy Dress Disco
- 19.10 INSET DAY – school closed for training
- 20.10 INSET DAY – school closed for training

October break

- 30.10 Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
- 01.11 Parents Evening 4.30pm – 7.00pm
- 12.11 Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
- 15.11 Parent Coffee Morning – **9am** in the Annexe
- 06.12 Parent Open Afternoon **1.45pm**
- 07.12 PTFA Christmas Fair
- 10.12 Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performance to parents – **9.15am** and **2.00pm**
- 12.12 Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance to parents – **9.15am** and **2.00pm**
- 14.12 Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance to parents – **9.15am** and **2.00pm**
- 17.12 Reception Performance to parents – **9.15am** and **2.00pm**

Have you downloaded the app?

The best way to stay informed on the latest goings on in our busy school is by downloading our app. Over 600 of you now regularly receive newsletters and notifications straight to your phone or tablet. Year 6 families you'll be keen to keep up to date as the children embark on their journey to the Isle of Wight soon. The app will have a gallery of photos which will be updated daily with all their exciting adventures.



Remember you need to search for School Jotter from your app store then search for Meridian Primary once downloaded.



Swimming Gala



The children really enjoyed attending the swimming gala recently. Thank you to Mr Richards for organising this event and Miss Pulleine for attending with the children. Well done to:

Sophie Davies (4P) 1st in 25 metre breaststroke against Year 5/6 girls.

Anya Davis, Nikki Toth (4P) Mia Kigera and Betty Shalonina (4R) came 3rd in year 4 girls freestyle relay.

Edward Williams (5P) Vincent Hurtle (5M) Eva Winton and Orla Melbourne (4P) came 2nd in the Year 5 medley relay.

School Nurse Drop in

Our school nurse runs termly drop in is. The next date will be shared with you in September. If you have any concerns that you would like to speak to the school nurse team, please come along on. If you come to the school's main office and ask to speak with the school nurse, the office team will support you with this.



You said . . . We did . . .

At this time of year, I like to share with you all the different ways we have responded to some of your suggestions. If you have any further suggestions that you would like us to consider, please do let us know or speak with one of the Parent Council Reps – their details are on our website.

You said	We did
Have more competitive races on Sports Day	We introduced a new style Sports Day that promoted competition for all children. It was very well received and the children really loved it too!
Improve after school clubs offer	We have trialled a few different ways to support our after school club offer and Play PE (which started after Easter) is proving to be really popular with both children and parents.
Improve how the school communicates with parents	We introduced our new school app which over 600 of you have downloaded – this app not only allows us to message you but also can sync with your phone calendar to ensure you know what is happening when.
Improve our play times and lunch times for the children	This has been one of our biggest successes this year with the introduction of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). The children have loved playing with each other across the year groups, accessing the field all year round and developing their independent play. In our Pupil Questionnaires, the children overwhelmingly agreed that this was the best change this year. Hooray!

These are just a few examples of how we have taken on board your views and ideas.

Thank you for your continued support to make Meridian the best it can be!

Attendance

Excellent attendance at school is so important so that children do not miss the vital teaching and learning that takes place every day in class and do not fall behind.

Each week we celebrate the class with the best attendance and they earn coins for their treasure chest on the class behaviour board.

Well done to the following classes so far this term:

Week 1: 1B and 3B – 99.5%

Week 2: 2T – 98.7%




Week 3: 2HS – 99.1%

Week 4: 5P – 99.3%

Week 5: 5M – 98.7%

Week 6: 5P – 99.7%

Week 7: 5P – 99.1%

WHAT IS GOOD ATTENDANCE?					
190 days	180 days	178 days	163 days	161 days	143 days
100%	95%	94%	86%	85%	75%
Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
					
Only 1-2 day missed per term		Between 3-8 days missed per term		More than 9 days missed per term	

Term 6: 5P – 97.8% - amazing attendance this term – above our target of 96%!

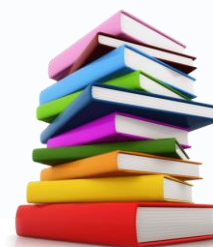
Whole Year: 2HS – 96.5% - fantastic attendance this term – above our target of 96%!

100% Attendance this year:

A huge well done to these children who have managed to achieve **100%** attendance for the **whole year!**

Alfie Bunyan, Rosie Bennett, Anna Bennett, Chris Collington, Isobel Voyce, Harrison Voyce, Riley Packham, Jessica Barter, Keira Baker, Oliver Wright

Holiday Homework! READ, READ, READ!



If you would like to do some holiday homework, then **please read with your children** as much as possible. *It's been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD).*

We sent out a letter and a sponsorship card to all children about taking part in the **Read for Good sponsored read** and we would love as many children as possible to join this event to support children reading for pleasure. A copy of the letter is available from the school website. Or you can visit www.readforgood.org

There is also the East Sussex Library Summer Reading Challenge which a great way to get involved in reading too!

