

Learning for life!



Meridian Newsletter

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



@MeridianCPS

Friday

18th

September

2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another great week in school – the children have been amazing! It was lovely to welcome Year 1 back on Monday and they have settled in really quickly. Well done Year 1 children!

Car Park

Please be aware that if you are walking through the car park to access the side gate near Reception, that the car park is still in use throughout the day for delivery vehicles, professional visitors, EMCOR and staff. So if you are choosing to cut along the road section, please be aware of any incoming vehicles. Thank you.

Chair of Governors

We have new Chair of Governors for the school. Janet Anthony has stepped down as Chair but luckily for the school she is remaining on the Governing Body as Vice Chair. A huge thank you to Janet for being such a fantastic Chair of Governors who has supported the school so well over the years.

Chris Bonner, who was previously our Vice-Chair of Governors, is now our new Chair of Governors. I know he is excited to be leading the Governing Body and he will write to you soon to introduce himself to the Meridian community

Google Classroom

Mr. Doody has sent out a letter today about how to access Google Classroom. Teachers will be setting homework via Google Classroom over the next few weeks, so please do take the time to login and familiarise yourself with this. If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 and Year Group bubbles are sent home to self-isolate, children will be able to access their education, including live lessons, through Google Classroom. So it is important that we all get used to using this system just in case we need to activate remote learning.

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

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.**

Healthy Snacks and Drinks

As part of us promoting healthy
eating, it is great to see
children bringing in fruit and
vegetables for their snack.



Nursery provide their own snacks and Reception, Year
1 and Year 2 can have a free piece of fruit.

Just a reminder that children should
bring in a water bottle to keep hydrated
through the day – **water only please,
no squash or juice!**



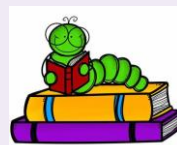
If your child is struggling to drink just water, please
speak with their teacher as we do need to support
children in school to drink water. If you would like to
put fresh fruit in their water bottle, such as a piece of
orange, to give the water some flavour you are very
welcome to do so until such time as they can drink
plain water.

Thank you!

Reading

Don't forget to keep on reading with your children at home. If children have not been managing to read regularly at home during lockdown and the summer holidays, now is the time to start building up their stamina and getting them engaged in their reading.

If you want any ideas about how to support your child with their reading at home, please do contact their teacher and ask their advice. Miss. Roberts is our new English Leader who is passionate about getting children excited by reading and she is currently busy developing plans for reading across the school.



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.



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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!**