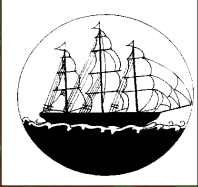


# Learning for life!

## Meridian Update



### Term 1

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September to  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

### Term 2

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Check out our  
website:

[www.meridian  
school.co.uk](http://www.meridian.school.co.uk)

**Friday  
21<sup>st</sup>  
October  
2016**

Dear Parents/Carers

### Parent Council

We had another really successful Parent Council meeting this week. At the meeting, I shared the plans for the new building, Janet Anthony (Chair of Shadow Governing Body) updated us about moving towards a full Governing Body and the parent representatives shared parental comments. The date for the next meeting will be sent out next term. The agenda for the next meeting will be:

- Website and Social Media Update (Mr Doody)
- New Building Update (Ms Westcott)
- Governing Body Update (Janet Anthony)
- Nursery Visit
- Parental Feedback/Comments

### PTFA Fancy Dress Disco

The PTFA disco was a real success and enjoyed by everyone! We also raised a fantastic £520 – thank you to all the staff and parents that helped organise and run this popular event. Our next PTFA meeting is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm at the school. You are welcome to come along and help us plan our Winter/Christmas Fair.

### Parent Curriculum Open Afternoon

Don't forget that our next Parent Curriculum Open Afternoon is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 1.45pm – 2.45pm. This is a chance for you to come along and find out about the amazing learning that has been taking place in terms 1 and 2. It is also an opportunity for you to see your children's books. Please note, that if you wish to take your child home after this, the earliest you can do this is 2.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

I hope you have a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Best wishes

*Claire Westcott*

Headteacher



### Term Dates

#### Term 1

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

#### October break

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

#### Term 2

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

December

#### Christmas break

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

#### Term 3

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

#### February break

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

#### Term 4

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### Easter break

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

#### Term 5

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

**(Bank Holiday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May)**

#### May break

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

#### Term 6

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NOT ALL INSET DAYS HAVE  
BEEN SET AND SO THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL  
DAYS WHEN THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO  
CHILDREN**

### Important Dates

- 03.11** PTFA meeting to plan Christmas Fair – all parents welcome! 7pm at School
- 14.11** **KS2 Phonics & Spelling Workshop 8.45 – 9.30**
- 17.11** **KS1 Phonics & Spelling Workshop 8.45 – 9.30**
- 18.11** **Reception Phonics & Spelling Workshop 8.45 – 9.30**
- 25.11** **KS2 Maths Parent Workshop 8.45 – 9.30**  
PTFA Christmas Fair – 5pm to 7pm
- 30.11** **Parent Coffee Morning 9am**
- 02.12** **Reception Maths Parent Workshop 8.45 – 9.30**  
Parent Open Afternoon @ 1.45pm
- 09.12** **KS1 Maths Parent Workshop 8.45 – 9.30**

### Christmas Celebrations

#### **12.12**

9.15am: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration to whole school and parents with babies and toddlers

1.30pm: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration (adults only please)

#### **13.12**

9.15am: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration (adults only please)

1.30pm: Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production to whole school and parents with babies and toddlers

#### **14.12**

9.15am: Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production (adults only please)

1.30pm: Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production (adults only please)

#### **15.12**

9.15am: Reception Christmas Production to whole school and parents with babies and toddlers

1.30pm: Reception Christmas Production (adults only please)

#### **16.12**

9.15am: Reception Christmas Production (adults only please)

1.30pm: Years 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration to whole school and parents with babies and toddlers

#### **19.12**

9.15am: Years 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration (adults only please)

1.30pm: Years 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration (adults only please)

#### **20.12**

11.15am: Nursery Christmas Sing Along

2.30pm: Nursery Christmas Sing Along

Christmas parties in the afternoon (Reception – Year 6)

### School Nurse Drop Ins

Our school nurse (Sam) is available every Tuesday morning from 8.45am for parents to drop in and chat with her about any concerns you might have about your child. Please come to the school office to sign in and Sam will meet with you. This wonderful service is no longer provided free of charge and is something that school has purchased to support parents, so please do come along and meet with her if you have any worries at all. She is really lovely and be able to offer support, advice or signpost you to services you can access.

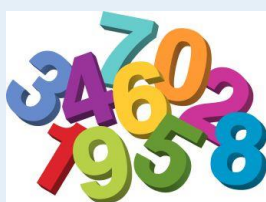


**Interested in getting some tips on how to support your child in Maths at home?**

### **Maths Parent Workshops**

- Reception      Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 8.45 – 9.30
- Key Stage 1    Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 8.45 – 9.30
- Key Stage 2    Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 8.45 – 9.30

*A fun and interactive session to find out how we teach maths and to give you some strategies to continue your child's learning at home*



**Interested in getting some tips on how to support your child in phonics and spelling at home?**

### **Phonics and Spelling Parent Workshops**

- Reception      Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 8.45 – 9.30
- Key Stage 1    Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 8.45 – 9.30
- Key Stage 2    Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 8.45 – 9.30

*A fun and interactive session to find out how we teach phonics and spelling and to give you some strategies to continue your child's learning at home*



### **Celebrating Learning!**

Don't forget to check out our website for updates to our twitter feed celebrating the wonderful learning that is happening at Meridian!



