

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 22nd September 2023

BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Year 6 children returned to school after a very successful residential trip looking grubby and tired. I have loved hearing their stories this week about what they got up to and the challenges and fears they overcame. What a great way to start their final year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who gave up their own free time to ensure that as many children as possible had a positive experience. Without their commitment to our



children, these residential trips would not be possible and I never take their dedication for granted.

Meet the Teacher meetings have been taking place all week and we hope that you have found them useful.

Mr Blake is so much more than a Premises Manager. We already knew that he had strong design skills but we can now add Landscape Gardener to his list of credentials. Mr Blake has spent many hours during the summer break revamping the courtyard outside the kitchen.

This area is going to be used as a quiet space and the name for it will be revealed at a later date.

Have a really lovely weekend everyone.

Kindest regards,

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

Meet the Teacher

<u>Year Group:</u>	<u>Date</u>
Thursday 28th September 2.55-3.15pm	Year 2
Friday 29th September 2.55-3.15pm	Year 1

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

<i>Name of child</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Harry K.	6B	For providing a brilliant example of building tension in writing by creating a link with his passion for football. Keep it up, Harry!
Asher	6H	For excellent reasoning when working with place value and powers of 10 Maths problems. Well done, Asher!
Bonnie	5D	For showing great curiosity; creativity and independence when drafting a newspaper report about the Viking attack on the island of Lindisfarne. Keep up all your hard work, Bonnie!
Pasha	5S	for having a great interest in our topic by showing focus and independence when using atlases to explore Scandinavian countries and cities. Well done!
Molly Rose	4P	For demonstrating the school value of community as she is always willing to share ideas enthusiastically
Coen	4O	For bravery when joining tennis club and giving it a go
Olivia	3M	For always being ready to learn and listening to every adult in the classroom. You are a fantastic role model!
Taylor	3C	For working well with her talk partner to classify different types of rocks, during our science experiment.
Jessica	2K	For brilliant writing in English this week, creating fantastic sentences about castles.
Daisy	2M	For showing so much enthusiasm for learning about knights and using this to inform your information text. Great work!
Lewis P	1S	For always demonstrating the school values of community and respect. Lewis always does good sitting, good listening and tries his best. Well done Lewis!
Lewis B	1M	For achieving a London Meed Hero award for doing the right thing. I have noticed Lewis everyday this week making good choices and trying his best.



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.

Reading Workshops

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our two parent workshops in the large hall in the next couple of weeks.

On Monday 25th September, 2.30-3.15pm, Miss Oliver is hosting a Reading Workshop for parents/carers of children in Years 3-6. The workshop will be about Reading at London Meed and how parents/carers can help their child. To book a place please click the link below

[KS2 Reading Workshop booking form](#)

On Tuesday 26th September, 2.30-3.15pm, Mrs Maddock is hosting a Reading/ Phonics Workshop for parents of children in Reception and Years 1 to 2. To book a place please click the link below:

[KS1 Reading/Phonics Workshop](#)

We look forward to seeing you then.



We are recruiting

Our local kitchen teams are recruiting in various schools across the County.

Term time contracts and school friendly hours available.

ID for an enhanced DBS will be required.

Please contact us at

westsussex@chartwells.co.uk

to find out more.

September starts available.



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Schools



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>

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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.

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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

INSET DAY - Friday 1st September

Starts Monday 4th September

INSET DAY - Friday 20th October

Half term 23rd - 27th October

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