



Learning for life!

Meridian Update

Term 5

**Monday 16th April to
Friday 25th May**

Term 6

**Monday 4th June to
Friday 20th July**

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**Meridian Community Primary
School & Nursery**



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**Friday
25th
May
2018**

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe it is the end of term already – where did the last 6 weeks go?!

We have had a busy term with a visiting author, Sports Days, Outdoor Classroom Day and much more! The children have really enjoyed all the learning opportunities the teachers have planned and the positivity and energy around school has been great. A recent visitor to the school commented on how polite, well-behaved and happy the children were – they were particularly impressed with how confidently the children all spoke about our school values and how they enjoyed all the learning in school. I am incredibly proud of the wonderful children here and feel very lucky to work with such a great team of people that want the best for every child at Meridian.

Year 6

Well done to our Year 6 children for completing their SATs tests last week. They have all worked so hard all year and everyone did their best during the tests, showing real focus, determination and concentration. They are all over now – phew! Next term they will be getting ready for their end of year show, a residential trip to the Isle of Wight and transition days at their new secondary schools. Exciting!

Year Group Assemblies

Year Five started off our Year Group Assemblies this week – we enjoyed some great singing, fantastic dance moves and hearing what they have been learning this year. There was also a very scary Frankenstein's monster! Well done Year Five! Check out the Important Dates for when each Year Group assembly is taking place. We look forward to seeing you.

PTFA Disco

Thank you to the PTFA for organising and supporting two discos last week – it was great to have so many volunteers to help with these events. If you would like to come to our next meeting to find out how you can help with our Summer Sizzler, please do come along on 26th June at 7pm in the Annexe.

Have a great week and look forward to seeing the children back on **Tuesday 5th June**.

Best wishes

Claire Westcott

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(Head teacher)



TERM DATES

2017/2018

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

TERM DATES

2018/2019

Term 1

Monday 3rd September – Friday 19th October

INSET days Monday 3rd September and Tuesday 4th September – school closed for staff training.

Children back to school on Wednesday 5th September

October break

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October

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

Important Dates

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

P.E. Kits

Thank you to all those parents who make sure their children are always in the right P.E. kit for PE lessons.

It is really important that children have a change of clothes and shoes for PE – this promotes keeping healthy.

If your child is wearing black trainers for school, they still need a separate pair of trainers or plimsolls for PE lessons.
If your child is wearing a white polo shirt for school, they still need a separate white t-shirt for P.E.

Sports Day Champions!

Congratulations to these children who not only excelled in their events on Sports Day but also earnt the most points for their team! Well done Theo, Mia, Shay, Marissa, Lewis and Poppy!

The overall winning team for Sports Day was **RED** team!



Parent Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone that came to our last coffee morning – Mrs Sawyerr enjoyed meeting with you all and hearing all your ideas about what you would like to know about school. At our next meeting, Mr Legate is going to come along and talk to you about Forest School and Outdoor Play and Learning. So do come along on **Thursday 21st June** at **9am** in the Annexe – everyone welcome – babies and toddlers too!



School Nurse Drop in

Our next school nurse drop in is on **Tuesday 3rd July** from 8.45am. If you have any concerns that you would like to speak to the school nurse team, please come along on the above date. If you come to the school's main office and ask to speak with the school nurse, the office team will support you with this.



Forest School and PE days for term 6

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

Please note there will be slight changes to Forest School the first week back due to the INSET day on Monday 4th June.

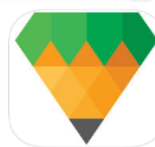
Tuesday 5th June – 3M, 3B and Year 2

Wednesday 6th June – Year 1 and Reception

Thursday 7th June – Year 4 and 3H

The Meridian App

Due to new rules and regulations set by Apple we wanted to make you aware that our old mobile app will soon become redundant. Therefore you will need to download a new app called School Jotter (see below). Once downloaded simply search for our school in the top search box. Once you have chosen the school it will always load first when opening the app. The app works in exactly the same way with the same features.



