



# Learning for life!

## Meridian Update

### Term 2

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

### Term 3

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

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Meridian Community Primary  
School & Nursery



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Friday  
9<sup>th</sup>  
December  
2016

Dear Parents/Carers

### Winter Fair

Our Winter Fair on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

Claire Westcott  
(Head teacher)

strength

respect

responsibility

kindness

honesty



### Term Dates

#### Term 2

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

#### Christmas break

Wednesday 21<sup>st</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

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

#### 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)**

**INSET DAY on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – school closed  
for staff training.**

#### 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

**INSET DAYS on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 21<sup>st</sup>  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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! 😊

