

# London Meed Primary School

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

NEWSLETTER: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful, enriching week it has been for our children. Year 4 had a fabulous time during their residential trip to Walton Firs and have been speaking enthusiastically since their return. A parent commented "I would like to pass on my thanks to all the teachers who organised this trip. Beau had a wonderful time and was full of smiles when he came back. He said the activities were really fun and the pod had a soft and comfy mattress. He loved the food as well! Thank you all so much, I hope you enjoyed it too." Jess (Beau H's mum 4P)

Those Year 4 children having a "staycation" took part in many enriching activities including Art and Forest school. None of the activities at school or at Walton Firs would be possible without the willingness and dedication of our lovely staff. Thank you everyone, you are much appreciated.

We have received yet another complaint by a Holmesdale Road resident about selfish and dangerous parking. We have advised them to give the car registration to the police. Please consider our neighbours when parking.

Class photos and Y6 leavers photos are being taken on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. As per the separate email sent yesterday, all children are required to wear their full school uniform, even if it is usually their PE day.

## **Staffing update**

I have received a resignation from Mr Viinikka, our Assistant Headteacher and SENCO this week. He will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to pursue new interests. Mr Viinikka joined us in January 2015 and has been an extremely valuable member of the London Meed team. He has supported so many children and their families over these years and I have personally always valued his loyal support.

We will be holding interviews shortly for a replacement SENCO and will notify you of any new staff appointments in due course.

Have a lovely weekend.

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher



## **Football**

### **ProStrike Fundraising event 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May the pupils of London Meed Primary will be taking part in our sponsored 'Speed

Challenge'. There is no fee for participation and every child in the school will take part.

Our Speed Challenge involves a giant inflatable football goal with integrated speed camera system. When a pupil (or teacher) takes a shot at goal the speed is displayed on a digital screen for all to see. Every child in the school will receive a personalised certificate showing their top speed on the day of the event.

Like many fundraising events, funds are raised via pupil sponsorship; children will ask friends and family members to sponsor them to take part in the speed challenge. Your school are not the only ones who can benefit from one of our fundraising events as we offer the pupils the opportunity to win prizes for their fundraising efforts. The more each child can raise, the more prizes they will win. Our prizes include, drinks bottles, gym bags, stationary, medals, trophies and footballs! Your school will receive 50% of all the money raised and all costs associated with running the event come out the remaining 50%. Our events are structured in this way to eliminate any initial outlay and financial risks for your school which occur when running fundraising activities.

Your child's sponsorship form will come home with them prior to the weekend. The sponsorship form shows what prizes can be won as well as our website and contact details. Please do not hesitate in contacting us if you have any questions regarding the event.

**Please note: All ProStrike events nationwide are now cashless, so all donations need to be made via our secure website.**

***Please see the sponsorship form for the address***

**Good luck with your fundraising,**

**The ProStrike Events Team**

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## Youth Council news



On Wednesday, Ms Brayne accompanied Molly T and Oliver H to the Burgess Hill Youth Council. We are delighted to announce that Molly T was elected Deputy Mayor and our former pupil, Harvey H has been elected Mayor.

During the meeting, the Deputy and Mayor decided that they wished to support The Pantry as their local charity.

The Youth Council will be having a plant stall at the forthcoming Burgess Hill Academy Summer Fair on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 11-2pm. They also be part of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day in line with national commemorations.

## Jump Start Jonny visit – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April



A huge thank you goes to Miss Griffiths for arranging for Jump Start Jonny to visit our school today.

Children and staff took part in a very lively and highly energetic live show. Miss Griffiths deserves a well-earned rest this weekend as she took part in all the sessions! I would like to give a special mention to Mrs Murphy for her enthusiasm this morning!

## Year 4 Residential and Staycation



On Monday and Tuesday, a group of forty-seven Year 4 children went to Walton Firs in Surrey for a residential. The children and staff stayed in heated pods and took part in a range of activities including: Bushcraft Survival, Archery, Crate Stacking and Forest Games. In the evening the children enjoyed taking part in “Root’d’s Got Talent” and drinking hot chocolate. Here are some quotes from the children:

“I got to challenge myself and face my fears at the Y4 residential”, “I loved the residential because it was an opportunity to step outside my comfort zone.”



The remaining Year 4 children took part in Staycation with Mrs Harrison. “During our Staycation we got a bit arty, built spaghetti towers and Greek Temples and solved the problem of how to get the chicken, fox and oats safely across the river... and lots more besides!”

## Martial Arts championships



Faith competed in her Martial Arts championships last week and gained a bronze medal for her hand drill. We are very proud of you Faith – well done!



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## 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day

**D-DAY**  
6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

**80 YEARS**  
1944-2024

Chartwells  
Menu swap with Friday 7th June

**MAIN**  
Fish Fingers and Chips  
Vegan Balls in Tomato Sauce and Chips  
Jacket Potato with Cheese and Salad

**SIDES**  
Baked Beans or Peas

**DESSERT**  
Chunky Chocolate Brownie

Order at [www.ParentPay.com](http://www.ParentPay.com) no later than Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024  
Special diet menus will remain in place

**Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 marks a very important date in history, the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day.**

The 80 Beacons celebrations will be one of the largest events in the UK this summer. You can visit [www.d-day80beacons.co.uk](http://www.d-day80beacons.co.uk) for more information.

