



# Learning for life!

## Meridian Update

### Term 2

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

### Term 3

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January –  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

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Meridian Community Primary  
School and Nursery



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

**November  
2017**

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been great to see the children settled back and engaged in their learning since the October break. The whole school is currently learning about Transport and the classrooms and bay areas are starting to reflect and celebrate the children's amazing work! Don't forget that on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm**, we will be opening our doors to parents/carers on our **Open Afternoon**. You can come along and see your children's work, look in their books and complete some activities alongside them. We look forward to seeing you then!

### **Parent Council**

We had a really positive Parent Council Meeting this week. Our Parent Council is a really important way for parents to share their views and for the school to share the work that is going on at Meridian. There is more information at the end of this letter for you to find out about our Parent Council. If you would like to come along and find out more, our next meeting is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00am in the Annexe.

### **Christmas Winter Fair**

Our annual Christmas Winter Fair is booked for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 5pm – 7pm. On this day, we are having a Christmas Jumper day – children can wear non-school uniform with their Christmas jumpers for a donation of the following to support the different stalls at the Fair: Nursery and Reception – cakes for the cake stall; Years 1, 2, 3 – tins, packets, boxes of chocolate for the chocolate tombola; Years 5 and 6 – gifts and bottles for another tombola. This year we will also be having the Great Meridian Christmas Bake Off – if you are a keen baker, then please do enter our competition for the best decorated Christmas cake. There is more information about these events later on in this newsletter.

Finally, as it is getting darker earlier, please remember to keep your children safe if they are walking or riding home on their own by encouraging to have reflective strips on their bags and lights on their bikes.

Best wishes

*C. Westcott*

Claire Westcott  
(Headteacher)



## **TERM DATES 2017/2018**

### **Term 2**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
December

**INSET day Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – school  
closed for staff training**

### **Christmas break**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January

### **Term 3**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**INSET day Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – school closed  
for staff training**

***Children back to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
January***

### **February break**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

### **Term 4**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

### **Spring break**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

### **Term 5**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

### **May break**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

### **Term 6**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

***Please note not all INSET days for 2017/2018  
have been set***

**Please remember to send in your signed  
policy agreements about taking  
photographs of school productions and  
giving permission for photographs to be  
used on the school Facebook and/or  
Twitter feed.**

**Thank you**

## **Important Dates**

- 24.11 INSET day – school closed for staff training  
01.12 Christmas Fair  
07.12 Parent Open Afternoon – come along and  
celebrate your children's learning! Everyone  
welcome!

### **Christmas Celebrations**

#### **11.12**

- 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)

#### **12.12**

- 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

#### **13.12**

- 9.15am: Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production (adults  
only please)  
1.30pm: Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production (adults  
only please)

#### **14.12**

- 9.15am: Reception Christmas Production to whole  
school and parents with babies and toddlers  
1.30pm: Reception Christmas Production (adults only  
please)

#### **15.12**

- 9.15am: Years 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration to whole  
school and parents with babies and toddlers  
1.30pm: Years 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration (adults  
only please)

#### **18.12**

- 9.15am: Years 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration (adults  
only please)

#### **19.12**

- am: Nursery Christmas Sing Along (time to be  
confirmed)  
pm: Nursery Christmas Sing Along (time to be  
confirmed)

## **Times Table Rock Stars**

Things could not be tighter at the top of our leader board with *only one hundredth of a second* separating 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. On Wednesday, Year 3 and 4 enjoyed coming along at lunchtime to play some friendly competitions. Next week will be Year 5 and 6's turn to compete with their peers. Our next celebration assembly on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> will see the top children from each year group compete for Star Of The Week.

### **Quickest Speed** (number of seconds per question)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jack McMahon – 1.15  
2<sup>nd</sup> Freddie Sharpe – 1.16  
3<sup>rd</sup> Katie Love – 1.39

### **Coins accumulated**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jack McMahon – 132, 132  
2<sup>nd</sup> Freddie Sharpe – 45, 006  
3<sup>rd</sup> Laila Bradford-Grant – 26,104

## Outdoor Play and Learning



Our lunchtimes continue to be a real success since we have re-organised everything and the children have been really positive about it. We have also had some really lovely comments from parents/carers too – thank you so much to those that have taken the time to get in touch with us to share your enthusiasm for children playing together across the year groups.

