



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are well and truly into the festive season, beginning with the LMA Christmas Fair last Saturday. It was so busy, and it was fantastic to see so many people from our community, including past pupils and prospective pupils for September 2024. The final amount raised is still being counted and we will let you know how much was made in due course. The LMA intends to hold an after school pocket money stall after school next week and we will let you know further details soon. A huge thank you to all the LMA, parents and carers, governors and staff who volunteered last week.

The first of our Christmas productions took place this week with The Orchard's "Twinkly Nativity". Our youngest pupils gave such confident performances and were absolute stars. We are very much looking forward to the KS1 nativity and the KS2 Carol Concert next week.

Our Christmas post box is now open and children may put their cards inside. Please do remember to add the recipient's class on the envelope.

We had a lovely surprise next week when Waitrose phoned us up and asked to donate three copies of the book "Snapper" and three cuddly Snappers. These have been put to good use around the school and we would like to thank Waitrose for thinking of us.

All clubs are now finished until the week commencing 15th January. The new timetable will be sent out during the first week back. A huge thank you to all the school staff who run clubs in their own time. I know they are hugely valued by the children.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kindest regards,

Natalie Langtree, Headteacher



## Christmas events

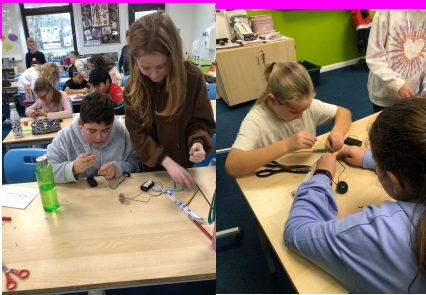
12th December	KS1 Performance - 2pm in the Large Hall
13th December	KS1 Performance - 2pm in the Large Hall
14th December	KS2 Carol Concert at St John's Church - 10am start.
14th December	School Christmas Lunch EYFS and KS1 Christmas Parties - children in EYFS, Years 1 and 2 are invited to wear their party clothes to school. Food and drink kindly provided by the LMA.
15th December	KS2 Class Parties - children in years 3-6 are invited to wear their party clothes to school. Food and drink kindly provided by the LMA. Last day of school - finish at normal time of 3.15pm

## London Meed loves Reading

We are taking part in the Picture Book Award 2023-2024. Children are enjoying these books in the school library and will vote for their class favourite at the beginning of February. We will select the school's overall favourite and then the winner across West Sussex will be announced on World Book Day.



## Year 6 DT



As part of our topic, On the Edge, we had to design and construct a fully functioning prototype head torch that would fit securely on our head and light up from an electrical circuit. The project was a success as we all worked as a team and showed resilience. Our



favourite part was testing our head torch in the dark PE shed where we could find the hidden chocolate coins.

*Many congratulations to this week's London Meed Hero award winners!*

<i>Name of child</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Grace S.	6B	For her comprehensive answers in Guided Reading and for always being a motivated and inspiring writer. Keep it up, Grace!
Mia G	6H	For a positive attitude to learning during Guided Reading and for producing an excellent written prediction based on the text. Keep it up Mia!
Sophie M	5D	For always showing curiosity and creativity in every aspect of the London Meed curriculum. She most recently demonstrated this when writing a descriptive Viking Saga, which she finished with a tension-filled cliff hanger. Keep up all your brilliant work, Sophie!
Edward	5S	For his diligent attitude to learning and for showing resilience to always achieve his best.
Molly Sims	4P	For always showing a positive attitude towards her learning which shines through in the work she produces.
Freya	4O	For her resilience in working hard all term and for demonstrating community spirit and respect in all she does.
Jaxon	3C	For writing an amazing Christmas poem with similes, onomatopoeia, extended noun phrases, alliteration and rhyming couplets.
Oscar SB	2K	For showing fantastic resilience when preparing for our nativity production.
Rafael	2M	For showing resilience by working incredibly hard to learn his lines for our class Nativity. Great work!
Eloise	1S	For showing the school values of respect and community by helping to look after school property and tidying up the classroom. Well done Eloise!
Eli	1M	For his creativity and curiosity when designing a chair for Baby Bear. Eli explored lots of different ideas and questioned why things were not working as he hoped. He asked questions and made mock-ups to develop his understanding.



