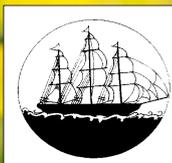


Learning for life!



Meridian Newsletter

Term 5

**Monday 17th April to Friday
26th May**

Term 6

**Monday 5th June – Friday
21st July**

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Meridian Community Primary
School and Nursery



@MeridianCPS

**Friday
21st
April
2023**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and managed to enjoy some time together with family and friends! As always, it was lovely to see the children all back, smiling and ready to learn 😊

The King's Coronation Celebration Day!

On Friday 5th May, the children will be learning all about King Charles's coronation and what this means to us as a country. We might even make a few crowns to wear for the day!

As part of these celebrations we are planning a Meridian-style street party on the field (weather permitting!) as a whole school. So please can you send your child into school with a "party pack" – this means a couple of treats to eat at our street party. This could be a chocolate biscuit, a packet of crisps and a fizzy drink. You only need to provide a couple of items as they will have eaten their lunch as usual!

Due to allergies in school, we cannot share our party food and a reminder that we are a nut-free school.

We will take lots of photographs to share our celebrations with you!

Teacher Strike Days

A letter went out today with information about our plans for the Strike Day next week on Thursday 27th April. I will send out further information about our plans for the second proposed Strike Day on Tuesday 2nd May next week.

Musical Performances

Check out our key dates on the next page for information about our musical performances to parents towards the end of term 6. We are looking forward to sharing the children's musical skills with you!

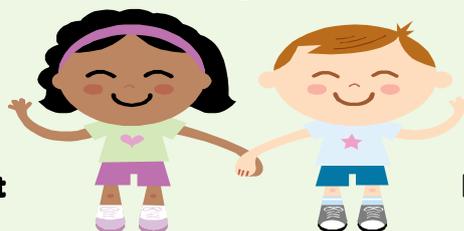
Take care and best wishes

C. Westcott

Claire Westcott
Headteacher

strength

respect



responsibility

kindness

honesty

TERM DATES 2022/2023

Term 5

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May

01.05 – School closed for May Bank Holiday

08.05 – School closed for King's Coronation Bank Holiday

Term 6

Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July

05.06 – School closed for staff training day (INSET day)

Safeguarding at Meridian

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child that attends Meridian, please do contact one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Miss. Laura Miles

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms. Claire Westcott

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr. Matt Doody

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

You can also call Single Point of Advice (SPOA) on 01323 464222

If you have an immediate or emergency concern about a child's safety, please call 999. The NSPCC has advice about this on their website [here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

27.04 Nursery, Reception and Year 3 closed for teacher strike

28.04 PTFA Social Event TBC

01.05 School Closed for May Bank Holiday

03.05 Parent Forum – 9am in our Forest School Area

04.05 No school lunches as school is being used as Polling Station

05.05 Kings Coronation Celebration Day

08.05 School Closed for Bank Holiday for King's Coronation

09.05 KS2 SATs start

12.05 PTFA Disco

R, Y1, Y2: 4.15pm – 5.15pm

Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6: 5.45pm – 7.00pm

23.05 Sports Day KS2 (AM) and Reception/KS1 (PM)

25.05 Reserve Sports Day

26.05 Nursery Sports Day (AM)

26.05 End of term 5

05.06 School Closed for Staff Training

05.06 Year 4 Multiplication Times table Check Week

06.06 Children back to school

09.06 New Reception Parents meeting 9.30am in the school hall

12.06 Phonics Screening Week

26.06 Year 6 go to PGL

30.06 Year 6 return from PGL

07.07 PTFA Summer Sizzler

11.07 Reception Musical Performance to Parents – 9am in the hall

12.07 Year 1 Musical Performance to Parents – 9am in the hall

13.07 Year 2 Musical Performance to Parents – 9am in the hall

17.07 Year 4 Musical Performance to Parents – 9am in the hall

18.07 Year 3 Musical Performance to Parents – 9am in the hall

19.07 Year 5 Musical Performance to Parents – 9am in the hall

20.07 Year 6 Musical Performance to Parents – 9am in the hall

21.07 End of term 6

NHS
East Sussex
School Health Service

Aged 11 to 19?
Or parent/carer of a child or young person aged 5 to 19 years old?

Speak to a school nurse in person.
Tuesdays and Thursdays
10am to 3 pm
and 6 to 9pm

Click <https://nhs.uk/east-sussex-school-health>
or text
07507 332473 anytime.

