



Learning for life!

Meridian Newsletter

Term 5

**Monday 17th April to Friday
26th May**

Term 6

**Monday 5th June – Friday
21st July**

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**Meridian Community Primary
School and Nursery**



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**Friday
5th
May
2023**

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy couple of weeks since my last newsletter and the children have been enjoying learning about important people as part of our mini study. The children's work is up on display around the school and they look amazing – do have a look at the photos later in this letter!

Curriculum theme this summer term

The teachers have been busy planning some exciting work for the next whole school theme of learning: The Natural World.

Nursery and Reception are learning about water – Why is water important?

Year 1 and Year 2 are learning about the seaside – What is it like to live at the seaside?

Year 3 and Year 4 are learning about rivers – What would happen if all the rivers dried up?

Year 5 and Year 6 are learning about seas and coasts – What impact do the seas and oceans have on our lives?

I am sure the children will really enjoy learning about the natural world and they will have the opportunity to go on a trip to support and enhance their understanding.

Teacher Strikes

Thank you to everyone for your support and understanding during the recent strike days. You may or may not be aware that teachers are under no obligation to tell their school if they intend to strike or not and many schools have to wait until the strike day itself before being able to tell parents and carers if their child can attend school. However, at Meridian, I have been really lucky to have such an amazing and supportive team who have felt they wanted to tell me their intentions in advance so that I can give you as much notice as possible. Thank you to the Meridian team for their support and consideration during this difficult time.

Change of disco date!

Please note that there has been a change of disco date – a separate PTFA letter has been sent out to confirm that the new date is **Friday
19th May.**

Take care and best wishes

C. Westcott

Claire Westcott
Headteacher

strength

respect



kindness

honesty

responsibility

TERM DATES 2022/2023

Term 5

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May

01.05 – School closed for May Bank Holiday

08.05 – School closed for King's Coronation Bank Holiday

Term 6

Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July

05.06 – School closed for staff training day (INSET day)

Safeguarding at Meridian

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child that attends Meridian, please do contact one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Miss. Laura Miles

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms. Claire Westcott

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr. Matt Doody

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

You can also call Single Point of Advice (SPOA) on 01323 464222

If you have an immediate or emergency concern about a child's safety, please call 999. The NSPCC has advice about this on their website [here](https://www.nspcc.org.uk).

King's Coronation Tea Party

We had a wonderful day today learning about the King's Coronation, making flags and crowns to celebrate. We then gathered as a whole school on the field to have our party snacks and give three cheers to our new King! Photographs to follow really soon . . . Thank you for your support with providing everyone's party treats!



IMPORTANT DATES

08.05 School Closed for Bank Holiday for King's Coronation

09.05 KS2 SATs start

19.05 PTFA Disco

R, Y1, Y2: 4.15pm – 5.15pm

Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6: 5.45pm – 7.00pm

23.05 Sports Day KS2 (AM) and Reception/KS1 (PM)

25.05 Reserve Sports Day

26.05 Nursery Sports Day (AM)

26.05 End of term 5

05.06 School Closed for Staff Training

05.06 Year 4 Multiplication Times table Check Week

06.06 Children back to school

09.06 New Reception Parents meeting 9.30am in the school hall

12.06 Phonics Screening Week

26.06 Year 6 go to PGL

30.06 Year 6 return from PGL

07.07 PTFA Summer Sizzler

11.07 Reception Musical Performance to Parents – 9am in the hall

12.07 Year 1 Musical Performance to Parents – 9am in the hall

13.07 Year 2 Musical Performance to Parents – 9am in the hall

17.07 Year 4 Musical Performance to Parents – 9am in the hall

18.07 Year 3 Musical Performance to Parents – 9am in the hall

19.07 Year 5 Musical Performance to Parents – 9am in the hall

20.07 Year 6 Musical Performance to Parents – 9am in the hall

21.07 End of term 6

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.

