

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, what an interesting year this has been! When I welcomed you all back in September 2019, who would have thought that we would be ending the year in such a different way.

Thank you so much to all of you for your support and understanding since the lockdown in March. It has been a really trying time for everyone but the positive comments about how the Meridian Team have managed throughout lockdown and again when we opened for some year groups in June has been really appreciated. We have really missed seeing all the children and I know everyone is really looking forward to welcoming all the children back in September.

Year 6

Good luck to our wonderful Year 6 children who are moving on to secondary school in September. They have been an amazing year group who have coped so well with all the changes this year. I wish them all the best for the future and I know they will continue to succeed in this next important stage of their education. I hope you enjoy their leavers' video which has some great photographs and some lovely singing! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5R ZDiuBRO&feature=emb_logo

New Reception children and families

It was lovely to see so many new Reception children and their families come to visit yesterday and today. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend and I am sure this visit really helped prepare everyone for starting school in September. We can't wait to meet you properly in the autumn term!

Plans for September

I will send out more information about plans for September next week, including a map to show where the children will need to be dropped off in the mornings. All of the information will be available on the school website for you to access over the summer holidays. At the beginning of September, I send out reminders and a video to show everyone how drop off and pick up times will work. So make sure you have the app on your phone so that you can receive all this information.

Take care and best wishes and have a lovely summer break!

Claire Westcott

Ms. Claire Westcott Headteacher



TERM DATES 2020/2021

Term 1

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September
INSET days
Children back to school from Monday 7^t

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End of term 1 Friday 23rd October

Term 2

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Term 3

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

Term 4

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 1st
April

Term 5

Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May

Term 6

Monday 7th June - Friday 23rd July

PLEASE NOTE NOT ALL INSET DAYS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED YET

IMPORTANT DATES

07.09 Year 6 and Nursery back to school

08.09 Year 5 back to school
Reception Group 1 start school

09.09 Year 4 back to school

10.09 Year 3 back to school

Reception Group 2 start school

11.09 Year 2 back to school

14.09 Year 1 back to school

Reception Group 3 start school

16.09 Reception Group 4 start school

18.09 Reception Group 5 start school

In September, we will inform you about plans for Parent Curriculum Chats, Parents Evenings and other events that we usually do in the Autumn term. Look out for this information in future newsletters

Parent Council Meeting

We have got our final Parent Council Meeting on Monday 20th July. If you have got any questions about re-opening in September or indeed about any aspect of school life, please do contact one of the School Councillors who will share this at our meeting on Monday. The minutes of the meeting will be available on the school website as soon as possible

Thank you.

End of Year Music Celebrations

Mr. Mole has produced some amazing videos to celebrate the children's music lessons this year. I know Mr. Mole has really enjoyed this new role in school and he is looking forward to starting his music lessons again in September. Thank you to Mr. Mole for these great videos to celebrate the musical talents at Meridian!

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

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<u>Year 4</u>

<u>Year 5</u>

School Uniform

Don't forget that school uniform is back to normal from September: Grey trousers, skirts, pinafores, shorts. White polo tops or shirts. Royal blue jumpers or cardigans. Plain black school shoes or trainers. Looking forward to seeing everyone in their smart new uniform in the autumn term!

Water Bottles

All children will need a named water bottle in September as the water fountains in school will be out of action. Please remember that children will need to have water only in school – no juice or squash. If your child struggles to drink water, please encourage them to do so over the summer holidays so that they are ready for this expectation in September.