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Meridian Update

Term 5

**Tuesday 23rd April to Friday
24th May**

Term 6

**Monday 3rd June to Tuesday
23rd July**

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**Meridian Community Primary
School & Nursery**



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**Friday
24th
May
2019**

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe it is half term already – the last few weeks have really whizzed by!

Year 6

Well done to our Year 6 children for completing their SATs tests last week. They have all worked so hard all year and everyone did their best during the tests, showing real focus, determination and concentration. They are all over now – phew! Next term they will be getting ready for their end of year show, a residential trip to the Isle of Wight and transition days at their new secondary schools. Exciting!

New Assistant Headteacher

Congratulations to Miss Miles who has been successfully recruited as our new Assistant Headteacher! During a very rigorous interview process, Miss Miles's skills and passion for ensuring the best for the wonderful children at Meridian really shone through and the interview panel knew that we had found the right person to lead on SEND, Safeguarding and Attendance. Mr Doody and I will continue to lead on attendance and safeguarding until the end of July whilst Miss Miles gets up to speed on her new role.

Forest School and PE timetables

Not sure when your child has Forest School or PE? Check out the timetables on our school website <http://www.meridianschool.co.uk/parents/forest-school> or <http://www.meridianschool.co.uk/parents/pe> It is really important that the children have the right PE kit in school so that they can fully participate their PE lessons – thank you.

Smoking near the school gates

I have been asked by several people to request that parents and carers do not smoke near the entrances to the school. I am sure that no-one wants any child to inhale cigarette or vaping smoke, so please can people refrain from smoking just outside the school gates. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Best wishes

Claire Westcott

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(Headteacher)



TERM DATES 2018/2019

Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 24th May

May break

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Term 6

Monday 3rd June – Tuesday 23rd July

Monday 8th July – school closed for staff training INSET day

**Our final INSET day is on Monday
8th July**

**Autumn term dates to be
confirmed once INSET days have
been set.**

IMPORTANT DATES

- 06.06** "Open for Parents" – Managing Fighting and Aggression led by Juliette Moxom Farrer 9am in the Annexe
- 07.06** Year 5 Assembly to Parents 9am in the hall
- 14.06** Year 4 Assembly to Parents 9am in the hall
- 20.06** Parent Coffee Morning "Open for Parents" – Parent Drop in session by Juliette Moxom Farrer 9am in the Annexe
- 21.06** Year 3 Assembly to Parents 9am in the hall
- 27.06** Year 6 Production to Parents – times to be confirmed
- 28.06** **OPAL Play Morning – more details soon!**
- 05.07** Year 2 Assembly to Parents 9am in the hall
- 08.07** **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**
- 12.07** Year 1 Assembly to Parents 9am in the hall
PTFA Summer Sizzler 3pm onwards
- 19.07** Reception Assembly to Parents 9am in the hall
- 23.07** End of term 6



Open for Parents

"Being a parent is not always easy.
You are not alone if you find it difficult sometimes.
But it's OK. You can talk to us."



"There is no such thing as a perfect parent and we all need a little help and support at times. Every child is different and at every stage we are faced with new challenges and situations to handle."

Don't forget that our last Open for Parents session on Managing fighting and aggression is on **Thursday 6th June at 9am in the Annexe**. *All children have disagreements or arguments at times. Come to this two hour discussion group to gain simple and effective strategies to help your child get on better with others.* Thank you to all the parents who signed up for this session. If you would like to attend and haven't yet signed up, you can book your place via the school office or school website.

On **Thursday 20th June**, Juliette will be leading our Parent Coffee morning to get feedback about the sessions and share other sessions and workshops that she can provide. *Come along and speak to Juliette to find out more about Open for Parents or about any issues or questions you have relating to parenting your child.* If you have any suggestions for future sessions, you can speak to her directly. This coffee morning starts at **9am in the Annexe**.




We are the only school in Peacehaven offering these sessions, so please do make the most of this opportunity so that we can continue to support you with future workshops and events.

If you want to find out more, please do visit www.openforparents.org.uk

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 – 4M – 100% - FANTASTIC!

Week 2 – 2M and 4H – 98.8% - AMAZING!

Week 3 – 6J – 98.3% - AMAZING!

Week 4 – 6R – 100% - FANTASTIC!

Week 5 – 6R – 100% - FANTASTIC!

The class with the best attendance this term is: 6J – well done to everyone

Attendance in Term 4		
RR – 91.1%	3M – 94.9%	6R – 96.9%
RE – 94.1%	3Mo – 95.1%	6J – 98.8%
1HS – 98.2%	4H – 95.2%	
1A – 94.7%	4M – 94.1%	
2T – 94.8%	4P – 96.5%	
2D – 91.2%	5Y – 95.0%	
2M – 96.9%	5P – 95.5%	

Whole school attendance this academic year so far is 95.7% - which is just below our target of 96% - which is fantastic and I am sure we will continue to improve over the summer months.

Thank you to everyone for your support with attendance



OPAL



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 need:

cardboard boxes, cuddly toys, fabrics - all shapes and sizes, metal pots, pans, trays etc. (especially catering sizes, old clothes (e.g jackets, overalls, hats, bags), old household appliances (e.g. 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

Mr Legate is busy purchasing and preparing to build our new sand pit area over the next few weeks – so watch out for this new development to enhance our playtimes.

Our next OPAL Play morning is on 28th June – this is a great way for parents/carers to come and play (with your children!) in our amazing outdoor environment and see the changes and developments we have made to promote positive play at school. More details to follow soon . . .

Thank you for your support with our amazing playtimes!



Sports Day at Meridian!

Meridian Primary became an arena for sport this week as all the children competed in their Sports Days. Every single one of our values was on display as the children attempted a standing long jump, throw, sprint and long distance run. The children were exemplary and even when the going got tough the children cheered on their friends and everyone had a fantastic time. Winners of each event were celebrated in Friday assembly and handed a certificate from Mr Doody and Miss Yates in front of the whole school.

A huge congratulations to **THE GREEN TEAM** who won the overall event.

Thank you to the staff for all their hard work in preparing the children. Special thanks must go to Mr Lewis and Mr Legate who have created a very special event in the Meridian calendar! Finally thank you to all our families who cheered and supported the children from start to finish.

On Friday morning it was the turn of our Nursery children who ran, balanced and even carried water in a very special sports morning. It was a pleasure to see their little smiles as they demonstrated just how far they have come. Thank you to all the Nursery team for organising such a marvellous morning.



National Governance Awards

Our fabulous Clerk to Governors, Barbara Gerding, was nominated for a National Governance Award for "Outstanding clerk to a governing body" and she was shortlisted as a finalist. All finalists demonstrated outstanding practice in providing administrative support and legal and procedural advice, and go above and beyond to have a significant impact on the effectiveness of their governing body. The award ceremony was held in the House of Commons on Tuesday this week where Barbara received a Highly Commended award for her outstanding work at Meridian. She was presented with her award by Lord Agnew and Janet Anthony (Chair of Governors), Chris Bonner (Vice Chair of Governors), Jo Saunders (East Sussex representative), Barbara's husband and I were invited to celebrate this wonderful achievement with her.

Congratulations Barbara!

