



Learning for life!

Meridian Newsletter

Term 5

Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May

Term 6

Monday 7th June – Friday 23rd June

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Meridian Community Primary School and Nursery



@MeridianCPS

Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We've had another busy week in school and, as always, the children have been working hard and trying their best in their lessons.

I had the pleasure of spending some time over at Forest School this week and it has been wonderful to see all the learning opportunities that they are enjoying – I learnt a thing or two as well!

Lost Property

Our lost property mountain is getting bigger by the week. Please can you remember to ensure that your children's school uniform is named so that we can return items to the right children. The PTFA will be collecting the un-named school uniform soon and they will advertise any suitable second hand items on their Facebook page – all proceeds will go to the PTFA. We will send out more information about this soon.

Displays

I do hope you have had to chance to see the wonderful displays that the teachers have put up this week to celebrate our global studies. These were shared on Twitter and Facebook. The children have loved learning about France, Africa, Polar regions, Australia, Italy, USA, Russia and India through stories and geographical facts. I particularly enjoyed some of the Reception children singing the Continent song to me – very impressive!

Parent Council

We had a really great Parent Council meeting today where Mrs. Mackay shared how we teach Personal, Social and Health Education at Meridian, including what, how and when we teach age appropriate relationship and sex education. The feedback from parents was very positive and we will be sending out further information to all parents and carers in term 6.

Take care and best wishes

C. Westcott

Claire Westcott
Headteacher

strength

respect

responsibility



kindness

honesty

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 parents
- 03.05** School closed as Bank Holiday Monday
- 06.05** Local Elections in Annexe
- 14.05** Parent Council Meeting

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Government updated its guidance for schools this week, however there were no significant changes in terms of the day to day running of the school.

This means that at the moment, we will need to continue with staggered starts/finishes, year group bubbles and other restrictions.

Hopefully there will be more guidance prior to 21st June – I will let you know once there is more information to share.

Holidays during term time

I am starting to get requests for taking children out of school for family holidays.

Government guidance states:

"As restrictions begin to lift, some families may be looking to take holidays. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and not take their children out of school on holiday during term time."

Where a parent wishes to take their child out of school for whatever reason, the onus is on them to apply for a leave of absence and demonstrate why they believe the circumstances are exceptional. Schools make decisions on granting leave of absence, but will not normally do so for a holiday."

Please remember that any unauthorised absence for a holiday of 5 days or more may incur a fine of **£60 per parent, per child**. Our EWO may get in contact for unauthorised absences of 5 separate days over the term and these may incur penalties too.

NHS
East Sussex
School Health Service

Aged 11 to 19?

Or parent/carer of a child or young person aged 5 to 19 years old?

Speak to a school nurse in person.

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10am to 3 pm
and 6 to 9pm

Click <https://nhs.uk/east-sussex-school-health>
or text
07507 332473 anytime.

East Sussex
School Health

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PE Kits and Forest School Kits




Please can you make sure your children have the right kits in school to help them access their learning in Forest School and PE. It is particularly important to have a change of footwear so that they don't bring mud into the school building. Wellies or old shoes for Forest School and trainers or plimsolls for PE.

Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance

Excellent attendance at school is so important so that children do not miss the vital teaching and learning that takes place every day in class and do not fall behind.

Each week we celebrate the class with the best attendance

WHAT IS GOOD ATTENDANCE?					
190 days	180 days	178 days	163 days	161 days	143 days
100%	95%	94%	86%	85%	75%
Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
					
Only 1-2 day missed per term		Between 3-8 days missed per term		More than 9 days missed per term	

Don't forget – if your child is off school you need to send in a written note on the day they return so that we can consider changing the registration code to an authorised absence. Please note a reason of "ill" or "unwell" is not acceptable.

For more information about our attendance policy and procedures, please visit our website <http://www.meridianschool.co.uk/about-us/policies>

Best Attendance this term:

Week 1 – RE, 2M, 3B and 3D – 100% - FANTASTIC!

Week 2 – 2P – 99.3% - AMAZING!

Week 3 – 4Y, 5Z – 100% - FANTASTIC!

Week 4 – 5Z, 6H – 100% - FANTASTIC!

The classes with the best attendance so far this term are: RE and 2P – well done!

Attendance in Term 5		
RW – 94.3%	3B – 95.1%	6RD – 96.4%
RE – 99.0%	4PS – 96.5%	6H – 97.8%
1HS – 96.6%	4M – 95.0%	
1T – 95.3%	4Y – 98.4%	
2M – 98.6%	5Z – 97.6%	
2P – 99.0%	5P – 92.4%	
3D – 98.3%	6dP – 96.6%	

Whole school attendance we returned to school on the 8th March is 96.2% - which is just above our target of 96% - which is fantastic.

Thank you to everyone for your support with attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
every school day counts.