



Learning for life!

Meridian Update

Term 3

**Thursday 3rd January to Friday
15th February**

Term 4

**Monday 25th February to Friday
5th April**

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**Meridian Community Primary
School & Nursery**



@MeridianCPS

**Friday
25th
January
2019**

Dear Parents and Carers

Parent Council

Our Parent Council is meeting next week on Thursday 31st January. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions that you would like to be raised at this meeting, please do get in touch with one of the Parent Council Representatives – their details are available on the school website

<http://www.meridianschool.co.uk/parents/parent-council> or you can always e-mail office@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

We would love some more Parent Representatives – so if you would like to find out more, please do come along to this meeting and we can tell you more about it.

Emergency contact numbers

As you will know from previous newsletters, it is vitally important that the school has at least two up to date emergency contact numbers for your child. If we can't get hold of you and there is an emergency, then we have to be able to contact someone else. If you would like to check who your emergency contacts are or wish to change or update this information, then please do come into the school office or give them a call. Thank you for your help with this.

School Break ins

You may be aware that the school has sadly been broken into three times this year, with damage being made to roof skylights, a window pane, the shed and some of the toys and some equipment in the school. It is obviously really upsetting but all incidents have been reported to the Police and they are in the process of investigating. If you have any information about any of these break ins, please do contact Sussex Police on 101.

Parent Governor

One of our Governors, Dez Glidden, has made the decision to step down as Parent Governor. Thank you to Dez for all his support during his time on our Governing Body. This does create a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Parent governors play a very important role in keeping the Governing Body aware of the views of parents and the local community. They are a vital part of our team so if you would like to get involved or find out more, please visit <http://www.meridianschool.co.uk/about-us/vacancies>

Best wishes

Claire Westcott

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(Headteacher)



TERM DATES 2018/2019

Term 3

Thursday 3rd January – Friday 15th February

February break

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February

Term 4

Monday 25th February – Friday 5th April

Spring break

Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April

Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 24th May

May break

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Term 6

Monday 3rd June – Tuesday 23rd July

*Please note not all INSET days for
2018/2019 have been set*

IMPORTANT DATES

31.01 – Parent Council Meeting 9am

05.02 – Safer Internet Day

Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 6pm

07.02 – Parents Evening – 4.30pm – 7pm

15.02 – End of term 3

25.02 – Children back to school

28.02 – PTFA meeting 7pm

02.04 – Parent Open Afternoon – 1.45pm

05.04 – End of term 4

NUT FREE SCHOOL

We have several children at Meridian who have a life-threatening allergy to nuts so please can you ensure that any packed lunches do not contain nuts or nut butters to help keep these children safe. Thank you

Loose Parts

Keep those donations coming in for our OPAL playtimes! **All donations will be safety checked by the staff to ensure suitability for the children to use.** Here are suggestions of what we will be asking for:

Cardboard boxes



Cuddly Toys

Fabrics - all shapes and sizes

Metal pots, pans, trays etc. Especially catering sizes

Old clothes, jackets, overalls, hats, bags

Old household appliances, hoovers, fax machines, microwaves etc

Phones

Small Children's Bike Wheels, wheels

Sofa and chair cushions



Suitcases - all sizes

Tubes of all kinds

Carpet samples

Carpet squares

Guttering

Hoses

Brief cases

Buggies, push chairs



So if you are having a clear out, please think of us! The donation area is just behind the shed on the playground – please put your items in there ready for our safety inspection.

If you want to find out more about OPAL, please visit their website

<http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

Thank you for your support with our playtimes!



CLASS+

Collaboratively working with families to build confidence and to enable them to take the next step

Parent/Carer Coffee and Chat

CLASS+ invites **parents and carers** of children/young people with Autism/Social Communication difficulties to join us for coffee, chat, advice - the chance to forge new support networks and friendships
No need to book – just come along



Focus

We will spend part of the session exploring how too many words can impact on the child with Autism.

