



# Learning for life!

## Meridian Update

### Term 3

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January to  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

### Term 4

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

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**Meridian Community Primary  
School & Nursery**



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**Friday  
10<sup>th</sup>  
February  
2017**

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Parent Council Meeting**

We had a positive Parent Council Meeting this week. Miss Maslen shared Meridian's vision and aims for providing the children with an exciting and engaging curriculum whilst ensuring the National Curriculum is covered. She also brought along some examples of the children's learning and we all enjoyed seeing the high quality work the children are producing. Jonathan Rowsell (Vice-Chair of Governors) attended to give parents an update on our Governing Body. We also discussed any parental feedback that had been raised with the Parent Council Reps. Our Parent Council is a great way for parents to have their voice heard and was set up to support parents in raising issues with the school and also as a way for parents to be involved the development school policies and practice. If you would like to get involved, please look out for the next date and come along. Or speak to one of the Parent Council Reps to find out more – their details are on the school website. Your views and comments are important to us and the Parent Council is a great way to communicate with you.

### **A message from Janet Anthony (Chair of Governors)**

You will be aware that during the last few years the school Governing Body has been led by the local authority. I am pleased to be able to let you know that from 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Meridian now has a full Governing Body in place with a team of experienced and new Governors ready to support the school in the all-important task of educating your children.

Members of the Governing Body will be visiting the school to get to know all who work here as well as meeting pupils and parents. We will also be fulfilling our monitoring role of making sure that the school continues to develop and make improvements.

Further information about the Governors can be found on the school web site including a list of the Governing Body.

I hope you have a great half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Best wishes

*Claire Westcott*

Claire Westcott  
(Head teacher)



### 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

- 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

### Coats in School

As the weather continues to be cold, please can you ensure that your children have a suitable coat in school. We have some children coming into school in cardigans or hoodies which are not warm enough for when they are outside on the playground for an hour at lunchtime. We want to help ensure that your children don't get ill, so please help us by ensuring they have warm enough coats for outside. Thank you for your help with this.



### Jojo Bows

Some of our girls are coming into school with extremely large Jojo bows in their hair. Whilst we understand that this is the latest craze, they are becoming a distraction in class! Our policy states: *Hair All long hair needs to be tied back. Extreme haircuts, such as mohicans and shaved patterns/images, and inappropriately dyed hair, are not considered appropriate for school*

Although this does not specifically mention Jojo bows, we would prefer that they are not worn in school please. Thank you for your help with this matter.

### Book Week

We are having a Book Week next term, the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> February to promote and celebrate reading. The English Team have been busy planning different fun activities to support this and a letter will be going out next term to inform you about this. During this week, all classes will be learning about a Roald Dahl book as we believe this is one of the key authors children should have read during their time at Meridian. As part of this event, children will be able to dress up as their favourite book character on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and prizes will be awarded for costumes. We can't wait to see what you all come up with this year! More information about this week will be in the letter after half term.