



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer break and were able to enjoy spending time with family and friends.

It was so lovely to everyone back in school this week – the children have settled into their new classes really well and have enjoyed meeting their new teacher and seeing their friends again. And thank you to everyone for ensuring the children are starting the new year in their smart new uniforms!

What a hot week it has been! Please remember to ensure your child has a water bottle in school (water only please – no squash or juices) and a hat if this weather continues.

Learning at Meridian

The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you all over the next couple of weeks to share with you the expectations of learning in your children's new year group as well as explaining what the children will be learning about. This is a great way to find out more about what is going on at Meridian and to meet your child's class teacher before Parents' Evenings.

Progress at Meridian

Please put the parents' evening dates in your diaries so that you can make an appointment to find out about the progress your children have made since they started in their new classes. This is such an important opportunity for you to hear about your children's progress and teachers can offer advice about how you can help at home.

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Miss. Smiles and the arrival of a new baby girl on Wednesday. Her name is Bobbie Delilah Smiles and she is gorgeous! I know you will join me in sending Miss. Smiles, her partner and their new daughter all our best wishes. I can't wait to meet her!

This is a shorter than usual newsletter to welcome everyone back and I will be sending out a more detailed letter next week!

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend! Take care and best wishes

C. Westcott

Claire Westcott Headteacher



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TERM DATES 2023/2024

Term 1 Friday 1st September – Friday 20th October 01.09 and 04.09 - school closed for staff training CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 20.10 – school closed for staff training

Term 2 Monday 30th October – Friday 15th December

Term 3 Tuesday 2nd January – Friday 9th February

Term 4 Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March

> Term 5 Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May

Term 6 Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd July

Please note that not all INSET days have been set for 2023/2024

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE Safeguarding at Meridian

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child that attends Meridian, please do contact one of the **Designated Safeguarding Leads:**

Mrs. Lucy Newth

Designated Safeguarding Lead Ms. Claire Westcott Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr. Matt Doody **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Miss. Laura Miles Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**

During the school holidays, please contact: Single Point of Advice (SPOA) on 01323 464222

If you have an immediate or emergency concern about a child's safety, please call 999. The NSPCC has advice about this on their website here.

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

11.09	Reception Group 3 starts
	Y1 parents – Meet the teacher
12.09	Y2 parents – Meet the teacher
13.09	Reception Group 4 starts
	Y3 parents – Meet the teacher
14.09	Y4 parents – Meet the teacher
15.09	Reception Group 5 starts
	Y5 parents – Meet the teacher
19.09	Y6 parents – Meet the teacher
10.10	Parents Evening (3.30 – 6.00)
12.10	Parents Evening (4.00 – 7.00)
20.10	School closed for staff training

TERM 2

- 07.11 New Reception 2024 parents Open Day – 9.30am and 1.30pm
- **11.12** Reception Christmas Performance to parents – 9.15 and 1.20
- **12.12** Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance to parents – 9.15, 10.45, 1.20
- **13.12** Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance to parents – 9.15, 10.45, 1.20
- **14.12** Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performance to parents – 9.15, 10.45, 1.20

Parent Forum dates TBC Parent Coffee Mornings dates TBC Nursery Christmas Performance TBC