Parents/carers will also have the opportunity to talk to each other and members of the CLASS+ Team

Thursday 14th February 2019
9.00 - 10:30am
Meridian Community Primary School,
Peacehaven.

Part of Communication, Learning and Autism Support Service

Stuart Gallimore
Director of Children's
Services

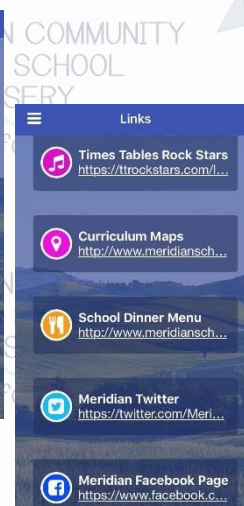
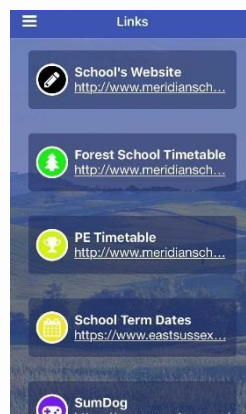
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The Meridian App

Thank you for your feedback on ways in which we can improve our app. Since receiving some of your comments we have updated the 'Links' section of our app so that you can get at important information quicker.

Over 670 of you have downloaded our app. It is completely FREE – just search for **School Jotter** in your app store to get access to the **school calendar**, important **alerts** and all of our **newsletters** sent directly to your mobile or tablet.



Medical conditions and allergies

If your child has a medical condition (including asthma) or an allergy, please make sure we know about this. This includes updating us with any changes to your child's condition. You can make an appointment to speak with either Miss Miles (Acting SENCo) or Mr Philips (First Aid Co-ordinator) via the school office.

Letters have been sent out to all parents of children with asthma asking for an update – please complete this and return to school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support with this.

Cross Country

Some of our keen Meridian athletes took part in the local Cross Country event at Seahaven Academy last week. Well done to everyone that took part – we are all really proud of you. The following children from Years 5 and 6 have qualified to go to the next County Event: Eva, Kenzie, Oliver, Kamron and Charlie – congratulations to these superstars! As always, a huge thank you to all those parents who gave up their time to help with transport and cheer all the children on – we really appreciate it – we couldn't do these events without your support. Thank you also to the staff that organised and attended this event.

OPAL

Outdoor Play and Learning

We had a fantastic OPAL Open Afternoon last week – thank you to everyone that came along to support this event. We really appreciated all your donations for the children to play with – they are loving everything that you have brought along. Who knew that an old suitcase could be such fun?!




We will plan another Open Afternoon in the summer term where we will hopefully be able to show you the next stage of our developments – a large sandpit and some willow shelters . . . In the meantime, please keep all your donations coming in (see above for suggestions of items we would love to have)



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

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	

Don't forget – if your child is off school you need to send in a written note on the day they return so that we can consider changing the registration code to an authorised absence. Please note a reason of "ill" or "unwell" is not acceptable.

For more information about our attendance policy and procedures, please visit our website <http://www.meridianschool.co.uk/about-us/policies>

Best Attendance this term:

Week 1 – 100% - 4P – FANTASTIC!

Week 2 – 98.3% - 6R – AMAZING!

Week 3 – 99.3% - 6R – AMAZING!

Week 4 – 97.6% - 1HS – SUPER!

The classes with the best attendance so far this term is

Attendance so far for Term 3		
RR – 94.0%	3M – 92.6%	6R – 98.2%
RE – 93.9%	3Mo – 93.9%	6J – 94.8%
1HS – 96.8%	4D – 96.3%	
1A – 93.9%	4M – 94.2%	
2T – 92.0%	4P – 96.0%	
2D – 93.7%	5Y – 94.5%	
2M – 93.6%	5P – 93.9%	

Whole school attendance for Term 3 so far is 94.5% - which is an improvement on the same time last year. Whole school attendance this academic year so far is 95.9% - which is just below our target of 96% - which is fantastic.

Thank you to everyone for your support with attendance

