



Learning for life!

Meridian Update

Term 1

Wednesday 6th September
to Friday 20th October

Term 2

Monday 30th October to
Wednesday 20th December

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Meridian Community Primary
School and Nursery



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Friday
8th

September
2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. It was great to see all the children on Wednesday looking super smart in their school uniforms and excited to tell us all their news.

Jeans for Genes Day

Every year we support this national charity fundraising event to raise awareness about children and families living with genetic disorders. This year's motto is "Wear jeans change lives". So on Friday 22nd September children can wear jeans to school for a donation of £1 – you are obviously welcome to donate more if you wish to. Children will need to wear the rest of their school uniform – the only change is a pair of jeans. This then makes it really clear what the day is about – it is not a non-school uniform day. For more information please visit www.jeansforgenesday.org

Keeping in touch with you

We are no longer using a text messaging service to communicate with parents as this was costing the school a lot of money. However we are still able to send you messages via our Meridian App. So if you would like us to keep in touch with you in this way, please sign up for the app at the App Store or Google play. Mr Doody will be attending Curriculum Chats to answer any questions you may have about this.

Deputy Headteacher recruitment

As lots of you will be aware, Mrs Dollings and her family are relocating to the North East. So this will mean that Mrs Dollings will be leaving Meridian at the end of this term. The school governors and I have met to discuss the recruitment of a new Deputy Headteacher and I will keep parents informed about this over the coming weeks. I know you will join me in wishing Mrs Dollings good luck for the future!

Curriculum Chats

Don't forget that you have the opportunity to meet you children's new teachers over the next 2 weeks at our Curriculum Chats – see "Important Dates" on the next page for dates and time.

School Nurse

Our school nurse drop in service is now once a term rather than every week. As soon as I have dates for when the school nurse will be available to meet with parents, I will let you know

Best wishes

C. Westcott

Claire Westcott
(Headteacher)

strength

respect

responsibility

kindness

honesty



**TERM DATES
2017/2018**

Term 1

Monday 4th September – Friday 20th October
**INSET days on Monday 4th September and
Tuesday 5th September – school closed for staff
training.**

***Children back to school on Wednesday 6th
September***

Autumn break

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Term 2

Monday 30th October – Wednesday 20th
December

**INSET day Friday 24th November – school
closed for staff training**

Christmas break

Thursday 21st December to Monday 1st January

Term 3

Tuesday 2nd January – Friday 9th February
**INSET day Tuesday 2nd January – school closed
for staff training**

***Children back to school on Wednesday 3rd
January***

February break

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Term 4

Monday 19th February – Thursday 29th March

Spring break

Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April

Term 5

Monday 16th April – Friday 25th May

May break

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Term 6

Monday 4th June – Friday 20th July

***Please note not all INSET days for 2017/2018
have been set***

Important Dates

11.09 Year 1 Curriculum Chat @ 2.30pm
12.09 Year 2 Curriculum Chat @ 2.30pm
13.09 Year 3 Curriculum Chat @ 2.30pm
14.09 Year 4 Curriculum Chat @ 2.30pm
15.09 Year 5 Curriculum Chat @ 2.30pm
18.09 Year 6 Curriculum Chat @ 2.30pm
22.09 Jeans for Genes Day
02.10 Reception Curriculum Chat @ 2.30pm
03.10 Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
05.10 Parent Coffee Morning 9am in Annexe –
everyone welcome!
Parents Evening 5.30pm – 7pm
13.10 PTFA Fancy Dress Disco
24.11 INSET day – school closed for staff training
01.12 Christmas Fair
07.12 Parent Open Afternoon – come along and
celebrate your children's learning! Everyone
welcome!

