



Dear Parents/Carers,

We were delighted to welcome over 150 prospective parents for the 2024 intake to our Open Day yesterday. A number of our Year 6 pupils were the perfect ambassadors for our school. They spoke confidently about what it is like to be a pupil at London Meed and the many opportunities they have had that make our school unique. They also led tours around the school and willingly answered many questions. We received so many positive comments from the prospective parents about what a calm and purposeful environment we have. As always, I was incredibly proud to show off our wonderful school community.

This week, myself, Ms Brayne and Mr Terrill conducted our half termly attendance review and I'm pleased to say that our overall attendance is steadily improving and is above the national expectation. Do remember that requests for withdrawal from learning during term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Why attendance and punctuality matters

Across one school year:

- Less than 5 days absence = 97.3% attendance
- 14 days absence (approx.) = 92.6% attendance
- 20 days absence (approx.) = 89.4% attendance
- 30 days absence (approx.) = 84.2% attendance

If a child achieves 80% attendance this means that they have missed approximately 39 days of education over the academic year, averaging 1 day per week.

Thank you to the Book Nook for hosting our book fairs last week, which raised over £200 for the school to spend on books. If you would like to order any book, adult or child, as long as they are in print, please go to their website [The Book Nook, Hove Bookshop UK](#). Any orders will be delivered directly to your door.

This week was National Anti-Bullying Week. The children started the week with an assembly discussing what bullying is, and how we deal with it; this then continued during Life Skills lessons. As a school, we define bullying as being deliberate, on-going (more than once) and unequal. In the new year Mr Terrill will be working with a selection of children to make an anti-bullying video to go on the school website.

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BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT



You may remember that Tom Ball, a Britain's Got Talent finalist, visited our school last year and held singing workshops for the children. Tuesday 14th November was World Diabetes Day and that evening our Data Manager, Katherine Brayne, attended a concert and bumped into Tom. Tom suffers from Type One Diabetes and is an ambassador for Diabetes UK.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to remind everyone about our LMA Christmas Fair, taking place from 2-5pm on Saturday 2nd December. There will be a selection of fun stalls and activities, including a tombola, having a story with Santa, and some festive singing with our school choir. All are welcome to come along and join in with the festivities.

Have a really lovely weekend everyone.

Kindest regards,

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

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

<i>Name of child</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Charlie D.	6B	For showing resilience and determination when solving the mathematical puzzles during our 'Maths Week England'. Keep it up, Charlie!
Rory	6H	For demonstrating respect to our visitor, Mr Davey, by listening carefully to him at all times. Well done Rory!
Jake	5D	For showing creativity and curiosity when planning and creating a world and characters for an epic Viking saga. Fantastic work, Jake!
Reid	5S	for showing curiosity when explaining about forces and magnetism using scientific language.
Isla A	4P	For a lovely piece of descriptive writing including fronted adverbials and exciting vocabulary.
Muhamed	4O	For resilience in learning English and for his hard work and settling well into our community.
Lucas	3M	For always being on task and showing bravery when answering a question. You are making fantastic progress, well done!
Milo	3C	For showing curiosity and creativity when writing his own sequel of 'The Stone Age Boy'.
Ivy	2K	For using your curiosity to create a fantastic dragon eye design using paint and clay!



Akshaj	2M	For using adjectives and effective punctuation to write an interesting story about George and the Dragon.
Vaidehi	1S	For showing the school value of community by telling us about her Diwali celebrations and sharing some homemade treats with us. Thank you Vaidehi!
Maya	1M	For sharing her own experiences of her community with others to help us all to learn more and for the Diwali treats too Thank you Maya .

Y6 Mount Everest presentation



On Tuesday, Year 6 children had a visit from Mr Davey, to talk about his experience of climbing Mount Everest. He described the dangers faced by the mountaineers and explained how important it is to be very well-trained physically and mentally. He also talked about the book that had inspired him: *On Top of the World* by Rebecca Stephens. At the end, the children asked a lot of interesting questions, showing curiosity - one of our school values.

LMA Donations days

With the Christmas Fair now only a couple of weeks away on the 2nd of December, we would like to ask you for your kind donations to fill our tombola tables.

Next Friday, 24th of November, please could pupils bring in a donation of either sweets or chocolates.

On Monday 27th November, please can pupils bring into school a donation for the bottle tombola. This can be either alcoholic or soft drinks. If you would rather your child did not bring in a bottle but wanted to donate one, please can you drop it off at the School Office or email ima@londonmeedprimary.co.uk to arrange a collection.

On Friday 1st December, we would also like to invite students to wear non uniform in exchange for a donation to the Rainbow Tombola. This stall is always a massive hit as it not only has lots of amazing prizes, it is visually stimulating for all to see.

Thank you in advance and for your support. Any extra donations are always welcome! The LMA





Rugby Festival

Mr Dagleish and Mrs Radford took some Y6 girls and boys to a Rugby Festival at Haywards Heath Rugby Club on Wednesday 16th November. The girls and boys loved learning new skills including how to get muddy!



LMA Forthcoming events

The LMA has set up a Patchwork page where they will be sharing upcoming events, notices, links for uniforms and donate buttons. To view the page click the link [London Meed Association Patchwork page](#)

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>



It's Christmas!

SANTA'S GROTTO

The Market Place Shopping Centre
(opposite Pets Corner)

25 NOVEMBER 12.00 - 2.00 & 2.30 - 4.30
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

2, 9 & 16 DECEMBER
10.30 - 12.30 & 1.00 - 3.00
PLEASE BOOK VIA
[HTTPS://BURGESSHILLSANTA.AS.ME/](https://BURGESSHILLSANTA.AS.ME/)

As times are difficult we are not charging but there will be a collection bucket for people to donate if they can

BurgessHill
Town Council

Central Sussex &
Rotary
Burgess Hill & District

MARKET PLACE
SHOPPING | BURGESS HILL

ROUND TABLE

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WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



Each webinar will take place on Zoom at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

FREE TO ANY PARENT/CARER LIVING IN SUSSEX

- 19TH OCTOBER ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)
- 8TH NOVEMBER BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE
- 13TH DECEMBER DEPRESSION
- 17TH JANUARY OBSSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER (OCD)



SUPPORTED BY HEADS ON AND NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER'S COVID APPEAL

WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Scan here:



Or visit:

<https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1081/Sussex-CAMHS-ParentCarer-Webinars#/>

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk

Delivered by Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)



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

Term Dates 2023-2024

For WSCC term dates please visit 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

Children return Monday 30th October
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