



Dear Parents/Carers,



This week we have been busy out and about in our local community. On Tuesday, the boys from our year 5 and 6 football club visited Birchwood Grove for two friendly matches. They showed respect and resilience throughout the matches, winning both of them. This was good practise for the boys regional finals next Wednesday - good luck boys!

Today, a selection of children from our athletics club took part in an indoor athletics event at Haywards Heath College, again they showed respect and resilience throughout the event.

Children from The Orchard took part in their first trip outside of the local area, visiting Hove Toy Museum to learn all about toys from the past. Our pupils showed curiosity and respect, and enjoyed learning about how children played in the past.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that we are a nut-free school as we have children with severe allergies. Please do not send your child into school with any products containing nuts including Nutella sandwiches and hazelnut pancakes. Thank you for your cooperation.

We now only have a week before our LMA Christmas Fair, which is 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. Please see the information below about the forthcoming donation days on Monday 27th November and Friday 1st December.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kindest regards,

Jake Terrill , Deputy Headteacher

## **Governor News**

We would like to warmly welcome Martina Montecchiarini and Matthew Bament, our two new Parent Governors to our governing body. Thank you to those parents/carers who have already completed the Parent Questionnaire that was emailed to you last week. We really do value your views. If you haven't done so already please complete the questionnaire by midday on Monday 27th November via the following link [Parent Questionnaire](#) many thanks.



<i>Many congratulations to this week's London Meed Hero award winners!</i>		
<i>Name of child</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Carys S.	6B	For writing an appealing introduction to her explanation text, by using powerful language and advanced grammatical structures. Well done, Carys!
Lucy W	6H	For showing hard work and resilience when learning about fractions in Maths. Keep it up Lucy!
Toby P	5D	For showing curiosity and creativity when coming up with ideas and vocabulary to develop character and atmosphere in his Viking Saga. Fantastic work, Toby!
Libby	5S	For showing resilience and having a conscientious attitude when writing an interesting and descriptive setting for a Viking Saga.
Andria Varughese	4P	For writing a great narrative about the Secret of Black Rock and using effective vocabulary.
Finn	4O	For showing curiosity when selecting interesting vocabulary and phrase to use in his writing.
Emily B	3M	For writing a fantastic sequel to Stone Age boy using expanded noun phrases and time adverbials. You have also settled into 3M really well, showing community values!
Bethany	3C	For showing pride and resilience when writing the sequel to 'The Stone Age Boy'.
Avyukt	2K	For a brilliant set of instructions for your dragons and knights board game!
Hudson	2M	For being such a positive member of our class community and always ready to learn new ideas.
Darren	1S	For showing the school value of resilience by trying really hard to sound out and blend words when reading. Well done Darren!
Oliver	1M	For showing resilience when writing independently. Oliver has really listened in phonics and has learnt to spot digraphs and is now beginning to use these when sounding out unknown words in writing. Well done Oliver



## Y2 Fabulous Finish

Yesterday was our Fabulous Finish. In the morning I learned how to do archery and this was fun because I liked practising with the arrows. In the afternoon we made paper dragons and this was great because I really enjoyed making the paper chains and choosing how to decorate my dragon. We also looked at artefacts in the afternoon and I touched real animal skin. It was really soft! Poppy 2M.

## 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 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.

On Monday 27th November, please can pupils bring into school a donation for the bottle tombola. Children are to wear their school uniform or PE kit if it is their PE day. 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 [lma@londonmeedprimary.co.uk](mailto:lma@londonmeedprimary.co.uk) to arrange a collection.

On Friday 1st December, pupils are invited 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



## 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



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SHOPPING | BURGESS HILL

ROUND TABLE



## 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

- 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)
- 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE
- 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER DEPRESSION
- 17<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](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