



Learning for life!

Meridian Update

Term 3

**Tuesday 2nd January to Friday
9th February**

Term 4

**Monday 19th February to
Thursday 29th March**

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**Meridian Community Primary
School & Nursery**



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**Friday
9th**

**February
2018**

Dear Parents and Carers

Everyone at Meridian has been very busy this term and the last 6 weeks seem to have flown by!

Facebook

Thank you to all those parents who have spoken to teachers and senior leaders since our letter went out about Facebook. It was lovely to hear your positive comments about Meridian and your support for the school – it was really appreciated

World Book Day

It's World Book Day on Thursday 1st March and this year we have decided to have a Harry Potter themed day. The staff are really excited about this and have been discussing different learning opportunities for the children to enjoy during this themed day – they have thought of some great ideas. Looking forward to seeing everyone's wonderful magical costumes on 1st March! We will send out a letter after half-term with more information.



Books for our school library

Do you have any books at home that your children no longer use? If you think you do and they are in a good condition, we would love you to donate these to our school library. Our library stock is getting very low and we are planning to buy some new books but we have limited budget to do this. We recently had a kind donation from a parent of some great books for the school so we thought we would ask all parents and families if they would like to donate some books. If you do, please drop these off at the school office. Thank you!

Book Fair

We have organised for Scholastic Book Fair to visit the school on 19th – 22nd March so parents can buy books that week. The Book Fair will be based in the Annexe both before and after school – we get free books as commission from the sales which will be putting in our library. More information in a letter soon . . .

Best wishes

Claire Westcott

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(Headteacher)



TERM DATES 2017/2018

Term 3

Tuesday 2nd January – Friday 9th February

INSET day Tuesday 2nd January – school closed for staff training

Children back to school on Wednesday 3rd January

February break

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Term 4

Monday 19th February – Thursday 29th March

Spring break

Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April

Term 5

Monday 16th April – Friday 25th May

May break

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Term 6

Monday 4th June – Friday 20th July

INSET day Monday 4th June – school closed for staff training

Children back to school on Tuesday 5th June

Important Dates

01.03 World Book Day 2018 – Harry Potter Theme
PTFA meeting 7pm in Annexe

13.03 Parent Council meeting @9am

19.03 – 22.03 Book Fair in the Annexe

22.03 Parent Coffee Morning 9.00am in Annexe

23.03 Spring Disco – letter to come out soon

27.03 Parent Open Afternoon 1.45pm

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.



Online Safety

As part of Safer Internet Day on 6th February, teachers revisited how children can keep themselves and other safe when using the internet. The children even learnt an online safety song in assembly! If you want to find out more about how you can support your children keeping safe online, please visit our website (Parents/Online Safety) where there are links to resources and websites about this important subject. You can also visit

www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018

Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you



Safer
Internet
Day 2018

#ItStartsWithUs
www.saferinternetday.org.uk

Mobile Phones in school

At Meridian we understand that some parents would like their children to bring mobile phones to school. However, there are expectations of children's behaviour around having phones in school. **We have had to remind children this week about putting their phones in the office, switching them off and signing the sheet – a couple of children have not done this and kept them in their bags.** As part of our commitment to keeping all the children in school safe, children cannot have access to or use their mobile phone during the school day. Please can you speak with your children about respecting the school's expectations. *If your child does not follow these school expectations, we will call you and ask that your child does not bring their phone into school for a week.*

We have also been informed that some children in Years 5 and 6 are signing their phones out at the end of the day and then using them to take photographs of each other on the school grounds and on the way home. We have reminded them that they should not be taking photographs of each other on school premises, especially if they are posting these on Instagram because this is not safe behaviour – permissions need to be sought from parents and children about if they want their photograph online, especially if they are in school uniform. Please can you speak with your children about keeping themselves and others safe and not using their mobile phones to take photographs on or around the school. *Remember that Instagram requires everyone to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account. If your child is younger than 13 and created an account on Instagram, you can show them how to delete their account – go to Tips for Parents via*

<https://help.instagram.com/154475974694511>



Illness

If your child is off school due to illness, please can you remember to call the office and leave a message on the absence line. If we don't hear from you and your child is off sick, then the office team will need to call you to find out where your child is. If you do not answer, the office team will then work down the emergency contact list until they can speak to someone in person about your child's absence. So please help us know where your child is and call the office.

Also, don't forget that once your child returns to school, you will need to send in a written note to confirm the child's absence is due to illness.

Thank you for your support with this



Vet Visit!

We were really lucky to have Marc Abraham from Meridian Vets visit us and speak to the children about animals and how to care from them. Marc was really positive about the school and couldn't believe the super questions the children were asking, their politeness and how well they listened to his answers. Well done everyone!



Times Table Rock Stars

Our children are going from strength to strength and we're seeing a huge impact on their fluency with times tables. The winners for February will be announced in the first Friday assembly after half term with Mr Doody...wigs included! Things couldn't be tighter at the top of our leader board with three children now answering each question in under 0.8 seconds. WOW!

Quickest Speed (*number of seconds per question*)

1st Katie Love – 0.71

2nd Laila Bradford-Grant – 0.76

3rd Jack McMahon – 0.77

The Meridian App

Over 460 of you are now using our app to keep up to date with the latest events. Please do continue to spread the word. Thank you for your feedback! Our developers are currently looking into an issue where the notification settings aren't updating and parents are receiving notifications when they've requested not to. Apologies for this and we'll update you soon.



Brighton Children's Parade

We are taking part again in the Brighton Children's Parade on Saturday 5th May. The theme this year is Paintings and we are going to be representing 'The Scream' by Edvard Munch. Look out for the letter next term with details about how you and your children can take part in this great community event!



Forest School

Our Forest School continues to be a great way for the children to enjoy learning outdoors. Mr Legate is doing an amazing job and this week everyone had the chance to make some popcorn on an open fire. He has got some big plans for developing this provision at Meridian and we will keep you updated as things progress. What an amazing opportunity for all the children!

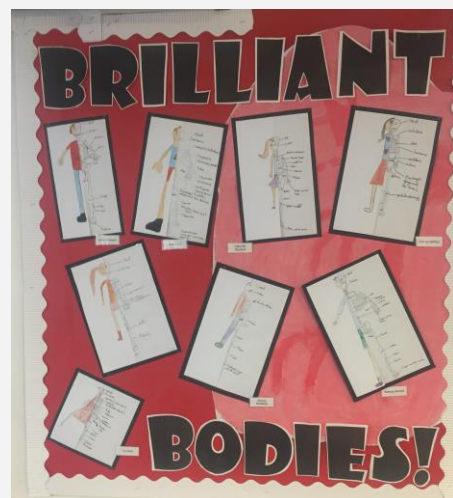


Amazing Learning!

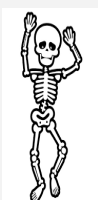
The whole school have been learning about the human body over the past few weeks. Here are some photos of some of the amazing work the children have been producing. This topic has really captured their imaginations as well as making them curious about their science learning. I know that over the next term, the children will continue to enjoy learning about the Human Body and we are all looking forward to sharing this with you at our Open Afternoon on 27th March.



Reception



Year Four



Year Three

