

Learning for life!

Meridian Newsletter

Term 6

**Monday 1st June to
Wednesday 22nd July**

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Meridian Community Primary
School and Nursery

**Tuesday
21st
July**

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of term and the academic year is finally here! And what a wonderful year it has been – filled with lots of learning, enrichment opportunities such as trips and workshops, OPAL playtimes, Forest School, sports events, Christmas shows, musical performances and much, much more. The team at Meridian work incredibly hard every day to support the children to achieve in school and we remain committed in September to make our school the best it can be. Thank you to them all!

Thank you to all the parents/carers, families and friends who have supported the school over the year – we look forward to welcoming you back on 3rd September.

Huggg Holiday Food vouchers

For those parents/carers eligible for Huggg Holiday Food vouchers, this scheme has now ended. Families with social workers or early help keyworkers, please speak to your practitioner if you need support. For families with children with special educational needs or disabilities, AMAZE may be able to offer you support amazesussex.org.uk. Families eligible for free school meals can get free activities and food through [Holiday food and fun](#)

Free School meals

You may remember that I shared with you recently that the criteria has changed for Free School meals to now include all children living in households that receive universal credit. To check your eligibility, please visit [Free School Meals](#)

I do hope you have a wonderful summer holiday with your families – fingers crossed that the weather stays warm and dry (but not too hot!!!) I might even see you at Saltdean Lido!!

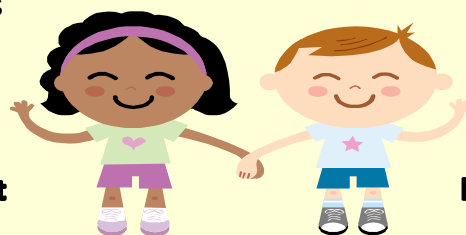
I look forward to seeing everyone when term starts again in September!

Best wishes

Miss. Claire Westcott
Headteacher

strength

respect



kindness

honesty

responsibility

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TERM DATES 2026/2027

Term 1

Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 23rd October
 INSET day – Wednesday 2nd September
 Thursday 3rd September Year 1 – Year 6 children back to school
 Reception staggered starts begin on Monday 7th September
 INSET day – Friday 23rd October

Term 2

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December
 INSET day – Wednesday 18th November

Term 3

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February
 INSET day – Monday 4th January
 Children back to school on Tuesday 5th January

Term 4

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

Term 5

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Term 6

Monday 7th June – Thursday 22nd July
 INSET day – Thursday 22nd July

All INSET days have been set

KEY DATES

- 02.09 INSET day – school closed to children
- 03.09 Years 1 – 6 – back to school
- 04.09 New Reception children opportunity to visit new classroom
- 07.09 Reception Group 1 start – collect at 12pm
Y1 Meet the teacher 3.20pm – 3.40pm
- 08.09 Reception Group 1 – collect at 1.15pm
Year 2 Meet the teacher 3.20pm – 3.40pm
- 09.09 Reception Group 1 – stay all day
Reception Group 2 – collect at 12pm
- 10.09 Reception Group 2 – collect at 1.15pm
Year 3 Meet the teacher 3.20pm – 3.40pm
- 11.09 Reception Group 2 – stay all day
- 14.09 Year 4 Meet the teacher 3.20pm – 3.40pm
- 16.09 Year 5 Meet the teacher 3.20pm – 3.40pm
- 17.09 Year 6 Meet the teacher 3.20pm – 3.40pm
- 02.10 Individual school photographs
- 16.10 PTFA Halloween Disco
- 20.10 Parents Evening (3.30 – 6.00)
- 22.10 Parents Evening (4.00 – 7.00)
- 23.10 INSET day – school closed to children
End of term 1
- 04.11 Flu Vaccinations
- 18.11 INSET day – school closed to children
- 27.11 PTFA Christmas Fair
- 14.12 Nursery and Reception Christmas Performances
- 15.12 Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performances
- 16.12 Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Performances
- 17.12 Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Performances
- 18.12 Whole School Pantomime
End of term 2

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 Helen Mapp/Mr Thomas Edwards

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Ms. Claire Westcott

Mr. Jon Barcock

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](https://www.nspcc.org.uk).