As part of our INSET day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Michael Follett, OPAL director, will be training all staff on developing positive play. We are all really excited to be developing this at Meridian as we recognise the importance of children experiencing positive play as a way to support engagement, learning, social and emotional development and physical development – as well as it just being fun! If you would like to find out more about this project, please do visit the OPAL website <http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/for-schools>



## PTFA News

**Our next meeting is 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm where we will be planning our Christmas Fair!**

**If you would like to come along, you are very welcome to join us**



## School Nurse

Our School Nurse service has been reduced to one drop in a term. The following dates are when the School Nurse (Sam) will be available for parents to come and along and answer any queries.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July



If you want to see Sam, please come along to the school office from 8.35am.

Thank you!

## Attendance Stars!

Well done to the following classes for the best attendance of the week:

Week 1: 99.7% - RE - Miss East's Class

What a great start to the term!

*I wonder if any class will have 100% this term?*

## Nasal flu vaccinations

Nasal flu vaccinations for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.



## Forest School

Our Forest School experience for the children continues to be a real success and Mr Legate has been working incredibly hard to ensure that the children are enjoying their outside learning. Over the past two weeks, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been making leaf crowns, leaf prints and doing bark rubbings, as well as making Fairy homes! They have also been going on journeys around the Forest School area looking for interesting items to talk about. For Years 3 and 4, children have been getting to know the site by imitating animal behaviours when hiding from predators or being the predator themselves! We have now got a shelter for the children to go under if it is really wet.

Now that winter is really approaching it is getting very wet and cold. It is really important that the children have **suitable footwear** – e.g. wellies/trainers – school shoes do not have the grip needed when outside in the Forest School area. They will also need a **suitable coat** to keep them warm and dry when they go outside.

If you want to send your child in with old clothes to change into, here are some suggestions:

Warm Hat

Gloves

Scarf

Old trousers (Tracksuit bottoms)

Long sleeve top

Warm jumper (Not school jumper)

All in one waterproof

Waterproof trousers.

**The children will be going outside in all weather so it is important that they have the right footwear and clothes to keep them warm and dry!**



## The Meridian App

Keep up to date with all the latest information with our simple user friendly app. Download it in three easy steps:

- 1) Load up App Store (iPhones) or Google Play (Samsung)
- 2) Search **Meridian CPS or Meridian CP School**
- 3) Click INSTALL for free!

If you would like any help with this or know someone that needs some help, please visit the school office and someone will be able to help you.



## Children in Need



It is that time of year again when we support the important national Children in Need charity.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a non-school uniform day for a minimum donation of £1.00. Children can wear spotty and/or colourful clothes for the day. Teachers will be speaking with the children about the charity and the important work that it does in class during that day.

We also have some Pudsey Bear and Blush Bear pin badges on sale from the school office for £1.00 each.

To find out more about Children in Need go to [www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraisinghub](http://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraisinghub)

**We are looking forward to seeing lots of spots next Friday!**

**MERIDIAN PRIMARY & NURSERY**

**Tombola**

**WINTER**

**Hot Drinks**

**Craft Stalls**

**FAIR**

**Santa's Grotto**

**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER**

**5-7pm**

**Christmas Activities  
for Children**

**Chocolates and Cakes**

**Hot Dogs**





# The Great Meridian

## Festive Bake Off 2017

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>  
December –  
Cakes to  
Annexe by  
3pm

Cake Raffle - 1 ticket 50p or 5 for £2,  
Tickets available at Winter fair – 5-7pm, Winner for  
best decorated announced at 6pm  
All money raised goes straight to School funds for  
trips and resources

## Meridian Community Primary School and Nursery Parent Council

- Would you like to find out more about what is happening at Meridian?
- Would you like to represent your child's/children's year group?
- Would you like to share parents' views about important school issues and policies?

If the answer is 'yes' to these questions, then you might like to consider joining our Parent Council!

We currently have a few committed parents that regularly attend our termly Parent Council meetings and this is a great way to hear parents/carers views and ideas as well as a chance for the school to share the great work that is going on at Meridian. The school is represented at the meetings by Ms Westcott (Headteacher), Mr Doody (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Anthony (Chair of Governors).

Our current Parent Council representatives are:



Anita Sprague  
Year 5 parent



Katie Browne  
Year 1 parent



Sara Thompsett  
Nursery, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 parent



Jo Prowse  
Year 4 parent

Louise Clarkson – Year 1 parent (photograph to follow . . .)

If you would like to find out more, please do speak to a member of the Parent Council or come along to our next meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 9.00am in the Annexe.

For further information go to: <http://www.meridianschool.co.uk/parents/parent-council>