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Meridian Update

Term 1

**Staff Training: Wednesday 4th,
Thursday 5th and Friday 6th**

September

**Children back on Monday 9th
September**

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**Meridian Community Primary
School & Nursery**



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**Tuesday
23rd
July
2019**

Dear Parents/Carers

Another brilliant year is over at Meridian – and what a year it has been! We have had visits from dinosaurs, trips to Brighton Museum, Theatre Royal, i360, Isle of Wight, our annual pantomime and a visit from an athlete. Children have represented the school at football and netball tournaments, Quadkids and cross country running. They have loved learning about a wide range of topics, including Ancient Egyptians, Global environmental issues and all about the United Kingdom. We even managed to fit in an Ofsted inspection in November which showed that Meridian continues to be a good school!

I am so proud to be Headteacher of such an amazing school – the children are delightful and their love of learning is wonderful to see. A huge thank you to all the staff at Meridian – they work so hard to ensure the best for the children and this shines through whenever we have visitors to the school. And a special thank you to all of you, our parents and carers, whose support and commitment to Meridian is fantastic.

Staff changes

We wish Miss Howker, Mr Brotherton and Miss Pyle well as they move on to new challenges – thank you for all your hard work at Meridian.

Congratulations to Miss Passingham who is getting married in August and will be returning as Mrs Passingham-Smith – have a wonderful day!

Good luck to Mr Richards, who had a year's career break to work in Spain last year and has decided to stay on – who can blame him?!

Welcome to Miss Butcher and Miss Dew who will be joining us in September.

Year 6

Good luck to our fabulous Year 6 children who are moving on to their secondary schools in September. They have worked so hard this year and I wish them all the best for the future. I can't wait to hear about all their successes in this next exciting phase of their learning journey.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 9th September.

Best wishes
Claire Westcott
Headteacher



**TERM DATES
2019/2020**

Term 1

Monday 9th September – Friday 25th October
School closed for staff training on Wednesday
4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September
**Children back to school on Monday 9th
September**

October break

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

Term 2

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

Christmas break

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January

Term 3

Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February

February break

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Term 4

Monday 24th February – Friday 3rd April

Easter break

Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April

Term 5

Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May

May break

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Term 6

Monday 1st June – Wednesday 22nd July

**PLEASE NOTE NOT ALL INSET DAYS HAVE BEEN
ALLOCATED YET**

IMPORTANT DATES

- 09.09 Children back to school
- 16.09 Year 6: Read with your child followed by Curriculum Chat **2pm**
- 17.09 4M swimming starts
Year 5: Read with your child followed by Curriculum Chat **2pm**
- 18.09 Year 4: Read with your child followed by Curriculum Chat **2pm**
- 19.09 4B swimming starts
Year 3: Read with your child followed by Curriculum Chat **2pm**
- 20.09 Jeans for Genes Day – children can wear their jeans to school for a donation to this charity
Year 2: Read with your child followed by Curriculum Chat **2pm**
- 23.09 Year 1: Read with your child followed by Curriculum Chat **2pm**
- 01.10 Parent Coffee Morning 9am in the Annexe room (near the school office)
- 07.10 Reception: Read with your child followed by Curriculum Chat **2pm**
- 15.10 Parent Council 9am in the Annexe room
- 22.10 Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 6pm
- 24.10 Parents Evening – 4.30pm – 7pm
- 25.10 Last day of term 1
- 04.11 Children back to school
- 07.11 Outdoor classroom day and OPAL open afternoon
- 11.11 Anti bullying week
- 14.11 Parent Coffee Morning 9am in the Annexe room (near the school office)
- 21.11 Parent Council 9am in the Annexe room
- 28.11 Parent Open Afternoon from 1.45pm – come along and see all the learning that has been taking place!
- 12.12 9.15am Reception Christmas Performance to whole school and parents with babies/toddlers
2.00pm Reception Christmas Performance to adults only
- 13.12 9.15am Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance to whole school and parents with babies/toddlers
2.00pm Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance to adults only
- 16.12 9.15am Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance to adults only
2.00pm Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance to whole school and parents with babies/toddlers
- 17.12 9.15am Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance to adults only
2.00pm Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance to adults only
- 18.12 9.15am Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performance to whole school and parents with babies/toddlers
2.00pm Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performance to adults only
- 19.12 9.15am Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performance to adults only

Amazing Attendance at Meridian!

