

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sorry it has taken me so long to write to you since we returned to school after the May half-term – this is always such a busy term. Time has flown by and I can't believe it is July already! The children have been incredibly busy at school learning through our Natural World theme. It is great to see them enjoying learning about the sea, seaside, rivers and coasts – I'm sure they will be able to tell you lots about what they have learnt.

Holiday and Food Activity Programme

You will notice at the end of this letter, three fliers with information about local providers who are supporting the government's programme called <u>Holiday and Food Activity programme</u> This programme is to support families whose children are eligible for benefits related free school meals and other children and families in need. So please do read these and see if these providers could help you during the Summer holidays.

Supermarket Vouchers

I heard this week from East Sussex County Council that they will be funding a voucher for the summer holidays for those children eligible for benefits related free school meals. These vouchers will be coming from Huggg again and will be ordered when the funds are released in the last week of term. If you have changed your email address since the last time you received vouchers, please contact the school office.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed or you wish to find out if you are eligible for benefits related free school meals, please do visit the <u>East Sussex website</u> to find out more and make an online application. If you find out you are eligible, then you will receive a supermarket voucher for over the summer holidays.

Take care and best wishes

C. Westcott

Claire Westcott Headteacher



responsibility

TERM DATES 2020/2021

Term 6

Monday 7th June - Friday 23rd July

2021/2022 Term 1

Wednesday 1st September – school closed for staff training INSET

Thursday 2nd September – school closed for staff training INSET

Friday 3rd September – children back to school

PLEASE NOTE NOT ALL INSET DAYS HAVE BEEN DECIDED YET

IMPORTANT DATES

21.07 End of year reports out to parents

23.07 Whole school picnic End of term 6

01.09 Term 1 starts – School closed for children for staff training

02.09 School closed for children for staff training

03.09 Children start back to school

22.10 End of term 1

01.11 Term 2 begins

06.12 School closed for children for staff training

17.12 End of term 2

More dates for terms 1 and 2 will be added soon



Water Bottles

It is really important that everyone stays hydrated throughout the day, so please can all parents send children into school with a named water bottle. They can have access to these in class and outside during hot weather.

Please make sure that all water bottles are filled with water only.

No fruit squashes please.

Whole School Picnic

To celebrate the end to another strange academic year, we are going have a whole school picnic on the field on the last day of term – Friday 23rd July.

It will obviously be socially distanced and in our year group bubbles, unless there are any changes to the guidance.

Please can all children bring in a packed lunch on this day.

PE Kits and Forest School Kits

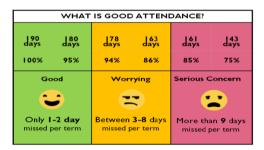
Please can you make sure your children have the right kits in school to help them access their learning in Forest School and PE. It is particularly important to have a change of footwear so that they don't bring mud into the school building. Wellies or old shoes for Forest School and trainers or plimsolls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



Don't forget – if your child is off school you need to send in a signed 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 – 2M – 100% - FANTASTIC!

Week 2 - 2M - 100% - Again! FANTASTIC!

Week 3 - 3D - 99.6% - AMAZING!

The class with the best attendance so far this term is: 5Z - well done!

Attendance in Term 6		
RW – 96.8%	3B - 96.6%	6RD - 92.5%
RE – 95.8%	4PS – 94.8%	6H – 96.4%
1HS – 96.7%	4M – 95.7%	
1T – 95.7%	4Y – 95.9%	
2M – 97.3%	5Z - 98.0%	
2P – 95.3%	5P - 96.8%	
3D - 97.6%	6dP - 96.3%	

Whole school attendance since we returned to school on the 8th March is currently 96.1% - which is just above our target of 96% - which is fantastic.

Thank you to everyone for your support with attendance





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Join us for FREE fun activity sessions for children aged 7 -12 years at THE HUB

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 27th July -20th August

10am -2pm.

Fun and games, food challenges, forest school skills arts and craft and lots more!

Lunch is included and support is available for those with additional needs and SEND. Small groups and well qualified and experienced staff.

Call or email us now to find out more and to reserve your place 01273 101511 or 07796869402 and leave a message or email

Ellie.cobb@sussexcommunity.org.uk

During school holidays at Easter, summer and Christmas, our Holiday Food and Fun clubs will be serving up a menu of activities and food for children and young people aged 5-16.









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Provider	Butterfly Nursery	
Category	Nursery, Afterschool and Holiday Playscheme	
Offer	Enrichment Activity and Food	
Age range	5-11	
Location of provision	Peacehaven	
Dates of provision	School holidays	
Information from provider	We offer a holiday playscheme during every school holiday period, every day (excluding bank holidays).	
	We already offer this on full or half days and we would propose for this project to offer sessions of 9-1 (incl. lunch) or 1-5 (incl. tea) so that the children can access a combination of activities and a home cooked meal.	
	We offer a range of activities for our children - arts & crafts, sports, drama, games, cooking, outdoor activities, etc - we follow the children's interests and can adapt our plans to suit. We provide up to 30 playscheme places per session (subject to COVID restrictions).	
Contact details / How to book	info@butterfly-nursery.co.uk 01273 580819	