



# 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 & Nursery**



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**Friday  
8<sup>th</sup>**

**December  
2017**

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy few weeks it has been at Meridian. This time of year, although tremendously busy for staff and children, there is such a wonderful buzz of excitement with so many events to look forward to.

### **Open Afternoon**

Thank you to all who attended our Open Afternoon on Thursday – it was so lovely to see so many of you taking the time to come into school to spend time with your children. The school had a wonderful atmosphere with everyone coming along to celebrate their child's successes over the last two terms. We had some really positive feedback on the quality of learning that has taken place and how responsible our Year 6 helpers were as they greeted you at the front door – well done Year 6. There will be another opportunity for you to celebrate your children's learning at our next Open Afternoon in term 4

### **Important Dates for Term 3**

Please see details on the next page of some important dates coming up in Term 3 including Curriculum Chats and Parent Evenings. Don't forget that our free mobile and tablet app has a calendar function where you can see all school dates at a glance.

### **Absence Letters**

Please remember that it is an expectation that when your child returns to school following an absence that parents send in a written note confirming the reason for that absence. If this written note is not received then that absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence. It is also an expectation that for all medical appointments (doctors, dentists, hospital etc) that the appointment card/letter is presented to the school.

### **Christmas Performances**

The children and staff have been hard at work preparing their festive shows to entertain you next week. Letters regarding tickets have been sent out but if you require further information please come and speak with the office.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible next week!

Best wishes

*Claire Westcott*

Claire Westcott  
(Head teacher)



## 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***

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 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**

9.30am: Nursery Christmas Sing Along

2.00pm: Nursery Christmas Sing Along

### Important Dates

**2018**

**06.01** Year 6 Curriculum Chat to parents 2.30pm

**07.01** Year 5 Curriculum Chat to parents 2.30pm

**08.01** Year 4 Curriculum Chat to parents 2.30pm

**09.01** Year 3 Curriculum Chat to parents 2.30pm

**10.01** Year 2 Curriculum Chat to parents 2.30pm

**15.01** Year 1 Curriculum Chat to parents 2.30pm

**16.01** Year R Curriculum Chat to parents 2.30pm

**25.01** Parent Council Meeting 9.00am in Annexe

**30.01** Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

**01.02** Parent Coffee Morning 9.00am in Annexe

**01.02** Parents Evening 4.30pm – 7pm

### Parking Around School

It is a busy time of year with lots of  
performances happening every day next week  
and some the following week.

If you are driving to school to see one of these  
performances, please consider our neighbours  
and park considerately.

Our neighbours are very understanding about  
the increase in traffic during these times, but I  
have been hearing reports about people parking  
on grass verges, across driveways and on the  
corners of junctions. I am sure you will agree  
that this is unnecessary and disrespectful of the  
people who live around our school.

If there is no room to park close to the school,  
please park further away and walk.

Thank you for your support with this matter

## PTFA Winter Fair

Thank you so much for attending our Winter Fair last week. The cold snap wasn't enough to keep our wonderful community away and I know the children really enjoyed selling their hand made goodies.

The event was planned and organised by our incredible team of volunteers in the PTFA who really went the extra mile to ensure the event was a success. On behalf of the school, we would like to thank the incredible PTFA team for going the extra mile for our school. A big thank you must also go to Phil Richards who is our teacher rep, who was also instrumental in bringing everything together. We raised an amazing £1130 – thank you!



## Attendance Stars

It's very tight at the top of the leader board going into the final week. Last week only 0.9% separated the top 3 classes.

1<sup>st</sup> – 3H (98.4%)

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6J & 5P (98%)

3<sup>rd</sup> – 2T (97.4%)

3M still have a slender as the overall race for best attendance across the school. Closely followed by RE, 2HP, 5P and 6J respectively.

## Reception & Key Stage 1

### Maths Lending Library

Coming Soon!

We're delighted to inform you about our Maths Lending Library which will be arriving in January 2018.

## Forest School

The children are flourishing in our Forest School environment. It has been such a pleasure to listen to their wonderful conversations about what learning has taken place and the skills they have picked up.

Please note due to Christmas Productions some of the Forest School days have changed.

See below when your child needs to bring in their change of warm clothes.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – RE (Miss East), 1B (Miss Baldrian) and RH (Miss Haley)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – 1EB (Miss Bridgman), 2HP (Mrs Halls/Mrs Price) and 4P (Miss Pulleine)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – 4R (Mr Richards), 3H (Miss Howell) and 3B (Mr Bulmer)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – 2T (Ms Treglown), 3M (Ms Miles) and 1A (Miss Adams)



## The Meridian App

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- 2) Search **Meridian CPS** or **Meridian CP School**
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