East Sussex School Health

Confidential, private and here for you.

Service provided by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum will be on Wednesday 3rd May at 9am in our Forest School Area! **(This is a change of time from the previous newsletter)**

If you would like to come along and find out about our wonderful Forest School Curriculum and meet Mr. Legate, please come along on this day.

This will be subject to the weather and may have to be cancelled last minute if pouring with rain!

Contact Details

Please inform the school office of any changes in contact details (address, mobile number, email)

This is really important in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

Outdoor Play and Learning

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP WITH LOOSE PARTS!!

We are running really low on loose parts for our OPAL playtimes.

We are desperate for the following items as these are really popular with the children:

- Pots, pans, trays etc. Especially catering sizes for our mud kitchen
- Old clothes, jackets, overalls, hats, bags for dressing up
- Old household appliances, hoovers, fax machines, microwaves etc for role play and our mud kitchen
- Wheels
- Suitcases - all sizes – the children LOVE wheeled suitcases
- Tubes of all kinds
- Guttering
- Hoses
- Buggies, push chairs – the children LOVE these wheeled items too!
- Buckets and sand equipment
- Fabric/tarpaulin for making dens

The children love getting creative with pipes, pallets, tyres, scaffolding boards and other large items.

So if you are having a clear out, please think of us! The donation areas are by the entrances to the school gates – please put your items in there ready for our safety inspection.

All donations will be safety checked by the staff to ensure suitability for the children to use.



Good Attendance means...

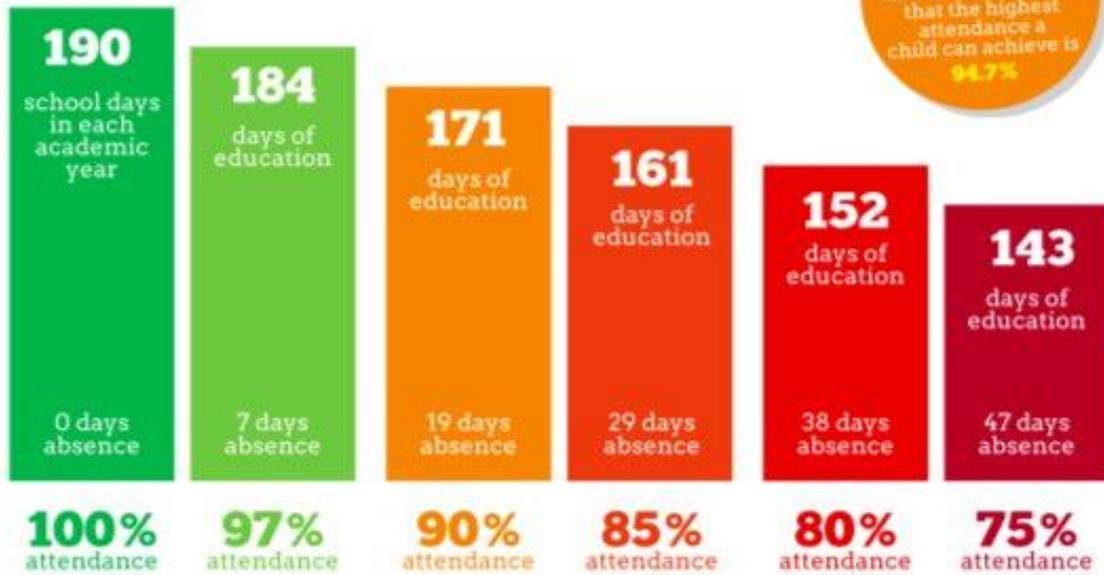
Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

Remember

Your education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?

A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%



Well done

I'm concerned

Seriously worried

A good attendance gives you the best chance for success

A poor attendance gives you less chance of success

Very poor attendance has a serious impact and reduces life chances

There are 365 days in a calendar year

175 days are not spent at school*

*So there's plenty of time for shopping, holidays and appointments!

Did you know?

When pupils attend school they:

- ✓ Can achieve their full potential
- ✓ Have better career prospects
- ✓ Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- ✓ Grow in confidence
- ✓ Keep up with work and homework
- ✓ Make new friends

Well done to **2M** for having the highest attendance so far this term at **98.6% - AMAZING!**

Please help us to ensure that your child has good attendance by ensuring they are in school as much as possible!