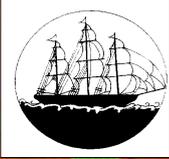


Learning for life!



Meridian Update

Term 1

**Monday 7th September to
Friday 23rd 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

11th

**September
2020**

Dear Parents and Carers

WELCOME BACK!

It has been so lovely to be able to welcome the children back to school this week – we have loved seeing their smiling faces and eagerness to get back to their learning. They have all taken the new safety measures in their stride and have managed to learn the new routines really well. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 1 back on Monday. And well done to all the children that walked into school independently this week – amazing!

School Uniform

It is always useful at the beginning of the year to remind everyone again about school uniform. Our colours are **grey** (trousers, skirts, pinafores, shorts), **white** (polo shirts, shirts, blouses) **royal blue** (jumpers or cardigans). Grey or black tights or white socks with skirts, pinafores or dresses. Grey or black socks with trousers or shorts. **Plain black** sensible shoes or trainers (no converse trainers or other trainers with white logos etc please). **Jewellery:** The only jewellery allowed in school is plain stud earrings and a watch. No wrist bands 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, are not considered appropriate for school. **Thank you for your support with our school uniform policy.**

Lost property

At the end of last year, we had a mountain of lost property with no names in! Please can you make sure you name all your children's belongings, including all uniform, coats, shoes, trainers, wellies, PE kit and Forest School kits so that we can return them to you if they get lost. All teachers have permanent marker pens in their classrooms and will offer to write names in children's clothes if they are not labelled. You can also ask them to do this if you would like any help. We will no longer have a lost property cupboard in school so please help us to return lost items by naming all items. Any lost property will be bagged up and stored to support safety of everyone in school and then we will arrange a lost property table at the end of term for parents and carers to collect. Anything not collected will be given to PTFA to advertise on their Facebook Page.

I'm looking forward to see you all again next week!

Best wishes

C. Westcott

Claire Westcott
(Headteacher)

strength

respect



kindness

honesty

responsibility

TERM DATES 2020/2021

Term 1

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September
INSET days
Children back to school from Monday 7th
September.
End of term 1 Thursday 22nd October
**Friday 23rd October school closed for staff
training INSET day**

Term 2

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th
December

Term 3

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

Term 4

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 1st April

Term 5

Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May

Term 6

Monday 7th June – Friday 23rd July

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

IMPORTANT DATES

14.09 Year 1 back to school
Reception Group 3 start school
16.09 Reception Group 4 start school
18.09 Reception Group 5 start school
19.10 Parents Evening (R, 1, 2, 3) 3.30pm – 6pm
20.10 Parents Evening (4, 5, 6) 3.30pm – 6pm
21.10 Parents Evening (R, 1, 2, 3) 4.30pm – 7pm
22.10 Parents Evening (4, 5, 6) 4.30pm – 7pm
**More information about these virtual Parents'
Evenings will be sent out soon.**

**Curriculum Chats will be recorded and uploaded
onto the website – date to follow**

**Christmas Performances cannot happen in the
usual way this year. Decisions about how we can
celebrate Christmas with children and families
will be made this term and shared with
parents/carers in 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

Contact details

At the start of each new curriculum year, we
ask that parents update any contact details
that may have changed over the summer
holidays. These may include new addresses,
telephone/mobile telephone numbers as
well as contacts that we would call if your
child is unwell or needs collecting from
School. **Please ensure that we have at
details of at least two emergency contacts.**
Please pass all changes, in writing, to the
School Office.

Thank you

Remote Learning

We are currently updating and training staff to
develop our remote learning provision. Should
there be a local lockdown or a year group bubble
closure due to a positive test, teachers will be
able to support learning remotely in different
ways, including some live teaching. Once we have
developed our policy and trained the staff, we will
share this with parents, carers and children.

Forest School and PE kits

If children have **Forest school** in the **morning**, they can wear their Forest School kits to school. They will need to bring in their school uniform to change into for the afternoon and then bring their Forest School kit home (but wellies can stay in school.)

If children have **Forest school** in the **afternoon**, they need to wear their school uniform to school and change into their Forest School kit in the afternoon and go home in this too.

If children have **PE** in the **morning**, they can wear their PE kit (tracksuits if the weather is cold please) to school. They will need to bring in their school uniform to change into for the afternoon and then bring their PE kit home.

If children have **PE** in the **afternoon**, they need to wear their school uniform to school and change into their PE kit in the afternoon and go home in this too.

Year 2 only – children have PE in the morning and Forest School in the afternoon on the same day. Children can come into school in the PE kits (tracksuits if the weather is cold please) and change into their Forest School kit in the afternoon. They don't need their school uniform on this day.

Reception only – children will do PE in their school uniforms to begin with to support the children in their transition into school.

Please make sure that whatever kits children are wearing to school that they have a warm coat to go out to play in when the weather starts to get colder.



Welcome!

We have got some new staff that have started this term and I know you will all join me in welcoming them to our wonderful school.

