

BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastically, festive week we have had. The KS1 Production of "Don't be Afraid!" was a hit with the audiences and the children performed with confidence and enthusiasm.



The KS2 Carol Concert took place yesterday at St John's Church for the first time in three years, meaning that only Year 6 children had experienced being on that stage. It was wonderful to share this special event with so many members of our community and we have had many positive comments about the children's confident performances and beautiful singing. Thank you so much to all our volunteers who helped ensure we got there safely.



On Tuesday, Tom Ball, a 2022 Britain's Got Talent finalist, visited our school and held an assembly for children in Years 2-6. The focus of his visit was on "Dreams" and he encouraged children to try lots of clubs/hobbies before they find the one they would like to follow. At London Meed we are very proud of our offer of clubs to the children. Tom also had everybody singing a number of songs including "A Million Dreams". We hope to see him again soon.

Christmas Lunch went very smoothly yesterday and the kitchen staff managed extremely well despite the dishwasher being broken. Thank you to Theresa and her team.

Our community value was evident on Monday when three pupils from Year 6, Angus, Jackson and Jack, very kindly helped their neighbours clear driveways and paths of snow. Well done boys, we are very proud of you!

Today, we said goodbye to Miss Winkley (1W teacher) and Mrs Lyford (Year 2 LSA) during a special assembly. Miss Winkley is moving to Hastings to be with her partner and Miss Lyford is following her dream by becoming a Science Technician at The Burgess Hill Academy. We will miss them both and hope they have very happy memories of their time at London Meed.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Murphy (1W teacher) and Miss Pigeon (Year 2 LSA) in the New Year. Both have visited our school and received a warm welcome from the children and staff.

School finishes today for the Christmas holidays. School will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Natalie Langtree Head teacher



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Date	Event
Tuesday 3rd January	Children return to school
Week commencing 9th January	Clubs restart

## **London Meed Hero Awards**

Name of Child	Class	Reason
Robert E.	6B	For an informative and beautifully presented mountaineering poster. Also, for increased participation in class discussions, especially in Maths. Keep it up, Robert!
Harvey D	6K	For a fantastic performance in church yesterday - you were a total natural and top class microphone mover! Well done!
Lucy W	5D	For publishing her persuasive Titanic leaflet, which she showed great independence writing, in her neatest handwriting. Well done, Lucy!
Oliver	5S	For guiding and supporting others demonstrating excellent leadership skills when helping organise the church service . You're a role model to the class, well done!
Safah	4P	For using a fabulous range of font adverbials in her writing.
Fazal	40	For always upholding the school values by being polite and respectful at all times. You set an example to all with your fantastic manners.
Lacey	3M	For being a supportive and kind member of the class. You are always ready to learn and you have made fantastic progress in maths.
Molly	3C	For being engaged in all her learning and for enthusiastically sharing her knowledge with her peers. You are a fantastic role model.
2DJ	2DJ	For working as a team in order to support their class community when performing our Nativity and entertaining the whole school community.
2M	2M	For working as a team in order to support their class community when performing our Nativity and entertaining the whole school community.
The whole class!	15	For learning, remembering and performing a fabulous angel dance and all the songs in the nativity. We are very proud of you all.
The whole class!	1W	For learning, remembering and performing a fabulous sheep dance and all the songs in the nativity. We are very proud of you all.



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### **Reading Raffle winners!**

Many congratulations to this half term's Reading Raffle winners: Riley C, Bonnie H, Emilia S-B, Elisabeth B, Lewis and Finley F, Thomas R, James W, Felix C, Alice B, William S.





#### **Forest School update**

Since September, Mr Blake has been running his Forest School for Year 3. The children have participated in six sessions in activities starting with moving and rebuilding in their own design the fire circle in our newly extended Forest School area. They also learnt how to safely build, light and extinguish fires, build dens and shelters and culminated in enjoying campfire doughnuts. It is vitally important for children to have the

opportunity to explore and use their imagination in an outdoor setting. The children learn how to assess and take supported risks.





Forest School incorporates our school values of curiosity, bravery, resilience and respect for nature. Mr Blake is looking forward to welcoming class 40 to his Forest School In January.



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### **Martial Arts success!**

Congratulations to Harvey, 40, who showed three of our school values: community, bravery and resilience when he recently completed his next grading at martial arts. He is now an orange belt.



#### Musical success!

A couple of weeks ago, Oscar Pullen (4O) got to march with Burgess Hill Marching Youth in the Light Up Hassocks Parade. Since joining the band his confidence has soared. He had a fantastic time and loves being a member of the BHMY family. Well done Oscar for demonstrating our school values of bravery, resilience and community.

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

Year Group/Class	PE days
Apples	Tuesday and Thursday
Cherries	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3	Wednesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Monday - the children can wear their PE kit. They will need to bring in a swimsuit (no bikinis)/trunks, goggles and towel). Wednesday is Outdoor PE.
Year 6	Monday and Thursday



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#### Term Dates 2022-2023

For WSCC term dates please visit <a href="https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21">https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21</a> term dates.pdf

#### 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

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