



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wonderful, exciting news - Mr Alfonso is going to be a Daddy very shortly and will be taking two weeks parental leave when the baby arrives. One of our regular Supply teachers will be covering 3 Rosen during his absence.

This week the RSHE focus has been "Solving friendship problems when they occur". Below are a couple of the different scenarios that have been discussed:

- When friends make new friends
- When a friend can't come to a party
- My friend wanted me to do something that I didn't want to do

On Monday it was lovely to welcome back Sally T from Mid Sussex Active who worked with our Sports Leaders and Mr Alfonso to run a Mini Tennis competition for Year 5 children.

There was a successful library committee meeting on Tuesday. A timetable has been created to ensure that the new library will be open in September. See the article below from Year 2 about their virtual author visit and watch this space for updates!

I am really proud of Elisabeth B and Holly W from Year 1 who have been demonstrating our "community" value by very kindly "litter picking" in our local area. Both girls have been awarded House Points for their valiant efforts.



There was true "community spirit" shown by Jude R-S from Year 2 and his family who took part in part in #GoOrangeForKit on Sunday - an event set up by the Kit Tarka

Foundation <https://www.kittarkafoundation.org/> to raise awareness of the dangers of neonatal herpes (the common cold sore virus) in newborns.

I hope you enjoy the bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday.

**Natalie Langtree, Head teacher**



#### Free KS2 second hand books

Some of the KS2 teachers have been going through their books in their classroom this week. We have a number of books that are no longer

needed in school that will be placed on a table outside for parents/carers to take next Friday 7th May.

#### Our Yellow Certificate winners this week - congratulations!

Mahum	Cherries	For beautifully written and thought out sentences about the diplodocus.
Harry	Cherries	For focusing really well on his phonics and transferring his understanding to his reading.
Lilly Ann	Apples	For being a kind and thoughtful friend to all children.
Alex	Apples	For excellent work in maths both counting and representing numbers to 20 .
Indy	1H	For showing resilience to do his best and to make sensible choices.
Tom	1H	For showing great reasoning skills during maths, using his knowledge of tens and ones.
Emilia	1D	For super understanding of 'more than' and 'less than' when comparing numbers.
Kobe M	1D	For explaining about rhythms, beats and dynamics in music.
Lola	2B	For being curious in her English and challenging herself to find out lots of amazing information about octopuses.
Leighton	2B	For showing resilience in his maths work on fractions, and care in the presentation of his work.
Aoife	2R	For showing curiosity in her learning and sharing this with her class.
Bobby	2R	For helping his class to learn and always doing his best work.
Eddie K	3Z	For his excellent attitude to learning in every lesson this week.
Oliver	3R	For being independent in learning and showing great curiosity in Science lessons.
Junior	4H	For working hard this week, especially in maths when investigating and reasoning! Well done!
Josh	4T	For working independently in maths this week when reasoning about place value.
Jenia	5K	For being such a kind and considerate member of the class and for being a pleasure to teach.
Daisy	5L	For working to the best of her ability in every lesson and for always making her teacher smile.



William	6R	His ambitious attitude to learning; improved work in all the subjects and for continuing to write detailed book reviews. Keep it up, Will!
Amy	6D	For her studious and calm attitude and for quietly getting on with learning -whatever the challenge.

### Mathletics Competition - 5th May

Children in Years 1 to 6 have access to a Mathletics subscription, so will automatically be able to take part in World Maths Day events taking place on May 5 2021. Just log in on the day and let the games begin!



## Encouraging a Love of Reading

### Author of the week –1 Donaldson

We are 1 Donaldson!



Julia Donaldson is a very well known children's author, particularly famous for her rhyming stories.

Julia grew up in London and before writing books, she was a songwriter. With her husband Malcolm, she would tour countries and write songs about them. This led to a television career in singing and songwriting with her A SQUASH AND A SQUEEZE song being made into a book in 1993.



Her breakthrough children's book was THE GRUFFALO, illustrated by Axel Scheffler. We love reading the Gruffalo.

We contacted Julia Donaldson via the Steying Book Shop. We sent her some lovely pictures and a letter. Julia replied to us and also signed some gorgeous new copies of her books

which we have LOVED reading. We often enjoy watching videos of Julia reading her own books on YouTube.

Mrs Stacey, 1 Donaldson Class Teacher

### Year 2- Zoom meeting with their author Chris Riddell



2 Riddell class were delighted to meet our class author Chris Riddell via zoom call on Monday. He told us about how his passion for drawing started as a child. He would draw at every opportunity and

shared some very funny stories about how cheeky he was as a child. He was given the first of many sketchbooks and this has been the inspiration for his writing and illustrating ever since. This passion has only been matched by his love of wine gums!

Chris demonstrated his talent for drawing throughout the meeting and even drew illustrations of how several of our children would appear in his books. He has very kindly offered to send these to us and we are going to display this in our brand new school library.

Most exciting of all was that he has offered to come and open our new school library. We cannot wait until we can meet Chris Riddell in person.

### Free "Expert Parent Programme"

We received a heads-up from a parent support group, West Sussex Parent Carer Forum.

They are hosting a free virtual event, the 'Expert Parent Programme' on May 6th. It is a 2-part course focusing on parenting pre-school and primary age children. Parents can sign up to join by emailing [office@wspcf.org.uk](mailto:office@wspcf.org.uk) or calling 01903 726188.

WSPCF are also on Facebook: go to West Sussex Parent Carer Forum | Facebook and click on the blue 'Sign Up' button.



<https://studybugs.com/signin> or via our absence voicemail on 01444 232336.

Should your child develop COVID symptoms and receive a positive test result over a weekend, please continue to email [office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk) as we will need to take immediate action.

### Wanted: Parent Governors to help London Meed's journey towards Good and Outstanding.

Could you spare some time each term to be a Governor and help our children's school improve?

- ◆ We need dedicated Governors who can help shape and deliver our plans by providing constructive challenge and support.
- ◆ No Governor or teaching/educational experience necessary. A full induction and training package is provided, including mentoring and shadowing if required.
- ◆ We want you to bring your skills and experience to us and we will incorporate them with being a Governor.
- ◆ There are usually two Full Governing Board meetings per term - a mixture between day and evening. Meetings are currently held virtually.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please complete the Parent Governor nomination form by Monday 3rd May via the following link <https://forms.gle/qPkPXfKXey3Z49BG9>

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below.

Monday	Year 3 The Orchard
Tuesday	Year 5
Wednesday	Year 6 Year 1
Thursday	Year 4
Friday	Year 2

### Contact Details

Please email [office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk) with any changes to your contact details. Many thanks.

### Reporting Absence

Please remember to report your child's absence by 9.20am **every day** via Studybugs

### Email addresses to contact teachers

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

The Orchard	<a href="mailto:theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 1	<a href="mailto:year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 2	<a href="mailto:year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 3	<a href="mailto:year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 4	<a href="mailto:year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 5	<a href="mailto:year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 6	<a href="mailto:year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>

### Term Dates 2020-2021

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)

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Summer Term 2021	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	w/c 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
	<b>Bank holiday: - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <b>Inset Days: - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>		

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<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/school-term-dates-202122/>

### Inset days 2021-2022

Autumn Term	Thursday 2nd September 2021, Friday 22nd October 2021
Spring Term	Friday 18th February 2022
Summer Term	Friday 27th May 2022 Monday 6th June 2022