Best Attendance this term:

Week 1 – 1A – 99.3% - SUPER!
Week 2 – 3Mo – 99.1% - AMAZING!
Week 3 – 3Mo – 100% - FANTASTIC!
Week 4 – 3B – 99.5% - AMAZING!
Week 5 – RR – 99.7% - FANTASTIC
Week 6 – 4H – 99.5% - AMAZING!
Week 7 – RE – 99.4% - SUPER!
Week 8 – 6J – 100% - FANTASTIC!



The class with the best attendance this term is: 1A – well done to everyone

Attendance in Term 6		
RR – 95.0%	3M – 94.2%	6R – 95.8%
RE – 93.2%	3Mo – 96.1%	6J – 95.6%
1HS – 95.4%	4H – 95.2%	
1A – 96.6%	4M – 92.9%	
2T – 94.9%	4P – 95.8%	
2D – 91.9%	5Y – 94.2%	
2M – 95.3%	5P – 95.7%	

Best Attendance this year:

The class with the best attendance this YEAR is: 1HS – well done to everyone!

Attendance in Term 6		
RR – 93.9%	3M – 95.3%	6R – 97.4%
RE – 94.1%	3Mo – 96.0%	6J – 96.5%
1HS – 96.3%	4H – 95.5%	
1A – 97.5%	4M – 94.7%	
2T – 95.4%	4P – 95.6%	
2D – 94.0%	5Y – 95.4%	
2M – 96.2%	5P – 95.3%	

100% Attendance this year:

Congratulations to these children who have had 100% attendance all year since September – what an amazing achievement!

Luca (RR), Betty (5P), Harrison (3B), Isabella (3Mo), Ernie (2T), Tianne (2D), Finlay (2M), Grace (1A) and Scarlett (1A)

Thank you to everyone for your support with attendance



Parent Questionnaire

	Based on 56 questionnaires	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at Meridian	63%	37%			
2	My child feels safe at school	61%	39%			
3	My child makes good progress at school	50%	50%			
4	My child is well looked after at school	63%	32%	3%		2%
5	My child is taught well at school.	64%	36%			
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	43%	27%	9%	5%	16%
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	46%	43%	9%		2%
8	This school deals effectively with bullying.	40%	30%	5%		25%
9	This school is well led and managed	47%	45%	3%		5%
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	60%	34%	3%		3%
11	I receive valuable information about my child's progress	64%	26%	6%	2%	2%
12	I know how to help my child with their learning at home	57%	41%			2%
13	I feel comfortable visiting the school office and my queries are answered effectively and politely	61%	37%	2%		
13	My child has enjoyed the themes/topics they have learnt about this year (e.g. Ancient Egypt)	75%	23%			2%
14	My child has enjoyed our new Outdoor Play and Learning opportunities this year, including Forest School	77%	21%	2%		

15	I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes	100%	No	
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Thank you to everyone that returned their questionnaire – this information is really useful, as were the comments that some of you took the time to write. All this information has been used to inform our School Improvement Plan for 2019/2020.

School Uniform

Don't forget that when you are buying school uniform for next year . . .

Our school colours are royal blue, grey and white.

- Royal blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts (no jeans)
- White shirt, blouse, polo shirt
- Blue and white gingham dress or playsuit in the summer (not blouses)
- Grey or black tights or white socks with skirts, pinafores or dresses
- Grey or black socks with trousers/shorts
- Plain black sensible shoes or trainers
- Plain black, white or brown sensible sandals with a back strap can be worn in the summer
- Socks must also be worn to protect their feet. No wedges, jellies or flip flops please.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO
NAME EVERYTHING SO
THAT WE CAN RETURN ANY
LOST ITEMS**

P.E. kit: All children will need the following P.E. kit in school in a named bag: Royal blue shorts; plain white t-shirt; plain plimsolls or trainers; plain dark tracksuit for outdoor P.E. (grey, navy or black)

Jewellery: The only jewellery allowed in school is plain stud earrings and a watch. All children will need to either take their earrings out for P.E. or have tape put over the earrings. No wrist bands please.

