



Learning for life!

Meridian Update

Term 2

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

Term 3

**Tuesday 4th January to
Friday 11th February**

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Meridian Community Primary
School and Nursery



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Tuesday

23rd

November

2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and keeping warm!

Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to our Christmas Fair on Friday 3rd December (5pm – 7pm). The PTFA have been working hard behind the scenes to get everything ready for our first fundraising event since 2019! On Friday 3rd December, the children can wear their own clothes (perhaps even a Christmas jumper!) for a donation to the Fair. Please can the different year groups bring in the following:

Nursery: sweets for prizes

Reception/Year 1: small toys/gifts for lucky dip

Years 2 and 3: Chocolates for the Chocolate tombola – boxes and tins please!

Years 4 and 5: Bottles of alcohol for Boozy Tombola!

Year 6: Bottles of alcohol for Christmas Wheelbarrow (new raffle – one ticket wins entire wheelbarrow of alcohol! The more tickets you buy, the greater the chance to win!)

Please bring these items in on Friday 3rd December so that we can get ready for the Christmas Fair.

The children have been busy making decorations in Forest School and calendars in class ready for you to buy. As well as Santa's grotto, hot dogs, cakes and other activities on the night.

We are fund raising to try and change a space in school into a sensory room – so all your money will be going towards this.

Christmas Performances

Letters will be going out very soon about how to get tickets for the performances. There will be limited seats available so that we can spread every out as much as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas celebrations.

Best wishes

C. Westcott

Claire Westcott
(Headteacher)

strength

respect

responsibility

kindness

honesty



TERM DATES 2021/2022

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 – Thursday 21st July

****PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF
DATE FOR THE END OF TERM 6****

**THIS IS DUE TO SCHOOLS HAVING AN
EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE QUEEN'S
PLATINUM JUBILEE**

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

IMPORTANT DATES

03.12 PTFA Christmas Fair – 5pm – 7pm

06.12 School closed for children for staff training

09.12 Parent Council Meeting 9.15am

13.12 Reception Christmas Performances
(9.15am, 10.45am and 1.45pm)

14.12 Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performances
(9.15am, 10.45am and 1.45pm)

15.12 Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performances
(9.15am, 10.45am and 1.45pm)

16.12 Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performances
(9.15am, 10.45am and 1.45pm)

17.12 End of term 2

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

Goodbye and Good Luck

Miss. Lauren Richardson has secured a new job at a local secondary school and started this week. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to Meridian since she started here in April 2019.

We wish her all the best for her future career plans.

Miss. Richardson's post has been advertised and we will be recruiting soon for her Teaching Assistant role.

Thank you

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting is on 9th December.

If you have any feedback, questions or comments that you would like to be raised at the meeting, please do get in contact with one of our Parent Councillors.

Alternatively, you can email the school office with your feedback, questions or comments that I will share at the meeting and will be included in the meeting minutes.

Thank you.

Loose Parts

We really need so more loose parts for our OPAL playtimes! So if you are having a clear out 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

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!

Coats

As the weather is starting to get much colder, please can you ensure all children are bringing a coat to school. They are outside in all weathers as much as possible to ensure they are getting some fresh air. This includes a 20 minute play time in the morning and 1 hour at lunchtime.






Christmas Lunch

Don't forget to order your children's Christmas Lunch by the end of the week. Even if your child is entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) or benefits related Free School Meals, you need to make sure that you have ordered a Christmas Lunch. For more information on how to order click [here](#)

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: **RT** – well done! 100% which is amazing!

| Attendance so far in term 2 | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| RW – 72.2% | 3B – 97.5% | 6RS – 97.6% |
| RT – 100% | 4PS – 96.5% | 6H – 94.9% |
| 1HS – 96.7% | 4Y – 97.7% | |
| 1E – 94.9% | 5B – 94.1% | |
| 2M – 95.2% | 5P – 96.0% | |
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| 3Z – 97.3% | | |

Whole school attendance since we returned to school on the 3rd September is currently 95.8% - which is just below our target of 96%

Thank you to everyone for your support with attendance

ATTENDANCE
 **MATTERS**
 every school day counts.

Meridian PTFA Christmas Fair



- Food & Drink
- Craft Stalls
- Grotto
- Games & Entertainment

Meridian
Community
Primary School
Car Park

3rd December
5-7pm

An event for the entire family to enjoy!

For more information email [meridianptfa@gmail](mailto:meridianptfa@gmail.com)
or visit <https://www.facebook.com/meridianschoolPTFA>