



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all.

We have had a super first week back at school and the children are enjoying the start of new topics. 4A have made their new teacher, Mr King, very welcome and he is loving getting to know them all.

5S have been taught by a supply teacher, Mr Roman, this week and I was extremely proud to receive an email from him praising the children's behaviour and work ethic.

We have returned to a normal school timetable with the children no longer in bubbles and hope to continue this. Clubs begin again next week and I know that these are really valued by children and staff alike.

You will have seen in the news that from Tuesday 11th January the guidance around PCR testing is changing. The guidance below explains the changes in detail. It is extremely important that you do not send your child into school with cold-like symptoms unless they have had a negative lateral flow test as we are working very hard to protect our community. If we have another outbreak (10% of staff and children testing positive) we will have to revert back to Contingency Plan B as we did in November. If we do not have enough staff in school or from a supply agency we may be forced to close classes as detailed in Contingency Plan C. The Risk Assessment explaining the contingency plans is on the website:

https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/covid-19_risk_assessments_2021/534180.

Children and adults with any of the three main symptoms of a high temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste and smell must still take a PCR test.

There has been some confusion over when children can return to school following a positive result. Day 1 of isolation starts the day after a positive test result or the start of one of the three main symptoms. On day 6 and day 7 a lateral flow test should be taken 24 hours apart. If both tests are negative, the child can return to school on day 8.

I hope this has helped to clarify the current guidance.

Have a lovely weekend.
Natalie Langtree
Head teacher

COVID guidance from gov.uk on 5.1.22

From 11 January in England, people who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.

Under this new approach, anyone who receives a positive LFD test result should [report their result on GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) and must self-isolate immediately but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

After reporting a positive LFD test result, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace so that their contacts can be traced and must continue to self-isolate.

Year 6 Stunning Start



In Maths, we have been using a protractor to measure angles. To practise this skill, we stuck masking tape on our tables and measured all the angles that were formed. We had fun whilst learning how to measure accurately using the 360 degree protractor. **As part of our Stunning Start, we made gas masks similar to the ones used during WW2.**



London Meed Hero Award

Many congratulations to this week's London Meed Heroes.

Name	Class	Reason
Rosie	Apples	For excellent blending to read words and being confident to have a go!
Lillie	Cherries	Amazing phonics work and remembering lots of her sounds!
Zachary	1S	For making excellent progress in reading so far this academic year.
Spencer	1DH	For a fantastic start to the term and trying his best with reading and writing.
Clara	2M	For showing curiosity when suggesting excellent questions to ask about our new topic.
Xaviera	2DJ	For showing great enthusiasm for our new topic 'Poles Apart', including doing extra research at home.
Leighton	3W	For being such a delightful member of our class community.
Scarlett	3C	For fantastic progress in reading and phonics.
Bow	4O	For working hard to improve her writing and reading and making good progress.
Zoe R	4A	For being such a hard worker (including washing up) and helping Mr King settle in at London Meed this week!
Caitlin	5P	For using her historical knowledge to draw conclusions about the Vikings.
Felix	5S	For being a helpful member of the class and for pushing himself to succeed.
Lucy E.	6B	For showing perseverance when using the 360° protractor to measure and construct angles accurately. Well done, Lucy!
Mohammed	6D	For having an excellent attitude toward his learning this week and showing independence and curiosity when learning about angles and the properties of a circle.

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

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below. Please note there has been a change in days for Apples and Cherries.

Apples	Tuesday and Thursday
Cherries	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3W Zephaniah	Monday and Friday
Year 3C Dahl	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Monday and Thursday



Census Day - 20th January 2022

Twice a year, once in the Autumn and once in the Spring term, we request that all children in The Orchard and Years 1 and 2 take up a free hot school meal which will be ordered for them. The Census day for the Spring term is on Thursday 20th January.

The reason for this request is that for each child recorded as having a hot school meal on this day, the school will receive vital funding that is required to support your child's development. If your child is a fussy eater we will do our best to encourage your child to eat their hot lunch. If your child will only eat a packed lunch, then they may bring in a packed lunch as usual.

We would like to thank all parents for supporting the school and encouraging their child to have a hot school meal on Thursday 20th January.

TASTE OF AMERICA
20/01/2022

Choose a Main £2.33
BBQ Chicken Fillet Sandwich & Chips
or
Quorn nuggets & Chips

On the Side
Peas or
Salad

For Dessert
Chocolate Fudge Brownie

To Drink
Blackcurrant Squash,
Milk or Water

Orders must be placed by 9th January 2022.
Special Diet requests must be registered
by 17th December 2021 at:
westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk
www.mealselector.co.uk / 01243 836130

west sussex county council
 Chartwells
So much more than just fantastic food.

Contact Details
Please email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk with any changes to your contact details. Many thanks.

Email addresses to contact teachers
Please only contact teachers via their year group email addresses listed below.

The Orchard	theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 1	year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 2	year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 3	year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 4	year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 5	year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 6	year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

Key dates
For up and coming key dates for this academic year please visit our website
<https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/calendar/52708>

Term Dates 2021-2022
For WSCC term dates please visit
https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21_term_dates.pdf

Spring term 2022	Starts Tuesday 4th January INSET DAY - Friday 18th February Half term 21st February to 25th February Children return Monday 28th February 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