Hair: All long hair needs to be tied back. All hair should be of natural colour. Extreme haircuts, such as mohicans and shaved patterns/images, and dyed hair, are not considered appropriate for school

Make-up: No make-up should be worn in school.

Intersport supply all the school uniform for Meridian!

www.gameforlife.co.uk/section.php/788/1/meridian_primary_school/6e9dfd60658abe8e267430ddf5c846fe

Please contact the School Office if you are unsure of the process or require any help with ordering.

Uniform is also now stocked at Intersport Seaford Branch, so you can also purchase items of uniform from the store (13, Clinton Place, Seaford, BN25 1NL) Telephone 01323 898516

New Classes for September

The children all really enjoyed meeting their teacher in their new classroom the other week. On the first day back, the Senior Leadership Team will be around on the playgrounds to guide you if you don't know where to go! There have been a few changes of layout to accommodate different year groups – so please ask if you are not sure. Here is a list of all the staff:

Year Group	Teacher	Support Team
Nursery	Miss Kaitlin Duffy	Mrs Teresa Edgeler Mrs Teresa Sargeant Mrs Sarah Defalco
Reception	Mrs Rachel Reffell Miss Claudia East	Mrs Gemma Savage Mrs Jade Weston
Year 1	Miss Jess Appleton Mrs Rachel Halls Mrs Jasmine Sagar	Mrs Segena Livingston Miss Camilla Savill-Lawes
Year 2	Ms Nicola Treglown Mrs Charlotte McKay	Mr Tony Lopez Miss Lauren Richardson
Year 3	Mrs Hayley Passingham-Smith Mr Andrew Dixon Miss Lucy Dew	Mrs Caroline Pellatt Ms Sally Mockford Mrs Ok Ran Har
Year 4	Miss Kirsty Moffat Miss Megan Butcher	Mrs Diane Roe
Year 5	Mrs Helen Jackson Miss Ellen Yates Miss Annie Pulleine	Mrs Sue Smith Mrs Nicky Staples Mr Keiran Stallard
Year 6	Miss Alex Roberts Miss Kathryn Howell	Miss Sam Clements Miss Sophie Field
Other	Mr Chris Legate – Forest School Mrs Rachael Ebeling – Thrive Mr Mike Mole – Music teacher and maths intervention Ms Natasha Baldrian – Leadership cover and reading intervention	Mrs Rose Sawyerr – Learning Mentor Mrs Claire McHenery – Speech and Language TA Mr Luke Philips – ASD/Physical Development TA

OPAL

Keep those donations coming in for our OPAL playtimes!

All donations will be safety checked by the staff to ensure suitability for the children to use.



Here are suggestions of what we need:

cardboard boxes, cuddly toys, fabrics - all shapes and sizes, metal pots, pans, trays etc. tering sizes, old clothes (e.g jackets, overalls, hats, bags), old household appliances (e.g. hoovers, fax machines, microwaves etc), phones, small children's bike wheels, wheels, sofa and chair cushions, suitcases - all sizes, tubes of all kinds, carpet samples, carpet squares, guttering, hoses, brief cases, buggies, push chairs

Thank you for your support with our amazing playtimes!

After school club sessions and child care

PlayPE's contract at Meridian has come to an end and so from September we will be using Rising Stars to offer after school club sessions, such as gymnastics and football. Rising Stars are a sports provider so will not be offering child care sessions after these sports clubs. Some parents have asked me about organising before and after school child care arrangements at school. Historically Meridian has not had the demand for us to put on breakfast club or after school child care, especially as we have close links with CATs Club. In September I will send out a consultation about this and if this is something that parents would like, I look at the feasibility and finances around setting this up in 2020. If there is not enough interest, then we won't take this option further. In the meantime, please do contact Vicky Philips at CATs Club

<http://www.catsclubafterschool.co.uk/> or 01273 588762.