School Jotter
Mobile App for Schools

Parking

We are getting increasing numbers of complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking around Meridian. One person was unable to take her elderly parents to a hospital appointment as a parent from Meridian had parked across her driveway – I am sure you will agree that this is not great for the reputation of Meridian. Please can I remind all parents that there is plenty of parking available around the school and when coming to school events to leave enough time to park and walk.

Can I also remind parents that the entrance to the school before the barrier is not available for parking – any cars parked here restrict access for emergency vehicles and deliveries to get to the school. Members of staff struggled to leave school on Friday evening following the discos as parents had blocked the entrance to school by parking along the grass verges.

If you see any anti-social driving please contact Operation Crackdown

<http://www.operationcrackdown.org/>

If you see any illegal parking please do report it to Lewes Parking

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/parking/shops/lewes-parking-shop/>

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.

EVERY LESSON COUNTS!

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

Children will get certificates the first week back if they achieved excellent attendance (97% - 99%) or 100% attendance in term 5.

The class with the best attendance this term was:

3M (Guppy Fish Class) with 98%

Well done to the following classes so far this term:

Week 1: RH (Seahorse Class) 99.6%




Week 2: 3B (Sand Tiger Class) 100% - AMAZING!

Week 3: RE (Rainbow Fish Class) 99.3%

Week 4: 2HS (Blue Tang Class) 100% - AMAZING!

Week 5: 3B (Sand Tiger Class) 100% - AMAZING!

Week 6: 2T (Octopus Class) 98.3%

WHAT IS GOOD ATTENDANCE?					
190 days	180 days	178 days	163 days	161 days	143 days
100%	95%	94%	86%	85%	75%
Good 		Worrying 		Serious Concern 	
Only 1-2 day missed per term		Between 3-8 days missed per term		More than 9 days missed per term	

If you feel you would like any support with attendance or punctuality, please do get in touch with Miss Maslen who will be able to help you speak to the right person.

Outdoor Classroom Day

On Thursday 17th May, the whole school spent the day learning outside as part of Outdoor Classroom Day. This day was a global campaign to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. Meridian was one of thousands of schools around the world to take lessons outdoors – what an amazing experience for our children! Outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them with learning and leads to a greater connection with nature. The children had a great time digging, making a bug hotel, collecting natural objects for art and much more! Thank you to Mr Legate for organising this great day for the children.



Sports Days

We had two really great mornings this week where children took part in our new style Sports Days. As part of our ongoing commitment to developing sports at Meridian and listening to your views, we introduced a more competitive element this year and it was amazing to see some of our really talented children shine. It was wonderful to see all the children taking part, doing their best and cheering everyone on.

It was great also to seeing all the parents, carers, friends, families and staff supporting everyone, which created such a positive atmosphere for the children. A huge thank you to Mr Legate for organising and leading these events – and a special mention to the Rising Stars team for preparing and teaching the children these athletics skills in our P.E. lessons.

Thank you also to all the parents who have taken the time to speak with me or Mr Doody to tell us how much you enjoyed these events.



Liz Pichon

Liz Pichon, the author of the Tom Gates books, visited Meridian last week. Freya in Year 3 won a reading competition and the prize was that Liz came to our school – well done Freya! The children really enjoyed hearing her speak, create an illustration and hear extracts from her books. What an amazing opportunity for the children to meet a real author and have a book signed by her. I am sure there will be lots of new Tom Gates fans now enjoying reading about his adventures . . .



Nursery

The Nursery have had a busy term with lots of learning going on. They enjoyed a visit from Mark Broad, a music expert, to teach everyone new songs as part of our transition project with all the nurseries, pre-schools, child-minders and schools in Peacehaven and Newhaven. Mark loved visiting us and said our Nursery was “buzzing with positivity – it’s great!” Thanks to Kaitlin and her team for creating such a fantastic learning environment for our amazing Nursery children.

