



Learning for life!

Meridian Update

Term 2

**Monday 31st October to
Wednesday 21st December**

Term 3

**Tuesday 3rd January to
Friday 10th February**

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**Meridian Community Primary
School & Nursery**



@MeridianCPS

**Friday
9th**

**December
2016**

Dear Parents/Carers

Winter Fair

Our Winter Fair on Friday 25th November went really well – we were so lucky with the weather because we managed to avoid the wind and rain! The PTFA worked incredibly hard organising and putting on this event and making it such a successful evening. Thank you to everyone that got involved – we could not have done this without you. And thank you to everyone that came along and enjoyed the festive fun! We raised an amazing £1100 which will go towards funding coaches for our school trips and buying equipment for the children to use in school.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council met this week and it was great to hear the positive feedback about our Open Afternoon on the 2nd December, the English and Maths workshops and our developing website/twitter feed. We discussed how we could improve the promotion and selling of poppies for Remembrance Day and how the school has dealt with the coach issue for the Year 4 trip to the Science Museum. The parents also enjoyed visiting our wonderful Nursery and all were really impressed by what they saw! At our next meeting in term 3, our agenda will include: Parental Feedback, New Build Update, Governor Update, Website development update and Miss Maslen will be speaking about the curriculum at Meridian and how we make it exciting and engaging for the children. We had two new members join the Parent Council from Reception – Louise Clarkson and Katie Browne. If you are interested in joining us, please do get in touch with one of the parent councillors – their details are available on our website.

INSET days

The remaining INSET days have been set when the school will be closed for staff training – for the dates please see 'Term Dates' on the next page

Christmas Performances

The children have been rehearsing in preparation for Christmas Performances over the next couple of weeks. If there are spare tickets for performances, we will text you about how you can request these. We look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes

Claire Westcott

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(Head teacher)

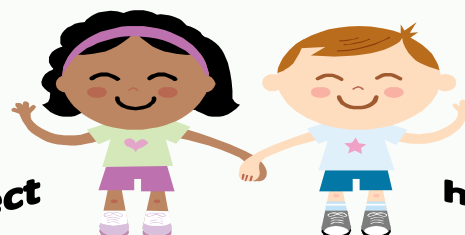
strength

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Term Dates

Term 2

Monday 31st October – Wednesday 21st
December

Christmas break

Wednesday 21st December – Monday 2nd January

Term 3

Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 10th February

February break

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

Term 4

Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March

**INSET DAY on Friday 20th February – school
closed for staff training. Children back to school
on Tuesday 21st February**

Easter break

Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April

Term 5

Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26th May

(Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May)

**INSET DAY on Friday 26th May – school closed
for staff training.**

May break

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Term 6

Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July

**INSET DAYS on Thursday 20th July and Friday 21st
July – school closed for staff training**

Important Dates

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)

Important Dates for terms 3 and 4

04.01 Year 6 Curriculum Chat to parents

05.01 Year 5 Curriculum Chat to parents

09.01 Year 3 Curriculum Chat to parents

10.01 Year 2 Curriculum Chat to parents

11.01 Year 1 Curriculum Chat to parents

12.01 Year 4 Curriculum Chat to parents
PTFA meeting at 7pm

13.01 Reception – Stay and Play/Curriculum Chat to
parents

31.01 – Parents' Evening

02.02 – Parents' Evening

20.02 – INSET day – school closed for children

24.03 – Open Afternoon for Parents

Parking Around School

It is a busy time of year with lots of
performances happening every day next week
and some the following week.

If you are driving to school to see one of these
performances, please consider our neighbours
and park considerately.

Our neighbours are very understanding about
the increase in traffic during these times, but I
have been hearing reports about people parking
on grass verges, across driveways and on the
corners of junctions. I am sure you will agree
that this is unnecessary and disrespectful of the
people who live around our school.

If there is no room to park close to the school,
please park further away and walk.

Thank you for your support with this matter

Christmas Concert at the Meridian Centre

On Friday 2nd December our choir sang at the Christmas Concert at the Meridian Centre and they were brilliant! Thank you to all the children that took part in this festive event – everyone who watched commented on your enthusiasm and super behaviour. Huge thanks also goes to Miss Pulleine for organising and rehearsing with them and Mr Mole for accompanying them and supporting them that evening – we are very lucky to have teachers that will give up their own time to ensure that the children at Meridian can take part in these wonderful experiences and important community events.



Parent Open Afternoon

On Friday 2nd December we opened our doors to parents to come and see the wonderful learning that has been taking place the last two terms. It was lovely to see so many of you that afternoon and see the children enjoying sharing their books and learning with you all. We had some really positive feedback about how calm the atmosphere was and how enthusiastic the children were about their learning. Some parents were particularly positive about how welcoming our Year 6 pupils were that greeted you at the main entrance – well done Year 6! This is such a popular event and enjoyed by both children and parents alike. Our next open afternoon is on 24th March from 1.45pm and we look forward to seeing you there!



Christingle and Carols Service

Ascension Church Peacehaven

Invites the children,
families and residents of
Peacehaven & Telscombe Cliffs
to a celebration of Christmas.

4.30pm Christmas Eve
Saturday 24th December 2016

(Tea, Coffee, Squash and Mince Pies in the
Church Hall afterwards at around 5.15pm)

For further information or to confirm your attendance
please email - christingle2016@hotmail.com

Supporting vulnerable children with the Children's Society



Chillax Youth Group

Come and see Dr Jonathan Hare
perform some of his weird and
wacky science experiments and
make a Christmas card with LED
lights.

Friday 9th December
at 6pm

held at PEFC friendship centre
Hosted by Chillax Youth Group

24 Mayfield Avenue
Peacehaven
East Sussex
BN10 8RE

www.pefc.org.uk/chillax.html

We won an award!

At Meridian we have been working incredibly hard over the last few years to develop children's understanding of different learning skills. Our Building Learning Power Heroes are very popular and children can confidently speak about the different learning skills that they can use, such as noticing, perseverance, managing distractions and collaboration. As a result of all our hard work, we were recently awarded the Silver Award from TLO (The Learning Organisation) who have been supporting us through this whole school development. I am so proud of this achievement and would like to thank our Building Learning Power Working Party for developing and embedding this approach across the school. We recently had 32 teachers from a school in Iceland to see our good practice and in March we are hosting an event to share our approach to other schools who are thinking about introducing this to their children. What a fantastic achievement! 😊

