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Meridian Update

Term 3

**Wednesday 6th January to
Friday 12th February**

Term 4

**Monday 22nd February to
Thursday 24th March**

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**Friday
13th
January
2017**

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely break at Christmas. It was lovely to see all the children back last week all keen and enthusiastic to get on with their learning.

School closures due to snow

A few parents have been asking me about how/when decisions are made to close the school if it snows. The main decision is about whether it is possible/safe enough for staff to travel into school. If the roads are safe and there are buses running, then we usually try to keep the school open. However if the roads are not safe and there are no buses running, then we have to close the school. In terms of when the decision is made, this really does depend on actual snow fall and weather predictions. Usually decisions are made as early in the morning as possible so that parents can be informed, however there are occasions when the school has to close early in the day if heavy snow starts to fall and there is a risk that staff will not be able to get home. Once a decision to close the school has been made there are several ways that you will be informed: the school website will be updated; announcements on Southern FM and BBC Sussex; posts on Facebook; twitter feed; text messages – so please make sure we have your up to date mobile number. I hope this helps you understand the process and how every Headteacher in Peacehaven will have to make a decision based on their own individual situations/circumstances.

Change to school menu next week

Please note that next week's menu **Friday is Lasagne** and **Thursday is Fish and Chips**.

Coats in school!

As the weather has taken a turn for the cold, please can you make sure that your child has a coat in school and that the coat is labelled with their name. Thank you.

Parent Workshops

Following the success of our last parent workshops, Mrs Dollings and Mr Doody have organised further opportunities for you to come along and find out about how you can support your children with their learning at home. See the Key Dates on the next page.

Best wishes

Claire Westcott

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(Head teacher)



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 Monday 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

- 24.01** Year 6 SATs parents' meeting at 3.30pm/5pm
- 31.01** Parents' Evening
- 02.02** Parents' Evening
- 20.02** INSET day – school closed for children
- 22.02** Parent Coffee Morning at 9am
- 27.02** Book Week
- 15.03** Parent Workshop on Early Years Reading (Nursery and Reception) at 9am
- 16.03** Parent Workshop on KS1 Fractions (Years 1 and 2) at 2.15pm
- 17.03** Parent Workshop on Early Years Maths (Nursery and Reception) at 9am
Parent Workshop on KS2 Fractions (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) at 2.15pm
- 20.03** Maths Day
- 21.03** Parent Workshop on KS1 Reading (Years 1 and 2) at 8.45am
- 24.03** Open Afternoon for Parents
- 30.03** Parent Workshop on KS2 Reading (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) at 8.45am

Meridian goes Cross Country!

We had a successful cross country event at Seahaven Academy on Tuesday 10th January, with well over 40 children taking part. Our achievements included 2nd place for Freddie Shergold in the boys Year 5/6 race and 2nd place for Scarlet Buss in the girls Year 3/4 race. We were also offered 4 of the 15 spaces available for the South Downs Area Final in Lewes - well done to Richard Brown, Benjamin Preece, Tommy Jupp and Freddie Shergold.



Scarlett and Freddie with their medals

Another sporting achievement for our fabulous children at Meridian!

Team Building at Roedean

A group of our children in Years 5 and 6 spent an afternoon at Roedean developing their team building skills. Everyone at Roedean was really impressed by how well behaved and polite our children were. Well done to everyone that took part!



Absences

If your child is unwell, please can you make sure you call the office to let us know. There is an answering machine for you to leave a message if you are calling outside of school opening hours.

Thank you for your help with this.