Mr Alfie Robbie – Nursery Teaching Assistant
Miss Rosemarie Collis – Nursery Teaching Assistant
Miss Olivia O'Sullivan – Reception Teaching Assistant
Mrs Lauren James – Year 3 Teaching Assistant
Mrs Sue Gander – Year 3 Teaching Assistant
Miss Emma Boote – Year 4 Teaching Assistant
Miss Rhiannon Clark – Year 4 Teaching Assistant

Mrs Gemma Kirton – Learning and Behaviour support Assistant

Mrs Sandra Wile – Finance Assistant (Nursery)

Mrs Sue White – Reception Teacher (maternity cover)
Miss Emma Platt – Year 2 Teacher



What to do if you have a worry or concern

At the beginning of a new school year it is always useful to remind everyone about what to do if you have concern. In the first instance, please ask to speak with your child's class teacher. You can make a telephone appointment to speak to them after school or e-mail the year group e-mail address. This is the most useful way to communicate your concerns as the class teacher/s know your child the best and so will be able to answer any questions and support you and your child through any issues you may have. Please note, the Year Group e-mails will only be checked periodically during the school day as teachers will be teaching, so if it is an emergency, please call or e-mail the school office

Next, if you are not satisfied you can make an appointment to speak with the Phase Leader (see below for more information about who they are).

After this stage you are welcome to make an appointment to speak with Ms Westcott. If she is unavailable, then please speak with Mr Doody (Deputy Headteacher). You can also meet with Ms Miles (Assistant Headteacher) or Miss Roberts (Acting Assistant Headteacher) if Mr Doody is unavailable.

Finally, if you still wish to take the matter further you can put your concerns in writing or e-mail to the Chair of Governors and hand/send it to the school office who will forward this on.

Please speak with us rather than worry about things.

We are here to help.

Our Leadership Team

Headteacher: **Ms Claire Westcott**

Deputy Headteacher (Assessment Leader, Pupil Premium Lead and Maths Leader): **Mr Matt Doody**

Assistant Headteacher (Safeguarding Leader, Attendance and SENCo): **Miss Laura Miles**

Acting Assistant Headteacher (English Leader, BLP Leader, Curriculum Support): **Miss Alex Roberts**

Early Years Phase Leader, Early Years Hub Lead and Nursery Class Teacher: **Miss Kaitlin Duffy**

Years 1, 2 and 3 Phase Leader and Year 2 Teacher: **Mrs Charlotte Mackay**

Years 4, 5 and 6 Phase Leader and Year 4 Teacher: **Mrs Hayley Passingham-Smith**

Contact Details

School Office: 01273 584212 or office@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

School Business Manager: finance@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

Nursery: nursery@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

Reception: Reception@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

Year 1: Year1@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

Year 2: Year2@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

Year 3: Year3@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

Year 4: Year4@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

Year 5: Year5@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

Year 6: Year6@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk

Please be aware that the **Year Group e-mail addresses** will only be checked a few times during the day so if your message is urgent (including different pick up arrangements) please e-mail or call the school office. **These e-mail addresses will go live on Monday 21st September!**

How parents and carers can get involved at Meridian!

Parent Coffee Morning

Unfortunately, we are currently not able to hold any coffee mornings in school. However, as soon as we can, we will get in touch with parents about this.

Parent Council

We have a Parent Council that meets six times a year. Information about the parent councillors is available on the website. This is an opportunity for parents to hear about the strategic development of learning at Meridian, share views from parents on a range of topics and hear the school perspective on any changes and developments. It is a great way for the school to hear parents' views and thoughts as well as answer any questions you might have about Meridian. If you would like to become involved in the Parent Council, please do speak to one of the councillors or e-mail Ms Westcott office@meridian.e-sussex.sch.uk Our Parent Council has still met virtually during Lockdown and partial re-opening and this will continue to happen this year.

Parent Governors

On every governing body there are parent governors who represent the parent body at Meridian. Our current parent governors are Ed Dunn and Katie Browne. Their role is to support the school in achieving its strategic targets and discuss the impact of the school improvement plan on improving and developing the learning outcomes for all children.

PTFA

We have an active PTFA who organise fundraising events across the year. Anyone is welcome to come along to PTFA meetings or to volunteer to support our events. We have yet to decide how to organise our PTFA fundraising events but I am sure our fabulous PTFA team will have some ideas up their sleeves! Watch this space . . .

Volunteer readers

Unfortunately at the moment we are not able to welcome our highly valued team of volunteers who come in school to hear children read. However, as soon as it is safe to do so, we will be in touch. If you would like to be a volunteer reader in school, please do get in contact with Mr. Doody.

Learning at Meridian

Here are some of the different ways you can find out about the learning at Meridian:

Parents' Evening

We hold Parents' Evening twice a year. At these meetings you will have the opportunity to find out how your child is getting on in school, both academically and socially. You will be able to find out about the progress they are making and how you can help at home. **This year our Parents' Evenings will be virtual meetings – more information soon**

Curriculum Open Afternoons

Unfortunately, at the moment we are not able to invite parents and carers into school to celebrate the children's learning. However, at the end of each term, every Year Group will be sent home a celebration letter with photos and comments about all the learning the children have enjoyed.

Curriculum Chats

At the beginning of terms 1, 3 and 5 you are invited to hear about the upcoming learning opportunities that have been planned for the children in their year groups. At these meetings the teachers share what all the children will be learning about and the different subjects they will be taught. They will also explain P.E. days and Forest School days. **This year our Curriculum Chats will be recorded and uploaded on to the school website – more information soon.**

Reports

You will receive three reports over the year. In the Autumn and Spring terms you will get a report which tells you about the learning in reading, writing and maths, your child's behaviour and attitudes in school and targets that you can support with at home. In the Summer term you will get a more detailed report about all the subjects, end of year teacher assessments as well as comments about their behaviour, attitudes and personal development.

Website

Our website has lots of general information about the learning that takes place at Meridian, including information sheets to support you with helping your child learn at home.

Facebook and Twitter

Look out for celebration posts of children's learning online via our Facebook Page and Twitter Feed.