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/activities-and-events/summer-reading-challenge

We have also got some great ideas on our school website

<http://www.meridianschool.co.uk/parents/parent-workshops> - there is a "supporting your child with reading" leaflet and there are "supporting your child at home" overviews for each year group which have suggestions for reading too..

I look forward to hearing about all the reading the children have enjoyed this summer!

Parent Questionnaire

	Based on 64 questionnaires	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at Meridian	69%	31%			
2	My child feels safe at school	72%	28%			
3	My child makes good progress at school	66%	32%			2%
4	My child is well looked after at school	69%	31%			
5	My child is taught well at school.	69%	29%			2%
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	40%	52%	6%		2%
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	43%	51%	4%		2%
8	This school deals effectively with bullying.	26%	32%	4%	2%	36%
9	This school is well led and managed	45%	49%		2%	4%
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	44%	40%	6%	2%	8%
11	I receive valuable information about my child's progress	42%	48%	8%		2%
12	I feel comfortable visiting the school office and my queries are answered effectively and politely	43%	34%	4%		
13	My child has enjoyed the themes/topics they have learnt about this year (e.g. Human Body)	65%	33%	2%		
14	My child has enjoyed our new Outdoor Play and Learning opportunities this year	82%	16%			2%
15	I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes	96%	No	4%	

Thank you to everyone that returned their questionnaire – this information is really useful, as were the comments that some of you took the time to write.

All this information has been used to inform our School Improvement Plan for 2018/2019.

School Uniform

Don't forget that when you are buying school uniform for next year . . .

Our school colours are royal blue, grey and white.

- Royal blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts (no jeans)
- White shirt, blouse, polo shirt
- Blue and white gingham dress or playsuit in the summer (not blouses)
- Grey or black tights or white socks with skirts, pinafores or dresses
- Grey or black socks with trousers/shorts
- Plain black sensible shoes or trainers
- Plain black, white or brown sensible sandals with a back strap can be worn in the summer
- Socks must also be worn to protect their feet. No wedges, jellies or flip flops please.

P.E. kit

All children will need the following P.E. kit in school in a named bag:

Royal blue shorts; plain white t-shirt; plain plimsolls or trainers; plain dark tracksuit for outdoor P.E. (grey, navy or black)

Intersport supply all the school uniform for Meridian!

www.gameforlife.co.uk/section.php/788/1/meridian_primary_school/6e9dfd60658abe8e267430ddf5c846fe

Please contact the School Office if you are unsure of the process or require any help with ordering.

Uniform is also now stocked at Intersport Seaford Branch, so you can also purchase items of uniform from the store (13, Clinton Place, Seaford, BN25 1NL) Telephone 01323 898516



Seaford Rugby Football Club in the Community. Come and try Tag Rugby in Peacehaven for Free!



Tag Rugby is a non contact version of the Sport.
Sessions are aimed at children of all ages.
Children should wear suitable clothes for playing sport but football/rugby boots are not needed.
Parents must stay with children through the sessions.

Sessions will run through the summer holidays at
THE BIG PARK PROJECT
Peacehaven

Dates: 25th July 8th 15th 22nd 29th August
4.30pm – 5.30pm.



For More information please contact us at:
seafordrfcydo@hotmail.com



Wave Leisure



Wave Leisure has got a Summer Holiday programmes available from 23rd July – 31st August in both Peacehaven and Newhaven.

There are some great activities to keep the children active over the summer holidays!

Check out their website for more details:

<https://www.waveleisure.co.uk/junior-activities/school-holidays-summer-holiday-activities/>

Staff for 2018/2019

Nursery	Miss Duffy (teacher) Miss Gambetta (Teaching Assistant) Mrs Edgeler (Teaching Assistant) Mrs Defalco (Teaching Assistant)
Reception	Miss East (teacher) Mrs Reffell (teacher) Mrs Savage (Teaching Assistant) Mrs Defalco (Teaching Assistant) Miss Weston (Teaching Assistant)
Year 1	Mrs Halls/Mrs Sagar (teachers) Miss Appleton (teacher) Mrs Livingston (Teaching Assistant) Mrs McHenery (Teaching Assistant)
Year 2	Ms Treglown (teacher) Mrs Mackay (teacher) Mr Dixon (teacher) Ms Mockford (Teaching Assistant) Mrs Smith (Teaching Assistant) Mrs Roe (Teaching Assistant)
Year 3	Miss Miles (teacher) Mr Mole (teacher) Mrs Pellatt (Teaching Assistant)
Year 4	Miss Pulleine (teacher) Miss Moffatt (teacher) Mr Baynham (teacher) Mr Philips (Teaching Assistant) Mrs Staples (Teaching Assistant)
Year 5	Miss Passingham (teacher) Miss Yates (teacher) Mr Hann (Teaching Assistant)
Year 6	Miss Roberts (teacher) Mrs Jackson (teacher) Miss Clements (Teaching Assistant)
Forest School	Mr Legate
Thrive teacher	Mrs Ebeling
Cover teacher	Ms Baldrian
Learning Mentor	Mrs Sawyerr