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Meridian Update

Term 6
Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July
INSET DAYS on Thursday 20th July and Friday 21st July

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Meridian Community Primary
School and Nursery



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Friday
30th
June
2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Second-Hand School Uniform

At our Summer Sizzler we have a second hand uniform stall for parents to pick up a bargain ready for September. If you have any school uniform that is in good condition that your child has grown out of and you would like to donate, some of our PTFA members will be available to receive any donations next week. They will be based outside the Annexe every day next week after school. Thank you!

Nursery Hours Changing

In order to support parents that would like to take up the 30 hour extended nursery education offer, Meridian Nursery has had to change its hours. From September our funded hours offer is from 9.15am – 3.15pm. The morning session will be 9.15am – 12.15pm and the afternoon session is 12.15pm – 3.15pm. In order to support parents with dropping off arrangements, we will offer an Early Bird session from 8.45am to 9.15am for £2.50. We are currently in the process of updating our Nursery information pack and Terms and Conditions (including fees and payment). Once this has all been completed we will put all this information on the school website and parents will be able to collect a paper copy from the Office on request.

Swimming in Year 3 and Year 4

At a recent Parent Coffee Morning I shared with parents about how much of a financial loss the school has had to accommodate due to parents lack of contributions towards the cost of swimming lessons. And they suggested that I shared this information in my next newsletter. Every year we subsidise these lessons to support parents but we were still over £3000 short. I appreciate that for a few parents the weekly cost is a challenge but I understand that some parents were refusing to support the school because they already paid for swimming lessons outside of school. As a school we cannot enforce payments for swimming as it is an activity that happens during school hours but we can ask for parents to support us with this as we have to offer swimming lessons as swimming is part of PE in the National Curriculum. And also the children really enjoy it! So this £3000 had to be funded through the school's main budget which then meant we had £3000 less to spend on our whole school curriculum resources and improvement areas. We will continue to ensure that all the children at Meridian have the chance to learn to swim in Years 3 and 4 and I do hope that you understand that in these challenging financial times for schools we have to rely on the support of parents. Thank you for your understanding and I do hope that more parents feel able to support the school in the future.

Best wishes

Claire Westcott
(Headteacher)



TERM DATES

Term 6

Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July

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

Term 1

Monday 4th September – Friday 20th October

INSET days on Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September – school closed for staff training.

Children back to school on Wednesday 6th September

Autumn break

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Term 2

Monday 30th October – Wednesday 20th December

Christmas break

Thursday 21st December to Monday 1st January
Please note not all INSET days for 2017/2018 have been set

Important Dates

04.07 Curriculum Open Afternoon from 1.45pm

06.07 R, Y1 and Y2 Sports Day @ 1.30pm

07.07 Year 2 Assembly to Parents @9am

10.07 Healthy Living Week

14.07 Year 4 Assembly to Parents @9am

18.07 Year 6 Production to whole school and parents with babies/toddlers @9am

Year 6 Production to Parents @6pm

20.07 School closed for staff training

21.07 School closed for staff training

04.09 School closed for staff training

05.09 School closed for staff training

06.09 Children back to school

Reception, Year One and Year Two Sports Day

Unfortunately the rain got the better of us and we had to cancel R, Y1 and Y2 Sports Day this week. We have rearranged the date for **Thursday 6th July at 1.30pm**. We look forward to seeing you there. Fingers crossed for no rain!

Non-School Uniform Day

On Friday 7th July children are able to come into school in their own clothes if they bring a donation in to support the **Summer Sizzler**. We need the following year groups to bring in the following items:

- Nursery (we know you don't wear school uniform but we didn't want to miss you out!), Reception and Year One: **Cakes**
- Years 2 and 3: **Packets, bags or tins of sweets**
- Years 4, 5 and 6: **Bottles of drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic!)** for bottle tombola

Thank you for all your support with this!



SUMMER SIZZLER

Thank you to those parents who have returned slips to Nicky Packham (PTFA Chair) saying that you are able to help us with the Summer Sizzler on Saturday 8th July.

We still need more helpers, so please, please do return the slip if you are able to spare a couple of hours to support this important fundraising event.

Without events like this, we would not be able to subsidise school trips to support keeping the costs down.

Your PTFA needs you!



Attendance

Excellent attendance at school is so important so that children do not miss the vital teaching and learning that takes place every day in class and do not fall behind. Our school target is 96% this year but unfortunately we are not on track to achieve this due to some poor attendance by some families. Our current percentage is only 93.8%, which is significantly below the national average. We are currently working the Education Behaviour and Attendance Service to see what additional strategies and support we can put in place to improve our attendance.

EVERY LESSON COUNTS!

Each week we celebrate the classes with the best attendance and they earn coins for their treasure chest on the class behaviour board and stars on our attendance board

Well done to the following classes who achieved the highest attendance of the week so far this term:

Week 1 – 6B (Dolphin Class) – 100% (amazing!)

Week 2 – 6JR (Orca Class) – 100% (amazing!)

Week 3 – 5M (Dogfish Class) – 99%

If you would like support with any attendance worries you may have, do make appointment with either Ms Maslen (Assistant Headteacher) or Mrs Skippings (Learning Mentor)

Year 6 Residential to Isle of Wight

Lots of our Year 6 children had a fantastic time at 'Little Canada' on the Isle of Wight. They spent the week trying lots of new and exciting activities, including kayaking, abseiling and archery. All the staff that went were full of praise for how well behaved the children were and how lots of them persevered and overcame their fears by trying these adventurous activities. Well done Year 6 – I'm really glad you had such a positive week! A huge thank you must go to Miss Roberts, Mrs Jackson, Mr Richards, Mr Bulmer, Mrs Skippings, Mr Phillips and Miss Morales – I know everyone really appreciates you volunteering your time to support the children participating in this wonderful week away.



Bikeability

Children in Years 5 and 6 had the chance to develop their cycling abilities and road safety this week. East Sussex Cycle Training team came into school and trained the children both on the playground and roads around school. Everyone had the chance to work towards Level 1 and Level 2 National Standards. The Cycle Training team will return next year to discover the pleasure, freedom and healthy lifestyle that cycling can bring. Well done to all those that took part!



Key Stage 2 Sports Day

The rain held off yesterday and so we were able to go ahead with our KS2 Sports Day. It was a lovely afternoon of sporting activities. I am so proud of all the children having a go and persevering at all the different activities. Everyone was being cheered on and supported throughout the afternoon so that there was a real team spirit in the air – all part of the wonderful inclusive ethos of our school. At the end of the team activities, our more confident and stronger athletes had the chance to compete in different running events. All children had the opportunity to try out for the chance to compete in this competitive element of sports day and those that were successful were able to enjoy competing against each other. It was great to see some of our fastest runners whizzing around the track and enjoying the thrill of the competition. As always, our children showed their respect to each other if they did not win. Well done to everyone! And thank you to all those parents came along to support this event – we had some really positive comments about the lovely atmosphere.

The team that collect the most points and so won the overall Sports Day was
Team GB – congratulations!



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SUMMER SIZZLER

12-3, Saturday 8th July



American Independence Day

Tuesday 4th July

Beef Burger Served in a Bun
Or
Vegetarian Hot Dog

Side Dishes

Spicy Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn
Crisp Mixed Salad
Coleslaw
Tomato Ketchup

Dessert

Chocolate Cake served with a
Lightly Whipped Cream
Or
Selection Fresh Fruit



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