'Hope, Friendship and Resilience'

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'A safe and inclusive community deeply rooted in God's love' leading to 'life in all its fullness'

Value of the Term = Hope

Romans 15:13 – "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him."

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Issue 01 **Monday 22nd September 2025**

Dear All,

Welcome back.

It has been so good to see the children return, full of joy and excitement as we begin this new academic year. In light of recent conversations nationally about attendance, high expectations and the role of schools in shaping not just learning but the future of our communities, it is pleasing to see our families working in close partnership with us.

At Meridian Angel Primary School (MAPS), we continue to prioritise excellent education, the wellbeing of all in our community and the building of strong character through our school values of **Hope, Friendship** and **Resilience**. We look forward to another purposeful year of growth and learning together.

Candle of the week – Mon 22.9.25:

- Find across a candle of the week from Reverend Tina, our clergy and Chair of Governors.
- A candle for you all.
- Candle for this week. From St Paul's 🕯
- Go well and hope the week is kind to you all 🙏

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Thought of the week

Alison Hammond

"Let's go big, huge, humongous. Alright, let's do this. Let's roll up our sleeves and get baking."

MacMillan Coffee Morning:
26th September

Blessing of the Bags – Weds 10th Sept

- A wonderful MAPS tradition led by Reverend Tina.
- Children and adults took their bags down to collective worship (assembly) where it took place
- A huge thank you to Reverend Tina for keeping up this tradition we have, which sets us up in the name of **HOPE** to go on to have a wonderful academic year.

Meridian Angel Vision and Values

•Just a quick reminder for all about our school vision and values

•Our core values are:

HOPE, FRIENDSHIP & RESILIENCE

•Our school vision is:

"A safe and inclusive community deeply rooted in God's Love."

- We are a member of the LDBS Academy Trust (LAT) and the vision is: **"Life in all its fullness"**
- Our vision at Meridian Angel feeds into the LAT vision which supports us to work together effectively for the greater good of our children and the wider community

- AT MAPS we want our children to show:

  HOPE,
  FRIENDSHIP,
  RESILIENCE

  We have done a lot of work over few years in supporting our children to display the values above so that they fulfil the school vision and go on to live out the LAT vision. We kindly ask that you support us to ensure the children remember and start to show these values.

Celebration assembly: Fridays at 2.30pm (families invited)

- On Fridays, we celebrate your wonderful children
- We like to share this celebration with you
- We kindly ask that you join us, if you can, or send a member of your family or friends to come along to support us to celebrate the children
- Please look out for the text messages from your child's class teacher or a message on Class Dojo

Reading Volunteers:

- It's a new year and a wonderful opportunity for us to reach out to our families and friends within the local community.
- A huge thank you to the Reading volunteers we currently have coming in to the school to support the children read.
- We are hoping to recruit more adult volunteers (parents, carers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc) to read with some of our children, once a week.
- If this is something you (or another family member) are interested in, then please message me or Ms Boake.
- No experience required – we will provide training.
- This is a unique opportunity for you to help the school whilst developing your own skills in supporting young readers.
- ALL ARE WELCOME!

Governor Morning – you're invited:
Tuesday 23rd September from 9.00 – 9.30am

- After the morning school run, why not stay for a warm welcome, a cup of tea and a chat?
- Join us in the hall for tea, coffee, biscuits and treats to help the day start smoothly.
- This is your chance to:
  - ✨ Meet and greet our school governors
  - ✨ Find out more about their role in our school
  - ✨ Ask questions, share ideas, or raise any queries in a friendly and informal setting
- Simply drop your children off, head to the school office and you'll be shown through. We'd love to see as many parents and carers as possible; your voice makes a difference
- Come for the biscuits, stay for the conversation 🍪☕

Class Dojo:

• Our main communication tool between school and families.
• Families can message teachers and leadership, access updates, and see learning in action.
• Please contact your child's class teacher or the Headship Team if you need support with using ClassDojo.

Meet the Teacher Sessions:

- It has been wonderful to see so many families attending sessions already, meeting teachers, and exploring your child's learning environment.
- More sessions are scheduled this week (see Dates for the Diary below).
- PowerPoints from the sessions have been or will be shared via ClassDojo.

Enrichment Activities (Clubs):

- To support our drive to enhance Personal Development for the children, we will be running around 8 – 10 clubs this term across Mon – Fri.
- Mrs Bennett and Miss Ansah have worked hard to bring together a broad range of enrichment activities for your children.
- The list was sent out, if you have not seen it yet, please contact the school office.
- Please take the time to speak to your child(ren) and sign them up for as many as you can
- If you need help or support, do see the front office, Miss Ansah or me.

