

# Learning for life!



## Meridian Newsletter

### Term 1

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September to  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

### Term 2

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

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Meridian Community Primary  
School and Nursery



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**Friday  
2<sup>nd</sup>**

**October  
2020**

Dear Parents and Carers

What another busy week we have had! The children continue to amaze us with their resilience and positive attitude to being back at school. Some of the work the children are producing is fantastic and at the end of this term, each year group will be sending home a celebration letter with photographs of work and displays for you to enjoy.

### **Goodbye and Good Luck!**

Today we are saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs. Pellatt as it is her last day today. Mrs. Pellatt has been working at Meridian over 20 years and during this time she has supported and taken care of so many children – as well as supporting many staff too. She will be really missed at school and I know you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future. Good luck Mrs. Pellatt!

### **Cashless Catering**

Cashless Catering will be introduced on 2nd November, letters explaining how to activate this will be sent out before half term.

### **PTFA meeting**

We had a great virtual PTFA meeting last night and the team have come up with some great and COVID-safe fundraising activities for the coming months. Please do keep a look out for PTFA updates, including the Facebook page [Friends of Meridian School](#). Our next virtual meeting is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 5pm – 7pm when we will be thinking about all things Christmas!

### **Anti-bullying Assembly**

This week, Mrs. Ebeling shared an online [Anti-Bullying Assembly](#) with the children to support their understanding of what bullying means, what types of bullying there is and what to do if you think you are being bullied, including knowing who you can talk to, both in and out of school. We are getting increasing numbers of children that are experiencing negative interactions online when playing games at home. We are also hearing about increasing incidents of anti-social behaviour happening outside of school, particularly in the local parks. So, if you would like to find out more about how to support with anti-bullying, then do watch this assembly.

Have a good weekend!

Best wishes

*C. Westcott*

Claire Westcott  
(Headteacher)

**strength**

**respect**



**responsibility**

**kindness**

**honesty**

## **TERM DATES 2020/2021**

### **Term 1**

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

### **Term 2**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 18<sup>th</sup>  
December

### **Term 3**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

### **Term 4**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

### **Term 5**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

### **Term 6**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Information about these virtual Parents'  
Evenings has been sent out this week.**

**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.**

## **Coats in school**

As the weather is starting to get colder, please  
can you make sure the children are coming into  
school with a warm coat. We will always try to  
keep the children going outside as much as  
possible at break time and lunch time and we  
don't want them to get cold outside.  
Please can the coats be labelled with their name  
so that we can return any to the right children if  
they get lost.



## **Letter from Public Health England**

The Department for Education has asked  
schools to share a letter from Public Health  
England with all parents/carers.

There is clear advice about COVID-19  
symptoms and what to look out for. There is  
also advice about getting children tested.

Please do take the time to read this letter as it  
will be really helpful once the seasonal coughs  
and colds start.

[https://www.meridianschool.co.uk/parents/all-  
newsletters](https://www.meridianschool.co.uk/parents/all-newsletters)

## **Privacy Notices**

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the School uses Pupil Information. A Privacy Notice is a  
document that organisations give to individuals to explain  
how their personal data is processed, and under the  
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Schools have a  
responsibility to ensure that Privacy Notices are in place to  
cover all the data subjects whose information they  
process. We also provide an Easy Read version of the  
Privacy Notice. Both of these Notices can be accessed  
under the "Policies" section of the Website, but if you  
require a paper copy of either of these then please contact  
the School Office and we will provide this for you.