



# 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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Wednesday  
21<sup>st</sup>  
December  
2016

Dear Parents/Carers

### **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 Christmas Performances were amazing – the children enjoyed performing to the rest of the school and their families. The wonderful singing and the children's smiling faces really filled us all with Christmas spirit. I was so proud of everyone that took part and it was lovely to hear all your positive comments afterwards. Thank you to all the staff that worked so hard to ensure these performances were of such a high standard. And thank you to all the parents for your generous donations – we raised just over £200 for our chosen charity Chestnut Tree House – the children's hospice for Sussex. The rest of the donations will go into school funds.

### **Nursery sing-a-long**

Well done to the Nursery children and the staff team for the fabulous sing-a-long this week. It was lovely to see our youngest children joining in and sharing their singing with their families. Well done to the Nursery team for all their hard work these last two terms – it really is a pleasure to have the Nursery as part of the school.

### **Curriculum Chats**

Don't forget to check out the important dates section overleaf, including the next series of Curriculum Chats where you can find out about the exciting learning planned for terms 3 and 4. We look forward to seeing you then.

I hope you have a wonderful break and look forward to welcoming you and the children back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year!

Best wishes

*Claire Westcott*

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(Head teacher)



### 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 Monday 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

<b>04.01</b>	2.30pm Year 6 Curriculum Chat to parents
<b>05.01</b>	2.30pm Year 5 Curriculum Chat to parents
<b>09.01</b>	9am Nursery Curriculum Chat to parents 2.30pm Year 3 Curriculum Chat to parents
<b>10.01</b>	2.30pm Year 2 Curriculum Chat to parents
<b>11.01</b>	2.30pm Year 1 Curriculum Chat to parents
<b>12.01</b>	2.30pm Year 4 Curriculum Chat to parents PTFA meeting at 7pm
<b>13.01</b>	9am – 10am Reception – Stay and Play/Curriculum Chat to parents
<b>24.01</b>	Year 6 SATs parents' meeting at 3.30pm/5pm
<b>31.01</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>02.02</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>20.02</b>	INSET day – school closed for children
<b>27.02</b>	Book Week
<b>20.03</b>	Maths Day
<b>24.03</b>	Open Afternoon for Parents

**More dates will be added next term for Parent Coffee Morning, Parent Council and Parent English and Maths Workshops – so watch this space!**

### Learning at Meridian

The children have really enjoyed learning about Space (Y1 – Y6), Our School (Reception) and Colour/Pattern in the Nursery. We have seen some wonderful work and displays produced by the children inspired by these exciting topics. When meeting with the children, they have spoken enthusiastically about what they have learnt and were keen to find out what the next topics will be.

In terms 3 and 4 the children will be learning about the following:

- Nursery and Reception: Toys
- Years 1 and 2: Once Upon a Time
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: Decades

The teachers have been busy planning the exciting learning that will come through these topics, including making the learning environment reflect the topic and organising any visits or visitors to make the learning come alive! We look forward to sharing this with you all next term.

### Thank and Goodbye!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Kerry Simmonds for all her hard work and commitment she has shown by covering Year 4 since September. We wish her all the best for the future.

#### Welcome!

Welcome to Mrs Karen Dunt who will be joining us in January to teach in Year 4.



### School Uniform

Please remember that school uniform at Meridian consists of grey trousers/skirts/pinafores/shorts – we are starting to see a few children coming into school in black. Shoes need to be all black, not black with white soles or edging. And girls should not be wearing black leggings with white socks. School uniform is an important part of showing that you belong to Meridian Primary School and so we would appreciate your support in sending your children into school in the correct school uniform.

Thank you