

Learning for life!

Meridian Newsletter

Term 5

Monday 17th April to Friday

26th May

Term 6

Monday 5th June – Friday

21st July

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**Meridian Community Primary
School and Nursery**



@MeridianCPS

Monday

4th

March

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and had a good half-term break. We have started back to term 4 really positively – it was lovely to see everyone back and ready for school!

New Policies

The Leadership Team and Governors have worked together to produce two new policies to support the school in managing communications between staff and parents/carers and also setting out expectations for parents'/carers' behaviour and conduct in school.

We are really lucky at Meridian that the vast majority of parents and carers are incredibly supportive of the school and our team – thank you.

However, in recent months there have been increasing incidents of parents/carers having unrealistic and unreasonable expectations of what a school can offer to support their child; aggressive and persistent email expectations being placed on teachers and the leadership team; aggressive and intimidating behaviour towards staff.

We are always here to support you and your children within the parameters of what a primary school can offer. However, we are not able to support unreasonable requests or tolerate unacceptable behaviour at Meridian.

Please take the time to read through our new policies: [Home School Communication Policy](#) and [Parent Code of Conduct Policy](#)

World Book Day and Red Nose Day

Don't forget we have got two special days coming up in the next couple of weeks. Letters have gone out separately about these – you can also find them on our website [here](#)

Best wishes

C. Westcott

**Claire Westcott
Headteacher**

strength

respect



kindness

honesty

responsibility

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TERM DATES 2023/2024

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

All INSET days are now in place for 23/24

TERM DATES 2024/2025

Term 1

Monday 2nd September – Friday 25th October
INSET DAY – Monday 2nd September

Term 2

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

KEY DATES

- 19.02** Children back to school
- 07.03** World Book Day
- 08.03** PTFA School Uniform and Doughnut Sale
- 15.03** Red Nose Day
- 22.03** Parent Coffee Morning 9am
Parent Forum 2pm
PTFA Social Event 7pm
- 28.03** End of term 4
- 15.04** Children back to school
- 06.05** **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**
- 13.05** KS2 Year 6 SATs week
- 17.05** PTFA Disco
- 24.05** End of term 5
- 03.06** Children back to school
- 24.06** Year 6 to PGL
- 05.07** PTFA Summer Sizzler
- 23.07** End of term 6

NHS
East Sussex
School Health Service



Aged 11 to 19?

Or parent/carer of a
child or young person
aged 5 to 19 years old?

**Speak to a
school nurse
in person.**

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10am to 3 pm
and 6 to 9pm

Click <https://nhs.uk/east-sussex-school-health>
or text
07507 332473 anytime.

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School
Health**

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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](https://www.nspcc.org.uk).

MERIDIAN NOTICEBOARD

PARENT COFFEE MORNING CHANGE OF DATE

Thank you to those parents who attended our Parent Coffee morning all about sleep.

Our next Coffee Morning date has changed and is now on **Friday 22nd March**. The theme of this coffee morning will be looking at **low mood**.

This coffee morning will be led by one of our Mental Health Support Team and our Behaviour and Pastoral Support Assistants, Mrs. Kirton and Mrs. Harmer, will also be there. It will take place in our Annexe/Music Room at 9am.

Everyone is welcome!



Earrings in school

We are noticing increasing numbers of children wearing hooped earrings in school.

Hoop or dangly earrings are not safe in school as these can get caught in clothing and may result in ear lobes getting hurt or damaged.

It is also particularly important for our PE lessons that children have suitable earrings to keep them safe from injury during these lessons.

Please can you ensure that your child is either wearing stud earrings to school or no earrings to school.

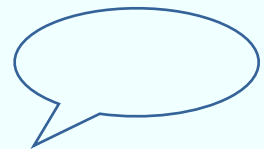
We will be in contact with you if we notice that your child is not wearing stud earrings.

PARENT FORUM

Our next Parent Forum is on Friday 22nd March 2pm in the Annexe/Music Room.

At this Forum you will have the opportunity to meet with me to ask any questions you might have about Meridian Primary School and Nursery.

Mrs. Charlotte Mackay will also be attending and presenting to parents about how we teach PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) at school.



We look forward to seeing you on the 22nd March.

