

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Google Classroom**

It's great to hear how many of you have logged on to Google Classroom with your children to access the home learning. If you are struggling to log on, please do e-mail your child's teacher who will be able to help you.

## Parents' Evenings

You will have received a letter this week about Parents' Evenings in October. These will held virtually via Google Classroom through Google Meet. So please do send your slips back and I know the teachers will look forward to talking to you about how your children have settled back into school.

#### **Positive Comments**

Thank you so much to everyone that has taken the time to e-mail the school or speak with Mr Doody or me in person to share positive comments about how everything is working since we reopened the school to everyone at the beginning of the month. We have really appreciated your kind and supportive words.

#### **New Reception 2021**

Don't forget, if you want to apply for a Reception place for September 2021, you need to complete the online application which is available <a href="here">here</a> The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

#### Year 7 applications 2021

Don't forget, the closing date for applying for Secondary School places is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Don't miss the deadline – the online application is available <u>here.</u>

I'm looking forward to see you all again next week!

Best wishes

Westcott

Claire Westcott (Headteacher)

strength

respect



responsibility

# TERM DATES 2020/2021

#### Term 1

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September INSET days

Children back to school from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

End of term 1 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October school closed for staff
training INSET day

## Term 2

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

#### Term 3

Monday 4th January - Friday 12th February

#### Term 4

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

## Term 5

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

#### Term 6

Monday 7th June – Friday 23rd July

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

#### **Letter from Public Health England**

The Department for Education has asked schools to share a letter from Public Health England with all parents/carers.

There is clear advice about COVID-19 symptoms and what to look out for. There is also advice about getting children tested.

Please do take the time to read this letter as it will be really helpful once the seasonal coughs and colds start.

https://www.meridianschool.co.uk/parents/allnewsletters

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

19.10 Parents Evening (R, 1, 2, 3) 3.30pm - 6pm

20.10 Parents Evening (4, 5, 6) 3.30pm – 6pm

21.10 Parents Evening (R, 1, 2, 3) 4.30pm - 7pm

22.10 Parents Evening (4, 5, 6) 4.30pm – 7pm

Information about these virtual Parents' Evenings has been sent out this week.

Christmas Performances cannot happen in the usual way this year. Decisions about how we can celebrate Christmas with children and families will be made this term and shared with parents/carers in term 2.

#### **PTFA**

Our PTFA is meeting next week on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>
October at 7pm via Zoom to start to talk about
how to fundraise for the school in different ways.

All parents/carers are automatically part of the PTFA and if you are interested in coming along to the meeting, please do read the PTFA newsletter or visit our PTFA page on the school website.

The PTFA are a really friendly bunch! And we are always keen to have new faces join us, even if it is virtually this time.

## **Curriculum Chats**

The teachers have been really busy recording their Year Group Curriculum Chats so that you are informed about the learning that is happening this term.

A letter will be going out on Monday with links to each Curriculum Chat, so please do look out for these.