NHS
 East Sussex
 School Health Service

The School Health Service takes over from the Health Visiting Service when a child is of school age.

Our nurse-led friendly team can help with:

- sleeping problems
- emotional health and wellbeing
- wetting the bed and day wetting
- healthy eating and healthy weight
- worries and troubles – including changing schools
- self care and hygiene
- referrals to other services for more complex health needs.



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Please contact 0300 123 4062 or visit www.eastsussexchildren.nhs.uk

Service provided by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

MERIDIAN NOTICEBOARD

School Uniform

We expect children to wear the following **school uniform**:

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafores
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Royal blue jumper or cardigan
- Blue gingham summer dresses
- Black/grey tights or white socks with skirts, pinafores or dresses
- Black/grey/ socks with trousers/short
- No leggings please
- Plain black sensible shoes/trainers

Jewellery: The only jewellery allowed in school is plain stud earrings and a watch (no hooped earrings or smart watches please)

Hair: All long hair needs to be tied back. All hair should be of natural colour. Extreme haircuts, such as mohicans and shaved patterns/images, and dyed hair/colourful hair braids/hair extensions are not considered appropriate for school.

Make-up: No make-up or nail varnish/extensions or false eyelashes are permitted to be worn in school.

School Lunches

In September, our new catering company, PS Catering, will be starting at Meridian.

Over the summer holidays, the PS Catering team will be working with our kitchen team to ensure that they are all ready to cook and serve the new menu.

PS Catering are keen to encourage more children to eat a healthy, cooked meal at lunchtime and so they will be sending out promotions and information about what they will be offering.

How you will pay for school lunches will also be changing and we will send out more information about this before the term starts

Children who wish to bring in a packed lunch, this will need to be in line with our healthy packed lunch box expectations.

Mobile Phones in School

As you will remember, we strongly advise that children do not bring expensive smart phones into school as there has been some upset in the past when these are used inappropriately before and after school.

A reminder that children in Years 5 and 6 can only bring a mobile phone into school if they are walking to or from school independently.

We would strongly encourage parents of current Year 4 children who will be moving up to Year 5 to only provide a simple phone that can make calls or texts in emergencies if they are walking to school or going home by themselves.

All phones are collected in every morning and kept safely in the school office

Thank you for helping us keep your child safe in school.



Building Works

Over the summer holidays, we will be having some building works to extend our school office and waiting area. These works will be due to finish in November. This means that the school office will remain in the music room until the new extension is ready – exciting development!

Drop off and pick up

Don't forget, there will be new drop off and pick up points from September. The gate by the music room will now only be for Ocean Rooms children at drop off and pick up times. Staff will be available on the first couple of days to help you if you cannot remember where to go!

Forest School

Thank you all those parents/carers who kindly supported our Forest School provision with a donation of £10 for the summer term. We will be asking for a £10 donation for the autumn term too as budgets are tight. We do hope you will feel able to continue to support this wonderful part of Meridian Primary School. Thank you

ATTENDANCE AT MERIDIAN

Good attendance at school is so important so that children do not miss out on their learning. Did you know that when teachers plan their lessons, each lesson builds on the previous one? So if a child misses 1 or 2 lessons a week, they will find the work much harder as they will be developing gaps in their knowledge.

If you are worried about your child's attendance or would like some support with this, please do make an appointment with a member of the Pastoral Team to discuss this

Whole School Attendance

93.2% (our target is 96%) – 93%

We will looking at new ways to support improved attendance next year.

Best Attendance this term

Week 1: 3R – 98.2%

Week 2: 3R – 98.9%

Week 3: 3R – 99.3%

Week 4: 4B – 92.3%

Week 5: 2T – 99%

Week 6: 3OS – 99%

Week 7: 3OS – 97%

Week 8: 3R – 95%

The class with the best attendance this term is **4B** with 95.7% - congratulations!

The class with the best attendance all year is **2T** with 96.4%

Please do not forget: If your child is off ill, you must call the absence line or speak to a member of the office team – please do not email the school.

The absence line is available 24/7. It is important that you contact the school every day that your child is off sick