Mrs. Rachael Ebeling

I want to let you all know that Mrs. Ebeling has made the decision to leave her role at Meridian to recovery from recent surgeries and focus on regaining her health.

Mrs. Ebeling worked at Meridian for ??? years in many different roles, most recently as our Deputy SENCo and Mental Health Lead. We will miss her lots in school but I am sure we will keep in touch to see how she is getting on. Huge thank you to her for all her hard work and support over the years. I am sure you will join me in sending Mrs. Ebeling all our best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery.



Mrs. Ajda Scukovt

I want to let you know that Mrs. Scukovt, a Teaching Assistant at Meridian, has made the decision not to return to her role in school.

We all wish her well for the future and hope she, also, makes a speedy recovery.

LEARNING AT MERIDIAN

Bringing the learning to life!

One of the many ways that we support children with their learning is to bring things to life through trips and visitors in school. This term the children have enjoyed the following to support our whole school theme of Environmental Issues and Citizenship:

Reception: visit from Raystede to learn how to look after pets

Year 4: visit to Drusillas to learn about Rainforest animals

Years 5 and 6: visit to Drusillas to learn about Polar animals, in particular penguins.



Coming soon:

Reception are visiting the farm; Years 1 and 2 are visiting Ashdown Forest; Year 3 are visiting Drusillas.

Home Learning

We sent out a letter today updating you about our Home Learning expectations at Meridian. Please do read this carefully so you understand our new expectations. Here is a summary:

What my child should be doing at home to support their learning in school:

Reading	Children to read at least 4 times per week and record (child and/or adult) in their reading diary.
All children	Reading diaries must be in school every day.
Maths	Children should be playing for at least 5 minutes on Numbots or Times Tables Rock Stars at least 4 times per week.
Children in years 1-6	

Thank you for supporting children's learning at home!

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT MERIDIAN

PSHE lessons this term

In term 4 our PSHE lessons are focused on the theme “Healthy Me”.

Children will be learning about how to keep themselves physically and mentally healthy.

Our younger children in EYFS will be learning eating healthy foods, keeping clean and the importance of physical activity.

In Years 1 and 2 they will be learning about making healthy choices, keeping safe (including road safety and medicines)

Years 3 and 4 will be learning about healthy and safe choices, including fitness, online safety, attitudes towards drugs in Year 3 and smoking/alcohol in Year 4

Years 5 and 6 will be learning about relationships with food, taking personal responsibility and emotional and mental health.

If you would like to learn more about our [PSHE curriculum](#), please do visit our website for more information



PLAY AT MERIDIAN

Wonderful Playtimes!

Our playtimes are a brilliant as always! The children show such great resilience when playing outside in all weathers – come rain or come shine!

It always amazes me how creative the children can be with all the resources available to them.

I know we are all looking forward to the time when wellies can stay on their racks – spring is definitely on its way now so fingers crossed for drier weather!



ATTENDANCE AT MERIDIAN

Good attendance at school is so important so that children do not miss out on their learning. **Did you know that when teachers plan their lessons, each lesson builds on the previous one?** So if a child misses 1 or 2 lessons a week, they will find the work much harder as they will be developing gaps in their knowledge.

If you are **worried** about your child's attendance or would like some support with this, please do make an appointment with one of our **Pastoral Team, Mrs. Kirton or Mrs. Harmer.**

We are currently migrating over to a new database system in school so I am not able to update you about weekly attendance figures.

We continue to prioritise children's attendance so that learning isn't missed and children get the most out of attending school.

We employ the services of an **Educational Welfare Officer** to support us in supporting you to ensure your children have the best attendance possible.



PTFA AT MERIDIAN

Here are some of the things we have bought so far thanks to all the wonderful fundraising from our PTFA! Thank you to you all for your support at these events – we really appreciate it.

Fish Tank



Water Play in Reception



Light table in Nursery



Wooden blocks in Nursery



**Brought to you by Friends of Meridian,
with your host Mr Strange**

All profits made go into PTFA funds for the school to use.

QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 22nd March
@7pm**

**Meridian Community
Primary School hall**

Teams between 2-6 people.
Price Per team £20

**Winning team takes home
£60 Burger and Bird Vouchers!**

Scan to secure your team



Parentkind
Member Association

BYO Event- Alcohol Welcome
Please drink responsibly.

