



Learning for life!

Meridian Update

Term 1

**Wednesday 1st September
to Friday 22nd October**

Term 2

**Monday 2nd November to
Friday 18th December**

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**Meridian Community Primary
School and Nursery**



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**Friday
22nd**

**October
2021**

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, this term has really whizzed by, so much so, that I realise that I have not sent out a newsletter since the beginning of term. I'm very sorry about that – but hopefully you will have been kept up to date with things happening in school via our school app.

Book Fair

Thank you so much to everyone for buying books from the Book Fair that we ran last week. We sold over £1,000 worth of books, which means that we that we get £600 back to spend on books for the school. I know Miss. Roberts is very excited about buying new books for the classroom and our new library.

WhatsApp Groups

I know that there are lots of WhatsApp Groups that parents have set up to support each other and share information about school events – and I think that's great. Please remember that personal communications directly from the school to parents should not be shared on WhatsApp – this includes sharing recordings of voicemails left for parents. Also, please bear in mind that WhatsApp is a form of social media and negative comments about the school and teachers can sometimes become public knowledge and obviously this is not ideal. If you are worried or have concerns about school, please do contact us so that we can support you with these.

OPAL and Cardboard Box Day!

The children loved bringing in and playing with the cardboard boxes today. It was great to see such inventive and imaginative play from all the children – we had power packs, boats, armour, as well as hiding and jumping out to surprise people! Thank you for all your donations. If you are having a clear out over half-term, please think about donating to our loose parts for the children to play with. We are running short so all donations will be gratefully received.

Have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you
on 1st November!

Best wishes

C. Westcott

Claire Westcott
(Headteacher)

strength

respect

responsibility

kindness

honesty



TERM DATES 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**

Friday 22nd October – end of term 1

Term 2

Monday 1st November – Friday 17th
December

**Monday 6th December – school closed for
staff training INSET**

Term 3

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 11th February

Term 4

Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April

Term 5

Tuesday 19th April – Friday 27th May

Term 6

Monday 6th June – Friday 22nd July

**PLEASE NOTE NOT ALL INSET DAYS HAVE
BEEN ALLOCATED YET**

IMPORTANT DATES

01.11 Term 2 begins

12.11 School photographer for individual photos

16.11 Flu Vaccination

03.12 **PTFA Christmas Fair**

06.12 School closed for children for staff training

09.12 Parent Council Meeting 9.15am

13.12 Reception Christmas Performances

14.12 Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performances

15.12 Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performances

16.12 Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performances

(Christmas Performance times to be confirmed)

17.12 End of term 2

**THIS SECTION WILL BE UPDATED WITH
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OVER THE TERM, SO
KEEP CHECKING EACH NEWSLETTER!**

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns or
are worried about a child, please contact
one of our safeguarding leads.

Miss Laura Miles: Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Mr Matt Doody: Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Ms Claire Westcott: Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Harvest

Thank you so much to everyone that
donated food for our Harvest celebrations
and assembly. The charity that collected
everything were really pleased by everyone's
generosity. Thank you also to our local vicar
who came in and lead an
assembly about the
importance of Harvest
Festival and how we can
show kindness through
sharing with others.



After-school Clubs

We are planning to re-introduce some after-school
clubs next term, beginning with Sama Karate and
Choir (with Mr. Mole)

If these prove to be successful with high uptake
and consistent attendance, then we will start to
look at introducing other after school clubs too.

Further information will be shared once we know
more about what we can offer.

Loose Parts

We really need so more loose parts for our OPAL playtimes! So if you are having a clear out over half-term, please do see if there is anything we could have for the children to enjoy. **All donations will be safety checked by the staff to ensure suitability for the children to use.**

Here are suggestions of what we will be asking for:

Cardboard boxes

Cuddly Toys

Fabrics - all shapes and sizes

Metal pots, pans, trays etc. Especially catering sizes

Old clothes, jackets, overalls, hats, bags

Old household appliances, hoovers, fax machines,

Phones

Small Children's Bike Wheels, wheels

Sofa and chair cushions

Suitcases - all sizes

Tubes of all kinds

Carpet samples

Carpet squares

Guttering

Hoses

Brief cases

Buggies, push chairs



So if you are having a clear out, please think of us! The donation area is just by the playground – please put your items in there ready for our safety inspection.

If you want to find out more about OPAL, please visit their website

<http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>






Thank you for your support with our wonderful playtimes!



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 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:

The class with the best attendance this term is: 3B – well done!

Attendance so far in term 1		
RW – 64.9%	3B – 97.3%	6RS – 96.0%
RT – 90.6%	4PS – 95.7%	6H – 98.1%
1HS – 96.1%	4Y – 96.6%	
1E – 96.6%	5B – 96.5%	
2M – 96.2%	5P – 95.6%	
2P – 94.1%	5M – 92.8%	
3Z – 96.6%		

Whole school attendance since we returned to school on the 3rd September is currently 95.6% - which is just below our target of 96%

Thank you to everyone for your support with attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
every school day counts.