



# Learning for life!

## Meridian Update

**Term 6**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June to**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

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Meridian Community Primary  
School & Nursery



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**Friday**  
**14th**  
**June**  
**2018**

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back – I hope you all had a great half term break and managed to enjoy the sunshine!

It is our last term of the academic year and we have got a busy few weeks ahead of us, including Year Group assemblies, PTFA Summer Sizzler, Parent Open Afternoon and the Year 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight. There is still lots of learning going on in school, so it is important the children have excellent attendance over the next five weeks.

### Sun Safety

As the weather is warming up, it is always a good idea to send your child into school with a sunhat. Our playgrounds do not have much shade so when the children are playing outside at play time and lunch time they are exposed to the sun – so a sunhat will really help keep them safe. Please make sure you put their name in their hat so that we can return any that are lost to their rightful owner.

If you wish to send your child into school with sun cream you are welcome to. Please ensure that it has your child's name on it and practise with them at home to apply it independently – adults in school are not able to apply any sun cream directly but they can support by making sure it is all rubbed in and no areas have been missed! (Please note, in our Nursery adults are able to apply sun cream with parents' permission)

### Keeping your child safe online

We have noticed an increasing number of children have got smart phones so it is really important that they understand how to keep safe online and we regularly remind them about this in school. If you would like support in how to talk to your child about keeping safe when they are using the internet, accessing social media sites or playing online games, the NSPCC and Parent Zone have got some really useful resources to help you with this. Go to [www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/) or <https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>

Have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you next week!

Best wishes

*Claire Westcott*

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(Headteacher)



## TERM DATES 2017/2018

### 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

- 21.06 Parent Coffee Morning – 9am
- 22.06 Year 3 Assembly to parents – 9am
- 26.06 Parent Council – 9am  
PTFA meeting – 7pm
- 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.

## 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

## Water Bottles

It is really important that everyone stays hydrated throughout the day, so we encourage parents to send children into school with a named water bottle. They can have access to these in class.

Water fountains are available at play times and lunch times, as well as drinking water given out in the lunch hall.

Please make sure that all water bottles are filled with water only.

**No fruit squashes please.**



### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> June.**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – 3M, 3B and Year 2

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 and Reception

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 and 3H



## Parking

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.

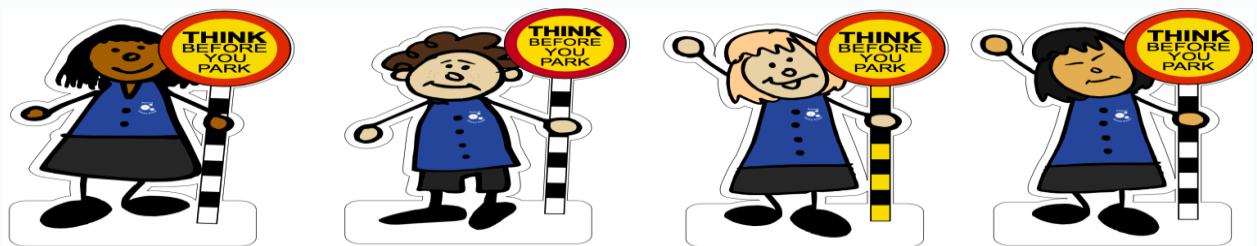
Can I also remind parents that the entrance to the school before the barrier is not available for parking – any cars parked here restrict access for emergency vehicles and deliveries to get to the school.

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

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

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

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



## 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.

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

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

Well done to the following classes so far this term:  
Week 1: 1B and 3B – 99.5%

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.

Letters are going out to parents this week if a child's attendance is below 95% this year. This is a reminder about not letting attendance slip any lower in the last few weeks of term. There is still lots of learning happening in this last term and it is important that children are in school every day.



## SUMMER SIZZLER

Don't forget our Summer Sizzler this year is on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 3.15pm – 6.30pm**

If you would like a stall or are able to help on the day, please do get in touch with Nicky Packham (PTFA Chair) or Louise Clarkson (PTFA Vice Chair). Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm if you would like to come along and support this great fund-raising event.

**Your PTFA needs you!**



## Non-School Uniform Day

On **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July** children are able to come into school in their own clothes if they bring a donation in to support the **Summer Sizzler**. We need the following year groups to bring in the following items:

- Nursery (we know you don't wear school uniform but we didn't want to miss you out!), Reception and Year 1: **Cakes** for the cake stall
- Years 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6: **Bottles/gifts** for our tombola (no chocolate please!)

Thank you for all your support with this!



## District Sports

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 46 children took part in the annual Athletics District Sports Competition. The children gave 100% in their individual event and demonstrated excellent teamwork and respect when supporting each other throughout the day.

The individual events consisted of Sprinting, Distance running, Long Jump and Cricket Ball throw with the competition finishing off with the relay races. All the children should be very proud of themselves, however, BIG congratulations have to go to those children who came first in their event; Lukas in the 80m, Charlie in the long jump, Kameron in the 400m and the Year 5 Boys and Year 3 Girls Relay race.

Thank you for all those parents who came to support and especially to those parents who accompanied us on the trip and took charge of a year group. Another great day of sport for Meridian!

