

Learning for life!

Meridian Newsletter

Term 1

Wednesday 3rd September –

Friday 24th October

Term 2

Monday 3rd November –

Friday 19th December

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Meridian Community Primary
School and Nursery



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Tuesday

22nd

July

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy and exciting year we have had – I feel really lucky to be the headteacher of Meridian Community Primary School and Nursery with all of your wonderful children. Every day is different in my job but the best part of being a headteacher is spending time with your children and hearing all their news as well as sharing their successes and challenges throughout the year. In assembly this morning, the children were keen to tell me everything that they had enjoyed this year, including playing with their friends, going on school trips to Cuckmere River, Saltdean Lido and Bluebell Railway, the choir singing at Glyndebourne and the Year 6 residential to the Isle of Wight. All of these were able to happen because of the Meridian team's hard work and your support for everything we do in school. Thank you to everyone who makes Meridian the fantastic school that it is!

Year 6

Good luck to all our fabulous Year 6 children who are moving on to secondary school in September. Your new schools are going to be lucky to have you in Year 7! I enjoyed our dance off this morning after assembly – your beaming smiles and slick dance moves were a joy to see! I look forward to hearing about all your successes at secondary school.

Thank you

Finally, thank you to all parents and carers for your support and kindness over the year – it is very much appreciated. And on behalf of all the staff at Meridian, thank you for all your kind gifts and cards – we never expect anything but we want you to know how touched we all are for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

I hope you have a wonderful summer holiday – fingers crossed the sunshine continues!

I look forward to seeing everyone again in September!

Best wishes

Claire Westcott
Headteacher

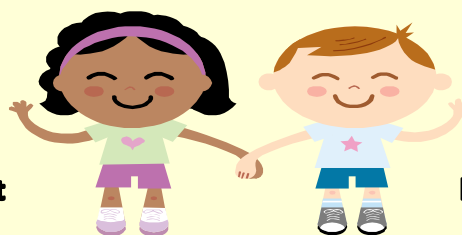
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TERM DATES 2025/2026

Term 1

Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 24th October
INSET DAY – Wednesday 3rd September
INSET DAY – Thursday 4th September
Children back to school on Friday 5th September

Term 2

INSET DAY – Monday 3rd November
Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December

Term 3

Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February
INSET DAY – Monday 5th January
Children back to school on Tuesday 6th January

Term 4

Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March

Term 5

Tuesday 13th April – Friday 22nd May

Term 6

Monday 1st June – Wednesday 22nd July
INSET DAY – Wednesday 22nd July

**Please note all INSET days have been set
for 2025/2026**

KEY DATES

- 03.09** School closed for INSET for staff
04.09 School closed for INSET for staff
05.09 **Children start back to school**
Group 1 Reception children stay until 12
08.09 Group 1 Reception children stay for lunch
09.09 Group 1 Reception children stay all day
10.09 Group 2 Reception children stay until 12
Year 1 Meet the teacher 3.20pm – 3.40pm
11.09 Group 2 Reception children stay for lunch
Year 2 Meet the teacher 3.20pm – 3.40pm
12.09 Group 2 Reception children stay all day
Year 3 Meet the teacher 3.20pm – 3.40pm
17.09 Year 4 Meet the teacher 3.20pm – 3.40pm
18.09 Year 5 Meet the teacher 3.20pm – 3.40pm
19.09 Year 6 Meet the teacher 3.20pm – 3.40pm
26.09 Flu vaccination in school
14.10 Parents Evening (3.30pm – 6.00pm)
16.10 Parents Evening (4.00pm – 7.00pm)
17.10 Individual School photographs
24.10 **End of term 1**
03.11 School closed for INSET for staff
06.11 New Reception 2025 Open Day – 9.30am and 1.30pm
15.12 Reception Christmas Performance – 9.15am and 1.30pm
16.12 Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance – 9.15am, 10.45am and 1.30pm
17.12 Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance – 9.15am, 10.45am and 1.30pm
18.12 Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performance – 9.15am, 10.45am and 1.30pm
19.12 **End of term 2**
05.01 School closed for INSET for staff
06.01 Children back to school

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE Safeguarding at Meridian

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

Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs. Lucy Newth

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads
Ms. Claire Westcott, Mrs. Helen Mapp,
Mr. Jon Barcock, Miss. Ciara Smiles, Miss.
Nadia Pentland, Miss. Laura Miles

**During the school holidays, please contact:
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](#).

AMAZING

Musical Performances!

A huge thank you to Mr. Mole for planning, organising and supporting the children in their musical performances the last couple of weeks. I was lucky enough to watch nearly all of the performances and I was blown away by the quality of the children's singing, their enthusiasm to perform to you all and the number of instruments that were played. It was truly impressive!

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to watch and support the children – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



Sports Day!

We had a wonderful Sports Day last week – and at least it wasn't raining like last year!

It was lovely to see so many of you there supporting and cheering the children on – we even had some flag waving this year too!

The children had a wonderful time and it is always fantastic to watch the children joining in, supporting each other and getting the chance to compete competitively in such a positive way.

Thank you to Mr. Strange for organising this event and for all the other staff who ensured this was such a great success.

And well done to Yellow Team who came 1st!

PE Kit

Don't forget if you are buying new P.E. Kit for September that the children need the following:

- Royal blue shorts
- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black, grey, navy tracksuit for outdoor P.E.
- Plain black trainers (not the same pair as school shoes)
- A pair of socks if your child is wearing tights

Please remember that cycling shorts are not appropriate for PE lessons.

PTFA School Uniform Sale

A huge thank you to Jenny from our PTFA for all her hard work in collecting lost property from school, washing it and then selling this good quality second hand uniform on to parents. At the recent Summer Fair at the Big Park, we raised a lot of money for the school through these uniform sales.

If you would like to find out more about this and need uniform for September, please do visit the Meridian PTFA Facebook page for more information.

Thanks Jenny!

School Uniform

Don't forget when you are buying new school uniform for September, that our colours are:

- **Grey** - trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafores - no black please
- **White** - polo shirts, shirts, blouses
- **Royal Blue** - jumpers, cardigans, sweatshirts

Please remember black leggings are not part of our school uniform expectations.

Thank you for your support!

School Shoes

Don't forget – school shoes need to be plain black shoes or plain black trainers.

No colours or logos please!

