



# Learning for life!

## Meridian Update

### Term 4

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

### Term 5

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

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**Meridian Community Primary  
School & Nursery**



**@MeridianCPS**

**Thursday  
29<sup>th</sup>  
March  
2018**

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe it is the end of term already – the last few weeks have flown by!

### **Parent Open Afternoon**

It was lovely to see so many of you this week coming into school for our Parent Open Afternoon to celebrate the amazing learning that has been taking place in terms 3 and 4. The children really enjoy having the opportunity to share their books and work with you. I look forward to seeing you all again for our next Open Afternoon in term 6.

### **Parent Coffee Morning**

We had a really positive Parent Coffee Morning last week where we discussed how we could improve our coffee mornings and hopefully encourage more parents and carers to attend. Mrs Sawyerr, our Learning Mentor, will be leading these Parent Coffee mornings and we would love to hear any suggestions of things you would like to find out more about or ideas for how we can develop our coffee mornings for everyone.

### **Parent Council**

Our Parent Council met on 13<sup>th</sup> March and it was good to hear feedback about school events and answer any questions parents may have about Meridian. Our next meeting is on 8<sup>th</sup> May and I would love to hear your views about World Book Day. In the past we have dressed up as book characters and this year we tried something different by having a magical theme, mainly linked to Harry Potter. I am really aware that dressing up days can put real pressure on parents and carers (and children) and that putting costumes together can either be really time consuming or really expensive. What are your views? Did you like having a theme? Do you like having dressing up days in school? Do you have any suggestions for future events? Please do speak with one of our Parent Council representative – your views are important and I would like to hear from you.

### **Thank you and goodbye . . .**

Miss Adams is leaving Meridian today – she is relocating to Birmingham to be closer to family and friends. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for all her hard work at Meridian.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing the children back for the summer terms.

Best wishes

*Claire Westcott*

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(Head teacher)



## TERM DATES 2017/2018

### 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

**INSET day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – school closed  
for staff training**

***Children back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June***

## TERM DATES 2018/2019

### Term 1

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

**INSET days Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – school closed for  
staff training.**

***Children back to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
September***

### October break

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

**PLEASE NOTE NOT ALL INSET DAYS HAVE  
BEEN SET FOR 2018/2019**

## Important Dates

16.04 Reception Curriculum Chat – 2.30pm

17.04 Year 4 Curriculum Chat – 2.30pm

18.04 Year 2 Curriculum Chat – 2.30pm

19.04 Year 3 Curriculum Chat – 2.30pm

20.04 Year 1 Curriculum Chat – 2.30pm

23.04 Year 5 Curriculum Chat – 2.30pm

24.04 Year 6 Curriculum Chat – 2.30pm

08.05 Parent Council – 9am

14.05 – 18.05 Year 6 SATs week

17.05 Parent Coffee Morning – 9am

18.05 PTFA Disco – R, 1, 2 – 4pm – 5pm

3, 4, 5, 6 – 5.30pm – 7pm

22.05 Nursery Sports morning – 10am

Nursery Sports afternoon – 2.30pm

23.05 R, 1, 2 Sports morning (timings to be  
confirmed)

24.05 3, 4, 5, 6 Sports morning (timings to be  
confirmed)

25.05 Year 5 Assembly to parents – 9am

04.06 INSET day – school closed for staff training

15.06 Year 4 Assembly to parents – 9am

22.06 Year 3 Assembly to parents – 9am

27.06 Year 6 Production to whole school and parents  
with babies and toddlers – 1.30pm

28.06 Year 6 Production to parents 6pm

29.06 Year 2 Assembly to parents – 9am

02.07 – 06.07 Year 6 residential trip to Isle of Wight

06.07 Year 1 Assembly to parents – 9am

09.07 – 13.07 Year 6 transition week

13.07 Reception Assembly to parents 9am

13.07 PTFA Summer Sizzler – 3.30pm – 6.30pm

17.07 Parent Open Afternoon – 1.45pm

## Important dates information

You will notice that in the summer terms there have been changes to some of our usual events.

**Sports Days** – we have decided to try having our sports events earlier on this year for two reasons: firstly because term 6 is so busy and our Year 6 children are out of school for two weeks and we did not want them to miss out; secondly because we are hoping the weather might be better because the last couple of years June/July sports days have been rained off! We have also decided to try having a Sports Morning because it gives us longer to run all the events and also if the weather is sunny and hot the mornings are slightly cooler.

