

# Learning for life!

## Meridian Newsletter

### Term 2

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October –  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

### Term 3

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January –  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

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Meridian Community Primary  
School and Nursery



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**Friday  
15<sup>th</sup>**

**December  
2023**

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

### Christmas Performances

I really enjoyed watching the children in their Christmas performances this week – and from the feedback that we have received, you really enjoyed watching them too. From our youngest children in the Nursery singing, dancing and shaking the jingle bells to our oldest children in Years 5 and 6 singing traditional carols in our local church, it has been a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit. Thank you all for coming along and celebrating with us and bringing family and friends along too. Thank you to all the staff team for all their hard work and energy in planning, practising and performing with the children.

### Christmas Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas collection at the end of our performances. We raised £550 – which is amazing! As we explained, half of this will go to the school and the other half will go to our chosen charity. I met with the school council today and discussed possible charities they would like to donate the money to. They had lots of amazing ideas and we came up with a shortlist of five charities. We decided that it was too hard to choose just one charity, so decided to vote for our favourite two charities. These two charities will receive £112.50 each as voted for by the School Councillors: Chestnut Tree House (a local charity that provides care for children with life-limiting conditions) and The Dogs Trust (a national charity that supports dogs in distress and finds new homes for dogs)

### Meridian Choir

Our super Meridian Choir performed brilliantly at Glyndebourne this week alongside other local East Sussex schools and supported by Glyndebourne singers, musicians and conductors. It was an amazing event and the children were wonderful and a real credit to the school and their families. Our choir also performed today at a local care home, spreading Christmas joy to others in our community. A huge thank you to Mr. Mole for organising and supporting the children with these fantastic experiences – who even came in on his day off to support the choir today.

I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Take care and best wishes

*C. Westcott*

Claire Westcott  
Headteacher

**strength**

**respect**

**responsibility**

**kindness**

**honesty**



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## TERM DATES 2023/2024

### Term 3

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – school closed to children  
for staff training**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – children back to school**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – school closed to children  
for staff training**

### Term 4

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

### Term 5

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

### Term 6

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**All INSET days are now in place**

## KEY DATES

**02.01** School closed for staff training

**03.01** Back to school for all children  
Values Day in school

**26.01** Parent Coffee Morning – sleep

**30.01** Parents Evening – 3.30pm –  
6pm

**01.02** Parents Evening – 4pm – 7pm

**02.02** Parent Forum

**06.02** School closed for staff training

**07.02** Children back to school

**09.02** End of term 3

**19.02** Children back to school

**08.03** Parent Coffee Morning – low  
mood

**22.03** Parent Forum

**28.03** End of term 4

## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

### Safeguarding at Meridian

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

**Mrs. Lucy Newth**

Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Ms. Claire Westcott**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Mr. Matt Doody**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Miss. Laura Miles**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**During the school holidays, please contact:**

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](#).

**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.

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### Lost Property and School Uniform

Our lost property pile has been getting bigger and bigger, with some really lovely items of clothing and shoes.

Please can you make sure that **you label all your children's belongings** so we can return them easily if they get lost.

If you are buying new school uniform over the holidays, please remember that our school colours are grey, white and royal blue – **no black** skirts, trousers, leggings please.

Also, **plain black school shoes or trainers** please.

Hair needs to be natural colour - no dyed or highlighted hair. No shaved lines/shapes in hair. And no coloured braiding please.

Thank you for your support with this

### Thank you so much!

I know the teachers have been overwhelmed with the kindness that has been shown to them with your Christmas cards and gifts – we never expect anything, but we wanted to thank you all very much.

### Pantomime

The children LOVED the pantomime today! It was so lovely to see everyone from Nursery to Year 6 clapping, cheering, booing and shouting throughout the performance – all at the right times obviously!! Thanks to a generous donation to the school we were able to pay for this theatre group for all the children.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



FROM EVERYONE AT MERIDIAN!

## ATTENDANCE AT MERIDIAN

Good attendance at school is so important so that children do not miss out on their learning.

If you are worried about your child's attendance or would like some support with this, please do make an appointment with one of our Pastoral Team, Mrs. Kirton or Mrs. Harmer.

**Whole School Attendance**  
**94.3% (our target is 96%)**

### **Best Attendance this term**

Week 1: 5H – 98.3% 😊  
Week 2: 3YM – 98.4% 😊  
Week 3: 5H – 98.3% 😊  
Week 4: 2T – 98.3% 😊  
Week 5: 2T – 98.3% 😊 😊  
Week 6: 3YM – 96.8% 😊  
Week 7: 6M – 96.3% 😊

