

Dear Parents and Carers

We've made it! What a challenging school year it has been but, in true Meridian Primary School style, everyone has pulled together and shown such resilience and strength.

Thank you to all the teachers and teaching assistants who, day in and day out, have worked tirelessly to ensure the children in their care receive the best education and care possible. Their hard work and amazing flexibility ensured that there were seamless transitions from starting back to school after the first lockdown in September, moving to online remote learning during the third lockdown in January whilst also teaching the children who needed to attend school in person and welcoming and settling everyone back to school in March. As well as supporting children's worries and anxieties throughout. What an achievement!

Thank you to all of you as parents and carers who have supported the school throughout this year by following our guidelines to keep everyone safe, accepting the changes to the school day and for supporting your children with their learning, particularly when they were doing remote learning from home. Your kind words and friendly faces have kept us all going throughout this turbulent year and it truly has been a joint effort to ensure your children continue to enjoy learning and enjoy school.

Thank you to our wonderful team in the office who have become COVID-19 experts through their conversations with parents and reading numerous guidance, risk assessments and letters to ensure they are able to give you the most up to date advice and support. Meridian is lucky to have such a friendly and supportive office team.

Thank you to our fabulous premises team (premises manager and cleaners) and our kitchen team for working so hard behind the scenes to ensure the building is kept clean and safe for everyone working and learning in it and ensuring children had hot lunches throughout. They have been amazing.

And finally a great big, enormous thank you to all your wonderful children who make Meridian Primary the amazing place it is. Their resilience and courage through all these changes has astounded me and I am so incredibly proud of each and everyone of them. They are all so proud of their school and love telling me about everything they are learning. They are a credit to you all – well done!



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

- **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

Year 6

A special mention has to be made for our super Year 6 children who have left Meridian today before their new adventures start at secondary school. They have had a great week to celebrate the end of primary school, including swimming, paddle boarding, circus skills and ice-cream. I have loved seeing their smiley faces enjoying everything this week and I know they will all go from strength to strength at their new schools. I look forward to hearing all about their successes in the future. **Good luck Year 6 – you are amazing!**



OPAL

You may have noticed some new logs and tunnels appear on the field yesterday. We purchased these using funding to support physical activity in school as part of our wonderful OPAL break times.

Mr. Legate has been busy behind the scenes planning for these wonderful resources and he was very excited to see them finally arrive yesterday!

The children have already started to enjoy playing on and in them!



