

Dear Parents and Carers

This is my first newsletter of the summer term -I do hope you managed to have a good Easter break. It was lovely to see the children all back and ready to learn on Wednesday 21^{st} April. The whole staff team had two really positive training days and were keen to welcome the children back to school.

School Uniform

Thank you so much to everyone for ensuring the children are in the right school uniform. It was great to see everyone looking so smart and proudly representing Meridian when they returned this week.

Welcome

We have had lots of new children and families join Meridian this term and I know the children and staff have made them feel very welcome. If you are one of those new families, please do make sure you check out our website for all in the information you will need. If you have any questions, please do email the school office. Welcome to Meridian!

Local Elections

Next Thursday, the Annexe Room at the side of the school will be used for Local Elections. As part of the COVID-19 safety measures, it has been agreed that the hall will not be used and all voting will be limited to the Annexe only. This means that lunches can still go ahead as usual and there is no impact to safety of the children and staff.

Curriculum Chats

The teachers have been busy recording their curriculum chats which will be shared with you next week. Please do watch to find out what the children will be learning about in the summer terms. If you have any questions after watching the videos, please contact the year group team via the year group email.

Take care and best wishes

C. Westcott

Claire Westcott Headteacher respect honesty

responsibility

TERM DATES 2020/2021

Term 5

Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May Monday 19th April – school closed for staff training

Tuesday 20th April – school closed for staff training

Children back to school on Wednesday 21st

April

Term 6

Monday 7th June - Friday 23rd July

THERE ARE NO MORE INSET DAYS PLANNED FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

IMPORTANT DATES

30.04 Curriculum Chat information to parents03.05 School closed as Bank Holiday Monday

06.05 Local Elections in Annexe14.05 Parent Council Meeting

Free School Meal Vouchers

East Sussex County Council have informed all schools that there will be additional funding available for free school meal vouchers to be sent to families to cover the May half-term break.

Once I know more about this, including how much each child will be allocated, I will let you know. If you have updated your email since the last vouchers were sent, please can you make sure you have informed the school.

Many thanks.

Keeping safe in school

Thank you to everyone for continuing to follow the expectations to ensure everyone at Meridian feels safe.

I appreciate that restrictions are slowly being lifted through the government road map, however to date, there have been no changes to government guidance for schools yet.

Once any changes are announced, I will let parents and carers know what these changes are and how will be supporting them.



Global Study

As part of our Geography studies, children have been learning about the following places so they can develop their understanding of the world:

Nursery: France Reception: Africa

Year 1: North/South

Poles

Year 2: Australia

Year 3: Italy

Year 4: USA

Year 5: Russia

Year 6: India



Curriculum Topics

During the summer terms the children will be learning about:

Nursery and Reception: Water Year1 and Year 2: Seaside

Year 3 and Year 4: Rivers

Year 5 and Year 6: Sea and Coasts

This learning is under the umbrella theme of "The Natural World"