Breakfast & After School Club

- Winnie runs our independent breakfast and after-school provision on site.
- She works closely with the school to support families.
- For details, please contact her directly: **07908 199 573**

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Aspire. Achieve. Excel.

School Uniform:

- Gentle reminder as we start the new school year to ensure that all our children come to school in the correct uniform.
- Please see the items of uniform below which makes clear what the expectations are.
- We ask that you label all the items of uniform for your child(ren) so if it gets misplaced it is easy to identify.

- If you have any issues or need help, please see me or the front office.
- Thanks for your continued support.

Attendance Matters:

- As mentioned last year, new DfE guidance on absence and attendance remain in place.
- The guidance which started from August 2024 is still in place this year.
- It stated that the local authority (Enfield) decides when to issue fines to parents.
- First Offence: The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent per child if paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21days.
- Second Offence (within 3 years): The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.
- Other actions like a parenting order or prosecution in a Magistrates Court will be considered.
- Third offence and any Further Offences (within 3 years): The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance, a penalty Notice will not be issued instead the case will be presented straight to the magistrates Court.

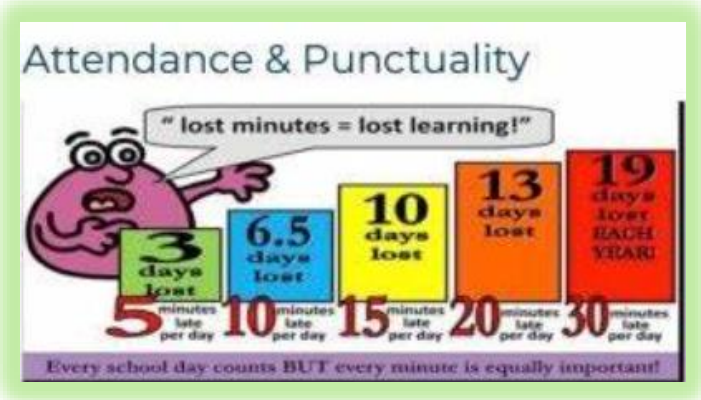
- Magistrates' fines can be up to £2,500 per parent per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate due to failure to safeguard a child's education.
- 10 Sessions (5 days) of Unauthorised Absence in a 10 Week Period: Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Fixed penalty notices are issued by the Local Authority (Enfield) and can lead to fines or court action for irregular attendance.
- Money raised via fines go to the local authority and NOT to the school.
- Please ensure that holidays are not taken during term time.
- Attendance target should be: **96% and above**.

<u>Attendance and punctuality</u>

- Please note that if attendance cannot be 100%, the acceptable figure is **96%.**
- Attendance for the last week overall was: **98%**
- The winning class for attendance was: **Y3 Sofia with 99%**
- The winning classes for punctuality were: **Y6 Lisbon and Y3 Sofia with 0 lates**



Dates for the diary: Autumn Term 1

- **Mon 22.9.25**
  Photo Day (all day)
- **Mon 22.9.25**
  Y2 Kingston Meet the Teacher (3.30 – 4pm)
- **Tues 23.9.25**
  Governors' Coffee Morning (9 – 9.30am)
- **Tues 23.9.25**
  Y4 Abu Dhabi Meet the Teacher (3.30 – 4pm)
- **Thurs 25.9.25**
  Y5 Accra Meet the Teacher (3.30 – 4pm)
- **Weds 1.10.25**
  Black History Month (BHM) begins
- **Mon 6.10.25**
  Start collecting for Harvest Festival
- **Fri 17.10.25**
  Flu Vaccinations (12.30 – 3pm)
- **Mon 20.10.25**
  Harvest Festival collection deadline (shared with Food Bank & St Peter's Church)
- **Thurs 23.10.25**
  BHM Celebration with families (3.30–5pm)
- **Fri 24.10.25**
  Beyond Fundraising Day: Non-uniform day, £1 donation for Beyond Charity (supporting children's mental health)
- **Fri 24.10.25**
  End of half-term
- **Mon 27.10.25 – Fri 31.10.25**
  Half Term Break (no school)
- **Mon 3.11.25**
  Children return to school after half term

It is so good being back with the children again and we look forward to a productive, fun and purposeful academic year. Have a wonderful week and stay safe.

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