



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely to welcome parents and carers into school, first for Parent Consultations and then Year 2's Fabulous Finish. We will be holding a Jubilee Celebration picnic on the afternoon of 26th May and hope that our whole community will come together. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Thank you to all of our amazing staff this week who have been so flexible about covering classes, break and lunchtime duties and missing out on planning time. We have experienced considerable staff shortages, sometimes at very short notice. Where possible we advise you of any changes to routines or staff but this has not been possible as we have had to wait until the last minute to hear back from supply agencies about availability. I am extremely proud that we have managed to keep every class open. Although schools are no longer required to inform the DFE of positive COVID cases amongst adults, it is still very much in our school community. A big thank you to our lovely children who have continued to show respect and resilience despite the many changes.

As part of our commitment to safeguarding, we are keeping the Holmesdale Road gate as an exit only. This narrow area gets very busy if there is two way traffic and we need to ensure that we know who is coming into school and we must prevent children leaving the school grounds unaccompanied. Please share this information with any adult who collects your child.

Have a super weekend.

Natalie Langtree Head teacher



Author, Sophy Henn Visit

During the afternoon of Friday 18th March we were very honoured to welcome one of our class authors, Sophy Henn, to visit our school. Sophy held an assembly for Years 2,

3 and 4 where the children found out about how she became an author and the inspiration behind some of her characters. They were also shown how to, and had a go at drawing, one of Sophy's favourite characters, Pizazz. Afterwards Sophy signed books and met some of the children. This week 2DJ Henn were lucky enough to receive a door sign for their classroom designed by Sophy Henn.

London Meed Hero Award

Many congratulations to this week's London Meed Heroes.

Name	Class	Reason
Henry S.	6B	For carefully solving word problems involving the calculation of percentages of amounts. Keep it up, Henry!
Will C	6D	For showing resilience and curiosity when learning how to calculate a percentage of an amount and then applying these skills to solve word problems. Keep up all your hard work, Will!
Ellis	5P	For sharing insightful ideas in class discussions and for participating well in a class debate.
Robert	5S	For showing resilience and challenging himself to do his best.
Rory	4A	For 100% perseverance in a week of change.
Molly T	4O	For showing super progress in writing and for curiosity in discussing word choices.
Reid	3W	For creative and resourceful ideas in D.T
Safah	3CI	For showing resilience and creativity when making her Chinese dragon puppet.
Olivia	2DJ	For trying hard with her writing, including creating amusing rhyming and nonsense poems. Well done!
Pavit	2M	For showing curiosity in his learning and always being ready to share his ideas with the class community.
Thea	1S	For always having a positive attitude to school and learning.
Jake	1DH	For working hard and trying his best in phonics.
Daisy	Apple	For her really careful and well told story map of Jack and the Beanstalk.
Oscar S-B	Cherry	For always working really hard in his phonics, and doing a fantastic (and dramatic) retelling of the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.



Book Nook Book Fair



We were delighted to see so many families at our Book Fair last Thursday. During the day all classes had the opportunity to visit the Fair and The Book Nook spoke to them about new books

suitable for their age. Here is a comment from one class "4O, loved their visit to the Book Nook and were very inspired by some of the books on offer. It generated lots of discussion and sharing of favourite books and authors". The Book Nook in Hove are hosting various events during the Easter holidays, for more information visit [Events – The Book Nook](#)



Y2 Fabulous Finish

Year 2 celebrated the end of their topic called Poles Apart by learning, writing and performing Nonsense poetry. The parents joined us and watched the

children perform the poem 'On the Ning Nang Nong' by Spike Milligan. Children were also given the opportunity to read the poems they had written.

Year 4 - Practical experiment



The children in year 4 loved their practical experiment on the digestive system. They learnt all about the journey that food takes and the processes involved in digestion.



Spring has sprung at London Meed

It is lovely to see Spring has sprung at London Meed, our Gardening clubs' wellies look beautiful outside class 3C. If you do have any

spare wellies that the Gardening club could use next term, please can you drop them into the school office.



Thank you!

Many thanks to Mr Stenning for the tyres for our EYFS area. We really appreciate all your support.

Ukrainian Collection- Thank you!

Please see below a message and photos from Astra Recycling following our collection last week.



"Thank you to all the staff, pupils, parents, carers and the public that donated to our #MarchforUkraine campaign.

Last week we sent 15 tons of aid to Ukraine. The outpouring of love and generosity from all communities has been overwhelming. What has been particularly touching are the notes sending love and best wishes from people and children written with the donations. Everyone has been so kind and Dmitry, his family and everyone here at Astra send our sincere thanks to you all,

Please see above what the warehouse looks like at the moment! Really amazing the amount that has been donated, looks like we are on track to send a similar amount next week! Thanks again,
Charley, Dmitry – Astra Recycling

Thank you!

"Thank you for including the cake sale held by 1st Burgess Hill Beavers in the newsletter. I thought I'd email and let you know how we got on. I am very proud of how the children got involved, baking cakes, running the stall and of course encouraging parents and family to come and buy cakes. We raised over £300 on the day for the British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal. A quick name check of London Meed students includes Oscar and Emily P, Zachary Bt, Isla B, Tom and Sam H and Isla P.
"Kind regards, Mrs Hand



YOUNG CARERS FUN day

A young carer is someone living with a person who has an illness, disability, mental health issues, or drug and alcohol problems

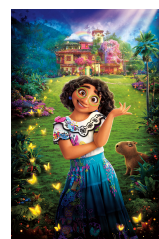
10.30 - 2.30 Thurs 21 April
Fairfield Community Centre, Western Road

FOR AGES 6 - 11 YEARS

Games, fun activities, craft, lunch and refreshments and more

ALL FREE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

To book your place or get more information contact Jen on 01444 238207 (9am - 4pm) or email jennifer@burgesshill.gov.uk



"ENCANTO" Wednesday 13th April
at Mabel's Emporium
10.30 am-11.45 am 1.30 pm-2.45 pm
Join Mirabel as we go on an Encanto inspired journey this Easter. Enjoy some Madrigal magic through colour, song and play! Book early to avoid disappointment.

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	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

Celebrating live performance For Children and Families || From 9 - 24 April 2022

In a unique collaboration, four independent Sussex venues: Komedia, Ropetackle, Brighton Open Air Theatre and The Old Market are working together to produce Back to Live, a special season of events for children of all ages celebrating the return of live performance. From puppets to bubbles, classic tales to clubs, internationally acclaimed and local artists there really is something for everyone in this exciting programme of events.

For more info & to book tickets please visit
www.backtolive.org.uk



Whatever Next

Monday 4th April at Mabel's Emporium
10.30 am-11.30am - Join Baby Bear, as he rockets through the chimney on an adventure to the moon. Storyhouse hosts a sensory storytelling workshop for preschoolers; to include play, songs and take-home crafts.