## Community Spirit

This year for Christmas Henry P (2k) has decided that rather than have presents for himself he wanted to make other children happy! In doing so, he decided he would run a mile a day for a month to raise as much as possible to buy presents for children in hospital over Christmas. So far he has raised around £260 in both just giving and cash donations. Here is the link to his just giving page

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/david-pullen?utm\\_term=dNJ3gzEQj&fbclid=PAAaabyJrMU03go9mmg86JJ5teoya0G7ysPeDbHsgj-oC3wfTm\\_oUdzAsbEA](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/david-pullen?utm_term=dNJ3gzEQj&fbclid=PAAaabyJrMU03go9mmg86JJ5teoya0G7ysPeDbHsgj-oC3wfTm_oUdzAsbEA)

## Mental Health concerns

If you have concerns about your child's mental health or if they are in **crisis** please contact the "**Sussex Mental Health Helpline**" for free on **0800 0309 500** or via **111 (Option 2)**. This helpline is open 24/7 365 days a year.

If you feel your child presents with risks to self or others or is at risk of harm from others please make a direct referral to the **Integrated Front Door Service (IFD)** by either calling **01403 229900** or email **wschildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk**. IFD is best placed to offer advice and provide support regarding risk.

Please also advise the school of any referral that you make.



## LMA second hand uniform shop

The LMA are really pleased to report that the first load of second hand uniform stock is ready and on sale in its new location at Once Upon A Boutique, 34 The Martlets.



## Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. For more guidance please visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to notify the school on the first day before 9.20am to let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. You can leave a message on the absence line 01444 232336 or report their absence on the [Study Bugs App](#) If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, please let their teacher know via their year group email address.

## Free School Meals

Is my child eligible?

From 1 April 2018, free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- ***Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)***
- ***Income Support***
- ***Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance***
- ***Income-related Employment and Support Allowance***
- ***Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999***
- ***The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit***
- ***Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)***
- ***Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.***

A number of pupils will also be protected against losing their current free school meals. You can find more information on GOV.UK. If you are not eligible for benefits-related, free school meals, but your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals and you need not apply. Contact your school for details.

If you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, please continue to register. This will enable your child's school to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding. To apply for Free School Meals please visit

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>

# LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 8th December 2023

BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT



Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below. - these are the new days from 4th September 2023

Year Group/Class	PE days
Apples	Wednesday and Thursday
Cherries	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3	Wednesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 6	Monday and Thursday

## West Sussex Family Hub

There is a Family Hub in Penn Crescent Haywards Heath that is open to all families. Family hubs offer a range of support, information and guidance to parents, carers and young people as part of Early Help. Hubs are open for you to drop in and speak to our staff Monday to Friday during opening times on a whole range of issues affecting you and your family. They also have public access computers to use, free of charge, as well as social spaces available to meet other parents.

in all our hubs on the front desk who can offer information, advice and guidance.

They can help you with:

- finding childcare
- applying for free childcare entitlement
- finding local activities and support services
- pregnancy and early child development
- Parenting and health advice for you and your family
- how to access local housing services
- crisis support, such as emergency access to food and utilities, personal finance and the benefits you may be entitled to.

For further information please click on the link in the title.

## Forthcoming events

To view forthcoming diary dates please visit our [Online calendar](#) which can be accessed via our website [www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk](http://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk)

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## Term Dates 2023-2024

For WSCC term dates please visit

[https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/15495/school\\_term\\_calendar\\_2022\\_23\\_res.pdf](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/15495/school_term_calendar_2022_23_res.pdf)

### Academic Year 2023-2024 term dates including INSET Days

#### **Autumn Term 2023**

Last day of term Friday 15th December

#### **Spring term 2024**

Starts Tuesday 2nd January

Half term 12th February to 16th February

#### **INSET DAY - Monday 19th February**

Children return Tuesday 20th February

Last day of term Thursday 28th March

Easter Holidays 29th March to 12th April

#### **Summer term 2024**

Starts Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday - 6th May

#### **INSET DAY - Friday 24th May**

Half term 27th May to 31st May

#### **INSET DAY Monday 3rd June**

Last day of term Tuesday 23rd July