



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was an absolute pleasure to see parents and carers, face to face, at our Parent Consultation evenings. We know that you enjoyed looking at your children's books and many of you commented on the visible progress made from September. It is so lovely to be able to open our doors to you once more.



Our Community value was extremely evident during the collection of items for the Ukrainian Refugees. The generosity of our families never ceases to amaze me. We also had parents who collected donations from their colleagues and this includes Waitrose in Haywards Heath and Tesco in Burgess Hill. Our fabulous Year 5 children came up with the idea, publicised it with posters around the school and worked so hard to organise the items into appropriate categories. Very well done to the Year 5 staff and pupils.



All of our school values were evident on Wednesday at the Quicksticks tournament at East Grinstead Sports Club. The event consisted of 10 teams from local schools. Our

team played 6 matches and they were the only team not to concede a single goal. In the tense final our team played Harlands and we won by 1 goal. Many congratulations go to: Isabelle M, Finn J, William K, Livy R, Rylie P and Felix for showing true determination, resilience, respect and for representing our school in such a positive way. I am very proud of you all. Thank you to Miss Griffiths and Mr Terrill for taking them. We cannot wait for the Regional Finals in a few weeks time, watch this space!

As part of our commitment to safeguarding, we complete an NSPCC audit each year which helps to ensure that all of our systems are robust. The NSPCC links below have some very useful resources and information about social networking apps. Some of our pupils in Years 5 and 6 do use WhatsApp and there have been occasions when teachers and senior leaders have had to intervene after inappropriate content has been posted.

Have a super weekend.

Natalie Langtree Head teacher

#### London Meed Hero Award

Many congratulations to this week's London Meed Heroes.

Name	Class	Reason
Aaron F.	6B	For using his times table facts carefully to calculate the scale factor when solving ratio and proportion word problems. Well done, A. J.!
Harry S	6D	For always being proactive with his learning and creating a detailed plan for his speech persuading people to pursue world peace. Keep up all your hard work, Harry.
Junior	5P	For showing dedication and compassion during our charity appeal.
Evie	5 S	Showing resilience by challenging herself in Maths.
Rory	4A	For enthusiastically taking part in our digestion experiment this week.
Libby	3WZ	For a fantastic attitude to learning in English and Maths.
Sophie	3C	For stretching her learning by choosing tasks that will challenge her.
Molly	2DJ	For always trying her best and producing some lovely writing about our class text 'Brave and the Fox'.
Elliot	2M	For using time adverbials and adjectivals to make his writing interesting to the reader.
Carys	4OD	For excellent attitudes to learning and for being curious and engaged in every lesson, and for always upholding the value of respect.
Mahum	1S	For always showing the London Meed school values of bravery, community, curiosity, resilience and respect.
Emilia	1DH	For showing resilience and determination to improve her letter formation. Well done!
Alessio	Apple	For making a real effort with his learning and trying his hardest when working with a teacher!
Harry	Cherry	For always trying his hardest, and being a fantastic role model for the rest of the class.



#### NSPCC keeping children safe online

**We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online.**

The online world changes so quickly it's hard to keep up. The NSPCC online safety guides <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides> help you navigate online risks – whether your kids are gaming, chatting, posting or streaming.

As a parent it's important you know that all social networking platforms (or social networking apps, if on a smartphone) have age limits.



Some social networks use technologies that may not be right for some ages or engage with communities that are made up of people much older than your child. Please do visit