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Parent Forum

We had a great Parent Forum this week where Mr. Legate gave a tour of our Forest School Area and explained what the children learn during their Forest School lessons. It was lovely to see so many parents coming along to find out about this important part of our curriculum offer at Meridian and to hear your positive comments about how much the children love their outdoor learning sessions. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to attend – it was fantastic to see so many of you.

Our next Parent Forum in term 6 will be about how we promote positive mental health in school and how we support when children might be struggling with their mental health. Mrs. Ebeling will be leading the session and I will let you know the exact date very soon.

If you have any suggestions for future Parent Forum meetings, please do let the school know!

Outdoor Play and Learning

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP WITH LOOSE PARTS!!

We are running really low on loose parts for our OPAL playtimes.

We are desperate for the following items as these are really popular with the children:

- Pots, pans, trays etc. Especially catering sizes for our mud kitchen
- Old clothes, jackets, overalls, hats, bags for dressing up
- Old household appliances, hoovers, fax machines, microwaves etc for role play and our mud kitchen
- Wheels
- Suitcases - all sizes – the children LOVE wheeled suitcases
- Tubes of all kinds
- Guttering
- Hoses
- Buggies, push chairs – the children LOVE these wheeled items too!
- Buckets and sand equipment
- Fabric/tarpaulin for making dens

The children love getting creative with pipes, pallets, tyres, scaffolding boards and other large items.

So if you are having a clear out, please think of us! The donation areas are by the entrances to the school gates – please put your items in there ready for our safety inspection.

All donations will be safety checked by the staff to ensure suitability for the children to use.



Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

Remember

Your education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?

A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%



There are **365** days in a calendar year

175 days are not spent at school*

*So there's plenty of time for shopping, holidays and appointments!

Did you know?

When pupils attend school they:

- ✓ Can achieve their full potential
- ✓ Have better career prospects
- ✓ Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- ✓ Grow in confidence
- ✓ Keep up with work and homework
- ✓ Make new friends

Well done to **2M** for having the highest attendance so far this term at **98.9% - AMAZING!**

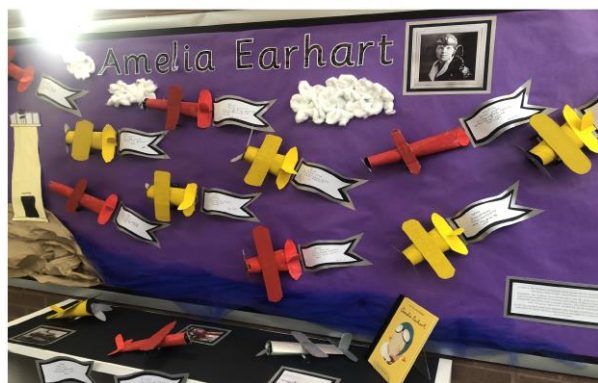
Please help us to ensure that your child has good attendance by ensuring they are in school as much as possible!



David Attenborough by Reception



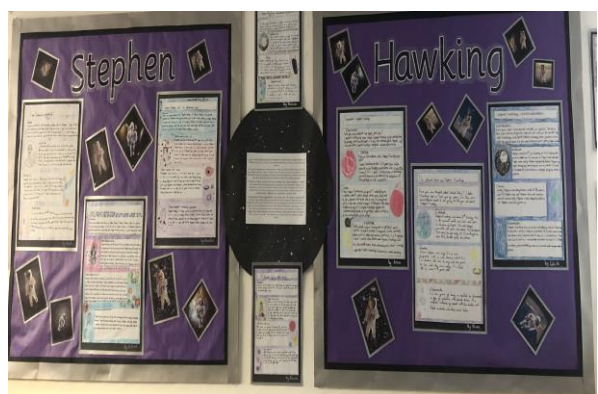
Wilma Rudolph by Nursery



Amelia Earhart by Year 2



Jane Goodall by Year 1



Stephen Hawking by Year 4



Mahatma Gandhi by Year 3



Frida Kahlo by Year 5