



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



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Friday 28th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, that term seemed to whizz by – I can't believe that it's half-term next week already! Fingers crossed that weather starts to improve and we can all get outside and enjoy some sunshine.

COVID updates

At the moment, there has been no significant update to the Government's advice about schools during the pandemic, so after half-term, we will continue to be operating our staggered drop offs and pick ups. We will also continue to ask parents and carers to wear their face coverings when coming on to the school grounds and if they are attending a meeting in school.

Please don't forget to contact the school over half-term should your child test positive for COVID-19. More information on page 2 of this newsletter.

Lost Property

The PTFA have very kindly collected all the un-named lost property and will be sorting through these items to see if there is anything that can be offered as second-hand school uniform. More information is available via their [Facebook page](#)

Please can you make sure that all children's belongings are named so that we can return lost property to the rightful owner – thank you!

School Visit

We had a visit from our School Adviser this week and she was really impressed by what was going on at Meridian. She commented on how well-behaved all the children are and what a lovely calm atmosphere there is in the school. She was particularly impressed with our Forest School and OPAL play times and she said the children at Meridian were really lucky to have these opportunities. Thank you to all the team at Meridian for all their hard work to make the school such a brilliant place for learning. Special thanks to Mr. Legate for his amazing hard work in Forest School and OPAL.

Have a wonderful half term break!
Take care and best wishes

C. Westcott

Claire Westcott
Headteacher

strength

respect



kindness

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

TO BE UPDATED SOON

COVID-19 UPDATE

Please don't forget, if your child tests positive for COVID-19 over the half-term holiday, to email the school, office@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

If the positive test means they were in school within the previous 48 hours, then the school will be in contact if there is any need for children/families to self-isolate.

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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OPAL



Although the children are still only able to mix with children in their year group bubbles, our play times continue to be really positive, thanks to our OPAL team and the commitment of the Meridian staff.

We are hoping to be able to start introducing some more loose parts in term 6 to support positive play.

So, if you are having a clear out over the half-term and you fancy donating some items to the school, we are particularly looking for:

- Old wheeled suitcases – the children love these!
- Old pushchairs
- Guttering
- Hosing
- Tubes of any kind
- Cable reels

If you are able to donate these, please put these items in the fenced off area behind the large shed.

Thank you!

School Council

The school council have been busy over the last few weeks helping Mr. Doody and Miss. Roberts.




The children have enjoyed being part of the process of choosing a new look for the school website with Mr. Doody. They also had the opportunity to look at and choose designs with Miss. Roberts for our new library, which we hope to have in place in the new academic year.

Some exciting developments coming soon at Meridian!

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!

Week 5 – 2M – 99.3% - AMAZING!

Week 6 – RW – 98.7% - SUPER!

The classes with the best attendance this term are: RE, 2P 3D – well done!

Attendance in Term 5		
RW – 95.5%	3B – 94.7%	6RD – 95.7%
RE – 98.1%	4PS – 97.2%	6H – 96.1%
1HS – 95.4%	4M – 94.6%	
1T – 94.7%	4Y – 97.9%	
2M – 97.7%	5Z – 96.6%	
2P – 99.0%	5P – 93.5%	
3D – 98.1%	6dP – 95.5%	

Whole school attendance since we returned to school on the 8th March is 96.1% - 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.