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>

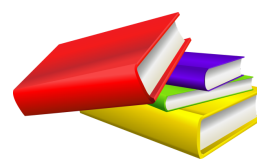
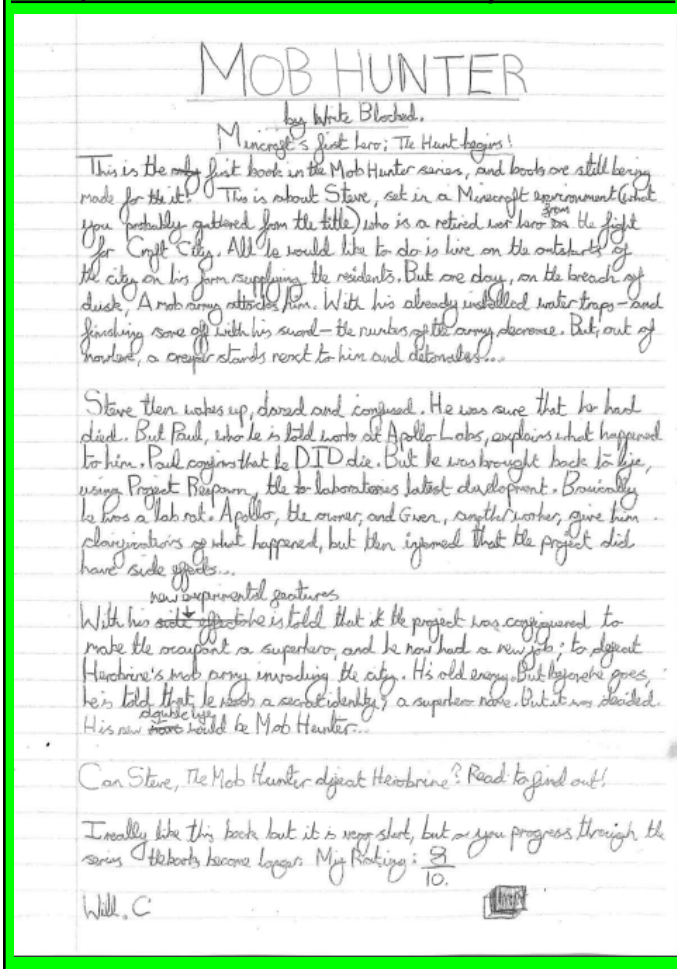
Messaging and chat apps are a great way for a child to stay in touch with their friends and family but it's important both of you are comfortable with who they're talking to. Talk to your child about who they're chatting to and how they know them. Remind them to be conscious of who they're sharing personal information with and not to share information with people they haven't met before. This includes information like their name, location, email, phone number and school name.

#### **What are chat apps?**

Chat apps allow the user to send messages, photos, videos and documents, as well as creating large group chats. Some apps allow users to message people they don't know, so your child could receive messages from people they don't know - most apps have settings to allow this to be changed so that they only receive messages from people they know. With your child, make sure these settings are in place and show them how to reject requests from people they don't know.

Even with friends, your child might see something that upsets them. Explore each app to see if there are reporting and blocking features. Show your child how to use these features and talk about situations when they might want to report or block.

#### **Will C, 6D Book Review - Mob Hunter by Write Blocked**



#### **School Book Fair**

Thank you to the Book Nook, from Hove, for running our Book Fair on Thursday. During the day each class had the opportunity to visit the Book Fair and look at the fantastic selection of books. We will receive a percentage of each book sold to purchase books for our children.

#### **Year 6 WW2 Artefacts**



Liam showed his class, 6B, some WW2 artefacts from his grandparents. The children were very excited to analyse the artefacts and to read the information on the old ID card and the telegram.



#### Community value



Last Friday, Christa B, Mum of Rio and Pasha, put an impromptu message on her neighbourhood WhatsApp group. She received over £50. Tesco generously donated a further £15. Other people brought donations to the family home. The items will be taken

to the Polish border by a friend of a friend who is driving a coach load of donations to the people who so desperately need them. Well done Rio and Pasha

**Term Dates 2021-2022** For WSCC term dates please visit [https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21\\_term\\_dates.pdf](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21_term_dates.pdf)

Spring term 2022	Last day of term Friday 8th April
Summer term	Starts Monday 25th April INSET DAY - Friday 27th May Half term 30th May to 3rd June INSET DAY Monday 6th June Last day of term Thursday 21st July

#### Academic Year 2022-2023 term dates including INSET Days

Please see below the term dates for the next academic year including our INSET days.

##### Autumn Term 2022

INSET DAY - Thursday 1st September  
Children return Friday 2nd September  
INSET DAY - Friday 21st October  
Half term 24th October to Friday 28th October  
Children return Monday 31st October  
Last day of term Friday 16th December

##### Spring term 2023

Starts Tuesday 3rd January  
INSET DAY - Friday 10th February  
Half term 13th February to 17th February  
Children return Monday 20th February  
Last day of term Friday 31st March

##### Summer term 2023

Starts Monday 17th April  
INSET DAY - Friday 26th May  
Half term 29th May to 2nd June  
INSET DAY Monday 5th June  
Last day of term Friday 21st July



#### Social Meetup!

Where: Beefeater, Station Pub, Horsham

When: Tuesday 22nd March, 7pm to 9

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- Spaces are given on a first come, first serve basis.
- Please only complete the booking form if you can commit to the time and date. (To avoid someone missing out who could have attended)
- If this event is oversubscribed we will keep a waiting list. To book a place please visit [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vLNOM-38Uky3cMU\\_3g-NZjHtRqc5RxJAqBxhJaYJMQUUQ1M5UjBOSFFHRjZURFo2SjRaTUNUU0hHMi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vLNOM-38Uky3cMU_3g-NZjHtRqc5RxJAqBxhJaYJMQUUQ1M5UjBOSFFHRjZURFo2SjRaTUNUU0hHMi4u)