Christmas Celebrations

11.12

9.15am: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration to whole
school and parents with babies and toddlers
1.30pm: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration (adults
only please)

12.12

9.15am: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration (adults
only please)
1.30pm: Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production to whole
school and parents with babies and toddlers

13.12

9.15am: Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production (adults
only please)
1.30pm: Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production (adults
only please)

14.12

9.15am: Reception Christmas Production to whole
school and parents with babies and toddlers
1.30pm: Reception Christmas Production (adults only
please)

15.12

9.15am: Years 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration to whole
school and parents with babies and toddlers
1.30pm: Years 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration (adults
only please)

18.12

9.15am: Years 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration (adults
only please)

19.12

am: Nursery Christmas Sing Along (time to be
confirmed)
pm: Nursery Christmas Sing Along (time to be
confirmed)



The Meridian App

Thank you for all your positive comments on our app. So far we've had
nearly 200 downloads. Did you know you can receive notifications
straight to your phone or tablet giving you important updates and
events happening in school? Download it for free now!



Forest School

Following the success last year of our Forest School learning provision, we are continuing with this as part of our curriculum offer. The following classes will be having Forest School for terms 1 and 2:

- Reception – Miss East’s Class – Monday
- Reception – Miss Haley’s Class – Monday
- Year One – Miss Bridgman’s Class – Monday
- Year One – Miss Baldrian’s Class – Monday
- Year One – Miss Adam’s Class – Tuesday
- Year Two – Ms Treglown’s Class – Tuesday
- Year Two – Mrs Halls/Mrs Price’s Class – Tuesday

This amazing outdoor learning will take place in all weather – so please can you provide your children with outdoor clothes they can change into that you don’t mind getting dirty/wet! A waterproof coat and wellies would be a good idea too if it’s wet.

Last year the children absolutely loved Forest School and so we are excited to be able to offer this again this year.

If you have any questions, please do speak with your child’s class teacher.



PTFA News

Our PTFA is a small but committed team of parents and staff, led by one of our parents, Nicky Packham, who organise fundraising events throughout the year. All parents/carers are welcome to attend meetings and help us with these events. If you are unable to attend meetings, you are also very welcome to volunteer to support these events on the day.

Our next meeting and AGM is 27th September at 7pm at school and if you would like to find out more about how you can help, please do come along!

Future Events:

Friday 13th October – Fancy Dress Disco

Friday 1st December – Christmas Fair



School Uniform

Please remember that as part of our school uniform expectations, children need to wear stud earrings only. No other jewellery should be worn in school.

All long hair needs to be tied up and no extreme haircuts please. Hair should also be its natural colour.

School colours are grey, white and royal blue – no black trousers/skirts/pinafores/shorts please.

Please see our website for more details

After School Clubs

In last year's parent and pupil questionnaires, there were lots of suggestions about increasing the range of after school clubs that the children can enjoy.

Mrs Hunt (our Business Manager) and I have been working hard to organise some different clubs (including the return of the very popular football club!) and we will be sending out information about these clubs next week.

We are using outside providers to support us with clubs so all clubs will have a cost for children to attend.

More information next week!

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 speak with your child's class teacher. You can make an appointment to see them after school, ask for them to call you when they are available or e-mail the office (who will then forward the message on). 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.

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 Mrs Dollings. You can also meet with Ms Maslen and Mr Doody (Assistant Headteachers) if Mrs Dollings 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 (Mrs Janet Anthony) and hand/send it to the school office who will forward this on.

Please come and speak with us.
We are here to help.

Our Leadership Team

Headteacher: **Ms Claire Westcott**

Deputy Headteacher (Assessment Leader and English Leader): **Mrs Lou Dollings**

Assistant Headteacher (Inclusion Leader and SENCo): **Ms Danni Maslen**

Assistant Headteacher (Pupil Premium Lead and Maths Leader): **Mr Matt Doody**

Early Years Phase Leader, Maths Team and Nursery Class Teacher: **Miss Kaitlin Duffy**

Key Stage One Leader, English Team and Year 2 Teacher: **Ms Nicola Treglown**

Lower Key Stage Two Year 3/4 Phase Leader, English Team and Year 3 Teacher: **Miss Laura Miles**

Upper Key Stage Two Year 5/6 Phase Leader, Maths Team and Year 6 Teacher: **Miss Alex Roberts**

Maths Team, Personal Health & Development Team Leader and Year 1 Teacher: **Miss Rosie Adams**

English Team, Science and Technology Team Leader and Year 5 Teacher: **Miss Hayley Passingham**