

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and keeping safe.

Screen Free Friday

Thank you to those parents who send in positive emails about Screen Free Friday. It was clearly very well-received and supported many families in having time away from lap tops and other devices for live teaching and completing work. The children in school also enjoyed and benefited from having a more low key day.

As a result, we will be having another Screen Free Friday on 12th February as it is the last day of term. Teachers will upload activities to support this day should parents wish to access this.

Parent Governors

The constitution of our Governing Body is that there are two elected parent governors that represent the parent/carer community of Meridian. Following recent nominations, I am pleased to announce that Mr. Ed Dunn has been re-elected as a parent governor and we have a new parent governor, Mrs. Nicky Packham, who has been elected recently. For more information about our Governing Body, please visit our website

Schools re-opening

I am sure, like me, you were disappointed that schools would not be re-opening to all children after half term. At the moment, I do not have any more information than what was shared with the Nation last week – that the government hopes to begin re-opening schools from 8th March. So remote online learning will continue after half-term in the current format. If I hear any further updates about this, I will communicate with you.

Take care and best wishes

C. Westcott

Claire Westcott Headteacher



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TERM DATES 2020/2021

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

12TH FEBRUARY INSET DAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO NATIONAL LOCKDOWN

PLEASE NOTE NOT ALL INSET DAYS HAVE
BEEN ALLOCATED YET

Face Masks

We have been really very lucky so far at Meridian, with very few positive cases for children in school and staff. I am sure you will agree that we would like to keep it that way.

With this in mind, I would like to encourage parents and carers at drop and pick up times to wear a mask when queuing up outside and all the time that you are on the school site.

Face masks can protect us from catching it the virus but they are also very good at preventing the virus being passed on should we be asymptomatic.

Help us keep the whole Meridian community safe and wear a face mask.



IMPORTANT DATES

09.02 Parents Evening (not 1HS) 3.30pm – 6.00pm

10.02 Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm

11.02 Parents Evening (1HS) 3.30pm - 6.00pm

12.02 Screen Free Friday

End of term 3

Children's Mental Health Week 1st – 7th February 2021

It's Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week this week and the theme is "Express Yourself".

Place2Be state that, "Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts or ideas through creativity. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself."

In school, the children watched the virtual assembly – the link is <u>here</u> if you would like to watch it with the children at home.

There was also a message from the Duchess of

Cambridge, which you can watch here.



Reading at Home

I know Miss. Roberts, our English Leader, sent out a letter to let you know about Oxford Owl online reading resources.

There are books that be read on line and support a wide range of ages and interests.

Check this great resource out here