Chartwells know pupils benefit from a hot meal at lunchtime and, as an industry, we know they impact so positively on so many lives – this is something to be celebrated.

Chartwells will be supporting this special event by swapping the menu on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June with Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June so that the children can have Fish and Chip Day but with the additional children's favourite: Chocolate Brownie.

**To order this special meal for your child please order via [ParentPay.com](http://ParentPay.com) no later than Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. You can also click book via the QR code on the poster.**

## Harry Potter Lego

Leo has completed a Harry Potter Lego containing 2660 pieces in 3 days, we are super proud as completed it all by himself with no help what so ever. Well done Leo for showing our school values of resilience and bravery!

## Reaching Families

Reaching Families is a West Sussex-based organisation which aims to empower, inform and support parents and families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex.

They offer a wide range of services including free courses on a number of areas including:

**Making Sense of Masking,**

**Making Sense of Transition to Secondary School**

**Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)**

**Understanding Autism**

To see all events and book please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/reaching-families-8261724058>

These are online workshops for help parents and carers, to develop understanding how specific issues impact on children's behaviour, relationships and day-to-day life.

Please note the workshops are funded by Reaching Families only for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities in West Sussex.

Once you have booked a place you will receive an email confirmation from Eventbrite.

For more information about them, visit their website: [www.reachingfamilies.org.uk](http://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk)

## 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.

We have staff 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

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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 <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/find-a-family-hub/mid-sussex-family-hub/#>.

## 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.

## Mental Health Concerns

If you have concerns about your child's mental health or if they are in crisis please contact the "Sussex Mental Health Helpline" for free on 0800 0309 500 or via 111 (Option 2). This helpline is open 24/7 365 days a year.

If you feel your child presents with risks to self or others or is at risk of harm from others please make a direct referral to the **Integrated Front Door Service (IFD)** by either calling **01403 229 900** or email

[wscchildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:wscchildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk)

IFD is best placed to offer advice and provide support regarding risk. Please also advise the school of any referral that you make.

## Term Dates 2023-24

For WSCC term dates please visit

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

**Academic Year 2023-2024 term dates including**

### INSET Days

#### Spring term 2024

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

Year Group/Class	PE days
Apples	Tuesday and Friday
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

Please find below the INSET days for the next academic year 2024/2025 as I know this helps with planning any holidays:

Monday 2nd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Friday 14th February 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

Here is the link to the WSCC term dates

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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](http://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk)



**THE LMA PRESENTS...**

# TUCK SHOP FRIDAY

**OUTSIDE THE MAIN GATE AFTER SCHOOL**

cakes      crisps      sweets  
pick and mix  
fruit kebabs      chocolate  
ice lollies      doughnuts

Items will vary each week. Prices range from 20p - £1.00  
Event is weather dependant. From Friday 1st March 2024!



## LOVE RUGBY GIRLS CAMP

First 40 Girls to register receive a free gift bag

rugby

Sunday 19th May  
10:00 - 13:00  
Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6  
@ Burgess Hill Rugby Club  
To book a place email [Girls@BHRFC.co.uk](mailto:Girls@BHRFC.co.uk)  
Or WhatsApp 07715 301518

TRY RUGBY WITH US!  
Visit [findrugby.com](http://findrugby.com)



**Time 4 Children**  
Emotional Listening Support for Children since 2005

## Nearly New Sale

Preloved Children's Clothes, Toys and Accessories  
Also a cafe serving drinks, cakes and snacks

**Saturday 4th May 10am-Midday**

**Cyprus Hall Burgess Hill RH15 8DX**

Adults: £1  
Children: Free

Preloved stall: £15  
Local business stall: £20

Proceeds go towards funding our work at Time 4 Children

[www.time4children.org.uk](http://www.time4children.org.uk)  
[events@time4children.org.uk](mailto:events@time4children.org.uk)  
WhatsApp: 07719 063 415

Charity number: 1111837



## GYMNASTICS AND DANCE ACADEMY BURGESS HILL

Venue- St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School

Class list -

- Parent and Baby - (advised age 8 months to 2 years)  
Saturdays - 9am till 9.30am
- Tiny Gym, parent and child (advised age 2 years to 4 years)  
Saturdays - 9.30am till 10.15am
- Little Gym, Beginners (advised age 3 years to 8 years)  
SSaturdays - 10.15am till 11.15am
- High Rollers, Intermediate - (advised age 6 years to 13 years)  
Saturdays - 11.15 till 12.15
- Boys, mixed ability - (advised age 4 years to 13 years)  
Saturdays - 12.15 till 1.15
- Squad - invite only, (advised age 6 years to 15 years)  
Saturdays - 1.30 till 3pm

Price list - 30 min session £20 a month, 45 min session £26 a month, 1 hour session £30 a month, 1.5 hour session £40 a month  
Free catch up classes available for all Gymnasts.  
free trial sessions available on request  
Discounts available for Family members

All our classes are fun, friendly recreational classes led by experienced coaches who are all DBS and First Aid trained.

To book a trial please contact Georgie on [georgiesgym@gmail.com](mailto:georgiesgym@gmail.com) or 07594305424