

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 1st December 2023

BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT



Dear Parents/Carers,

I expect there were lots of very excited children this morning opening the first door on their advent calendars! It is hard to believe that we are in December already. There is always so much going on in school at this time of the year and it is a privilege to share the making of memories with your children.

I am really looking forward to seeing you all at our first Christmas event, the LMA Christmas Fair, which is taking place from 2-5pm tomorrow. 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. This is always a big fundraiser for our school and every single penny raised goes straight back to support children's learning. These events do take a lot of organising so I would like to thank our LMA volunteers in advance.

Please see below for times and dates of forthcoming The Orchard Nativity, KS1 Nativity, KS2 Carol concert, Christmas lunch and class parties. Separate emails will follow from the school office about these events.



Thanks to your generous donations we raised an amazing £353.41 for Children in Need. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kindest regards,
Natalie Langtree, Headteacher

Christmas events

6th December	EYFS Nativity - 2pm in the Large Hall
12th December	KS1 Performance - 2pm in the Large Hall
13th December	KS1 Performance - 2pm in the Large Hall
14th December	KS2 Carol Concert at St John's Church - 10am start.
14th December	School Christmas Lunch EYFS and KS1 Christmas Parties - children in EYFS, Years 1 and 2 are invited to wear their party clothes to school. Food and drink kindly provided by the LMA.
15th December	KS2 Class Parties - children in years 3-6 are invited to wear their party clothes to school. Food and drink kindly provided by the LMA. Last day of school - finish at normal time of 3.15pm

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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>
Martha J.	6B	For completing a successful test week and for always showing determination to improve. Keep it up, Martha!
Zoe R	6H	For consistently demonstrating our school value of community by helping others and being a responsible role-model. Well done Zoe!
Lewis	5D	For showing resilience during test week and when working out and calculating equivalent fractions. Well done, Lewis!
Seth	5S	For showing support and community spirit when working effectively with his teammates, applying leadership and strategic thinking.
Iyla W	4P	For always showing curiosity and looking to challenge herself in her home learning.
Vinnie	4O	For a fantastic week and having a super resilient attitude and persevering to complete tests and joining in with English.
Alfie	3M	For showing resilience and perseverance during test week. Well done!
Theo	3C	For showing resilience and creativity when writing the sequel to 'The Stone Age Boy.'
Sully	2K	For having a mature attitude to your tests this week and showing resilience!
Dotty-Mae	2M	For being such a helpful member of our class and always ready to help her class community.
Caelan	1S	For showing the school value of bravery and resilience when writing instructions on how to plant a seed. Well done Caelan!
Zoha	1M	For her use of phonics when writing a set of instructions. Zoha has been working very hard on her independent learning and has shown lots of resilience across all areas of her learning.



Football Finals



Ten boys from years 5 and 6 took part in the regional football finals at St Paul's on Wednesday. All of the boys did so well and played with everything they had! They played as part of the team showing real resilience. Great fun!

Miss McConnell and Mrs Radford.

School Photos

Astracolour have reopened their ordering system for ordering pupil individual and family photos. The new cut off for free school delivery is 7th December but you can't go in on your old link if you have already viewed/purchased from it, instead you will need to log in afresh and get a new link so it says free delivery (same log in code just start again). If you have misplaced your proof or have any queries please contact Astracolour direct <https://www.astracolour.com/contact-us> Many thanks.

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

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Rotary
Burgess Hill & District

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ROUND TABLE



Sussex Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

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)



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WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Scan here:



Or visit:

[https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1081/
Sussex-CAMHS-ParentCarer-
Webinars#/](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

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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.



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

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