### **Meridian Football Team**

Congratulations to our boys' football team who beat Harbour Primary School 15 – 0 !

Our last fixture against Telscombe was cancelled due to poor weather conditions but I know they are looking forward to their next match.

Well done to: Callum Ferreira, Louis McMahon, Freddie Shergold, Danny Hamill, Tommy Jupp, Richard Brown, Mason Reid, Ashley Denby

### **Pushchairs/Buggies in school**

Reception team would like to kindly request that buggies are not brought into any of the classrooms or the bay area in the main school building. It can get very busy and congested in the mornings and buggies/pushchairs can prevent parents dropping off their children safely in the mornings. You are welcome to leave your buggies/pushchairs under the shelter and carry your younger children/babies into school. Thank you for helping us keep the children safe.

### **Parking around Meridian Primary School**

I have received more complaints from local residents about inconsiderate and dangerous parking and driving at the beginning and end of the school day. They have asked me to remind all parents not to park across people's driveways preventing them from either exiting or accessing their property. I have also received complaints about parking on verges, on street corners (restricting visibility) and speeding. I have requested that local traffic wardens visit the roads around the school to support us keeping the children safe and respecting local residents' rights. Thank you for your support with this.



## Every Lesson Counts

Everyone at Meridian knows that attendance and punctuality is vitally important for children to achieve their best at school, both socially and academically. If your child regularly misses school or is regularly late for school, they may find the learning taking place in their class much harder than other children and leave them with gaps in their learning. We want to support families to ensure that all children have excellent attendance.

At the beginning of term 2, Ms Maslen will be monitoring the attendance and punctuality of all children. If we have concerns regarding your child's attendance or punctuality for term 1, you will receive a letter from the school inviting you to a meeting with Ms Maslen to discuss this and to offer you support and guidance about how to address the situation. Mrs Skippings (our Learning Mentor) will also attend these meetings to offer her support to help you to improve attendance and punctuality for your child. During the meeting, attendance and/or punctuality targets will be set with you and these will be monitored to ensure that the situation improves.

If the attendance and/or punctuality does not improve, the school may decide to refer you to the Education Support and Behaviour Service. This is an East Sussex County Council service for families who are struggling to maintain their child's attendance and/or punctuality. This service has the power to follow legal proceedings i.e. you can be prosecuted and fined.

**Please note: All children have to be registered by 8.55am – if your child arrives late via the main school office after this time, they will receive a late mark. If they arrive after 9.15am, this will be an unauthorised absence.**

Please help us to work together to ensure your child has excellent attendance and punctuality.

### CATS Club News Flash!!!!

Some of you may know that the co-op are re launching their new membership cards. (You should receive a new card through the post) From now on every time you buy a co-op own brand product 1% of your spend will go to a charity of your choice.

For the Peacehaven store there are 3 selected charities and C.A.T.S club is lucky enough to be one of them!

We would be very grateful if you could nominate C.A.T.S club as your chosen charity and help us to continue to fund raise for our new home.

In order for your donation to go to C.A.T.S club you have to register us as your chosen charity.

Many thanks in advance.

The C.A.T.S team.



## Year 5 Visit London Science Museum!

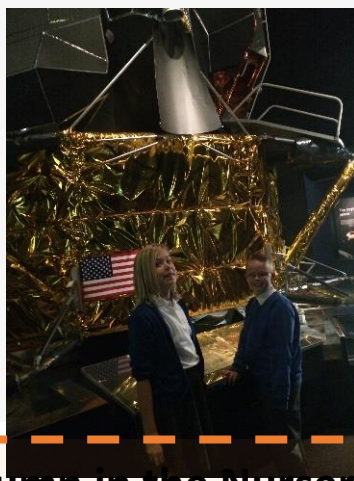
Year 5 had a wonderful time in London yesterday visiting the Science Museum.

When they arrived they visited the various replicas of the spacecraft they have been learning about – the Lunar Module and Sputnik were particular favourites with the children. They were amazed at the size of the crafts and it helped the children to imagine what it would be like to be an astronaut in Space!

The “Wonderlab” was a great hit with the children, they carried out experiments in a fun and exciting way. Even getting to go down some slides with different surfaces... whoosh!

To finish off the day they watched the Rocket Show - an interactive show explaining forces required to get a rocket into Space. Some of the children even got to take part... including Mr Mole!

Miss Passingham and Mr Mole were extremely proud of their behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. The children have come back inspired to learn even more.



## Autumn in the Nursery!

The nursery children have been enjoying learning about autumn.

After their autumn walk around the school field earlier in the term, they have been exploring pumpkins! They used tools to break the pumpkin open and look inside. They have also been tasting pumpkin soup – yum!