**Summer Sizzler** – the PTFA have decided to try holding the Summer Sizzler on a Friday after school so that our event does not clash with other local community summer events that are held on weekends in June and July. If you would like to get involved, please do come along to our next PTFA meeting

**Year 6 Production** – with the residential trip to the Isle of Wight and then transition week the following week, there is simply not enough time towards the end of term 6! So we are doing the Year 6 Production earlier this year.

It is always good to try new things and it will be good to hear your views about these changes afterwards.

### Parent Coffee Morning

Our next Parent Coffee Morning is on **17<sup>th</sup> May at 9am** in the Annexe. Everyone is welcome! Babies and toddlers are welcome too. This is an informal way to meet other parents at Meridian, speak with Mrs Sawyerr (our Learning Mentor) and find out more about what is going on at Meridian. So if you fancy a cup of coffee (or tea!) and a cake and a chat with other parents, please do come along. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Forest School and PE days for term 5

#### Forest School Days

Monday – Year 1

Tuesday - Year 4 & RE (Miss East)

Wednesday – Year 2 & RH (Miss Haley)

Thursday – Year 3

#### PE

Monday – RE, 6R, 3H & 3B

Tuesday – 5M, RH, 2T & 4P

Thursday – 5P, 1B, 2H & 4R

Friday – 1EB, 6J, 1A & 3M

*Please make sure your children have the correct PE kit in school so that they can take an active part in their physical education*



### After School Clubs

We are delighted that PlayPE will be running our After School Club activities after Easter and the PlayPE Team are looking forward to welcoming everyone on 16<sup>th</sup> April for the first sessions at Meridian. Everyone has been accepted to the clubs that they have requested. The Cooking Club on Wednesday was over-subscribed, so there is an extra session for cooking on Tuesday as well (instead of running the Choir and Musical Theatre), so some parents may find that they have been offered Cooking Club on Tuesday instead.

To clarify, all the after school active and creative clubs run until 4.30pm. The extended times after 4.30pm are for if your children would like to spend time with their friends and they will be able to access different activities in school. So for example, after school gymnastics club is until 4.30pm after that the children get changed and do other supervised activities with the PlayPE team

If you have not received a message about your child's clubs, or you want to check availability for any of the sessions, or have any questions about the After School activities then please do not hesitate to contact Jamie ([jamie@plaype.co.uk](mailto:jamie@plaype.co.uk)).

Contact details are also available on our website and on the door of the Annexe.

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### PTFA Disco

As you will be aware, the PTFA had to cancel the last disco because we had a lack of volunteers. We have re-arranged the disco for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May but we still need more helpers!! If you are able to volunteer to help put sweet bags together during the day or supervise the discos in the afternoon/evening, please do contact Nicky Packham (Chair of PTFA) or Louise Clarkson (Vice Chair of PTFA)

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
**THANK YOU!**



### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone that supported the Book Fair. The overall amount spent on books was an amazing £668. This means that the school will get £334 to spend on books for the library. Thank you so much to everyone for supporting the school in getting much needed books for classrooms and the library.

### Sports Relief

Apologies that our organisation for this event was quite last minute – we will do better next year. Thank you to everyone that sent in money for this important charity – we raised a fantastic £362.65. Fantastic!

### Library

Thank you so much to all the children and parents who have donated books for our library. A huge thank in particular to Carmen Haselup (Mollie's mum) for her support in getting some fantastic books for

### Times Table Rock Stars

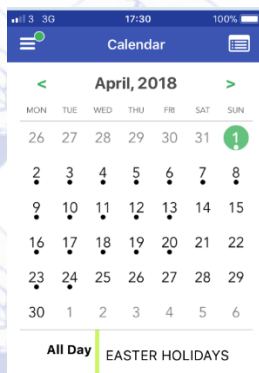
This continues to be a huge hit with the children and their progress and fluency in knowing their times tables is growing faster than we ever imagined. Please see our top 4 tips below for supporting your child at home.



1. **Read the times tables aloud;** say them together, then your child just on their own, finally say them without reading them.
2. **Scatter tables;** call out a question. Focus on your child getting the right answer not just speed.
3. **Write tables on a piece of paper;** doesn't have to be paper, could be in the sand, on the fridge or in the air.
4. **Play online;** the key is little and often. 5 minutes every night, every week! ☺

### The Meridian App

Our calendar has been updated with the latest events including Curriculum Chats, Year Group assemblies and Sports Days.



Receive free alerts on important information and key events happening in and out of school. You can opt in and out of different year groups in settings.

