

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



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**Friday
9th**

**October
2020**

Dear Parents and Carers

As part of our mini learning topic "All about me", all the children have created self-portraits and these were put on display this week around the school. We will take photographs of these to share with you in our Year Group end of term celebration newsletters. They look amazing!

New pick up arrangements for Reception

Next week will start our new pick up arrangements for Reception children. Please collect your children in the usual place but at the new time of 2.50pm. Thank you to everyone for all your ideas and suggestions about minimising the congestion in this part of the school. We will continue to monitor the situation and make any adjustments or changes should we feel this is needed. Thank you for your support and understanding about this change.

Curriculum learning – Buildings and Structures

I have seen some fantastic work coming along around the school as children are getting stuck into their latest learning topics. Nursery and Reception are learning about homes. Year 1 and 2 are learning about important local buildings, including Brighton Pavilion. Year 3 and 4 are becoming castle experts, including some stories about dragons! Years 5 and 6 are enjoying finding out about the Romans and their legacy through buildings and structures around the country, including Fishbourne Palace. We had hoped to be able to visit some important buildings to support with the children's learning but it is not possible at the moment. However, fingers crossed we will be able to do some visits in the Spring Terms because we know how much the children love these opportunities.

Anti-social behaviour outside of school

I am becoming increasingly concerned about reports of some of our older children getting involved in fights and threatening behaviour towards each other outside of school. The knock on effect is that children are feeling unsafe at school as they are worried that this behaviour will continue on the playground. We do not tolerate aggressive or threatening behaviour in school and if this happens, parents will be contacted and appropriate consequences will be put in place to support children in understanding why this behaviour is unacceptable.

If your child is threatened or beaten up in the park by others, the advice is to call the police as this is dangerous behaviour. We are in contact with the local police about how they can support us in school, including chatting with children and parents about these anti-social incidents. However, we would urge parents to call the police directly to report these out of school incidents

I do hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Have a good weekend!

Best wishes

C. Westcott

Claire Westcott
(Headteacher)

strength

respect



responsibility

kindness

honesty

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

**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.**

Looking after our Mental Health

Looking after our mental health is so important,
but even more so during the uncertain times of
this global pandemic.

In school we have increased the support
available to help children with their mental
health, including Mrs. Ebeling increasing her
days to 4, introducing our new Behaviour
Support Assistant, Mrs Kirton and 1 day a week
support for some children through our
involvement in the Mental Health Support
Teams. All of this in addition to our school
counsellor and support from outside agencies,
such as ESBAS and Early Help Keywork.

The teachers and Teaching Assistants at
Meridian are also amazing at caring for and
supporting all the children in their classes – we
are so lucky to have such a kind and supportive
team to keep your children safe and happy in
school.

However, mental health doesn't just need
supporting in school, parents and carers can
support at home too. If you would like to find
out more about how to do this, [MindEd for
families](#) has got some great advice.

There are also some useful links [here](#)

Remote Learning

Please make sure you are familiar with
Google Classroom as this is how we will
offer remote learning should a Year Group
bubble have to close due to a positive
COVID-19 test outcome. If you are
struggling with this, please do e-mail your
child's class teacher

[Remote Learning Letter](#)
[Introduction to Google Classroom](#)
[Looking at the activities](#)

Thank you to Mr. Doody for all his hard
work in putting this together.