

# LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 20th January 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,



I had my first school visit of the year to @london\_meed1. I loved hanging out in their BRAND NEW library and meeting their fabulous children 🥰 Lots of mega keen readers too - what a happy school ❤️



One of our school priorities is to develop a love of reading. We were delighted to welcome class 40 author Jenny McLachlan to our school on Monday. She inspired us all when reading extracts from her books and bringing her characters to life. In the afternoon, Jenny led two workshops for the children in Year 4 which involved collecting ideas for new stories and designing maps of imaginary lands. Children through the school had the opportunity to meet Jenny and have their books signed. We really enjoyed her visit - thank you Jenny!

In order to encourage children to play different games and use different equipment at lunchtimes, the playgrounds have been zoned. It has been a pleasure to watch children playing basketball, frisbee, skipping and trying to walk on stilts. In assembly this morning, one child told us that he had made new friends because he had the opportunity to play with other children. A big thank you to the Midday Meals Supervisors who organise all the equipment.

We have realised this week that not all parents who are entitled to the income Free School Meal benefit have applied through West Sussex County Council [Application for Free School Meals](#). Children who are entitled to the Free School Benefit attract the Pupil Premium grant which the school receives. 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. 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, it is important that you continue to register. This will enable your school to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding. This is additional funding the school can invest in, providing extra support for your child in school. On our website you will find our [Pupil Premium Strategy](#) which details how much money is received and what it is spent on. There are lots of ways our school can support families who are entitled to this funding. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Have a lovely weekend.

Natalie Langtree  
Head teacher

## ParentPay deadline!

All children across the school now will need to make their menu choice if a hot meal is required. Children in Reception to Year 2 or children in receipt of the Free School Meal benefit will be required to make their menu choice however, no payment will be required. All other children in Years 3-6 will need to continue to make their menu choice and payment.

**If you wish your child to have a hot meal from 6th February, please ensure you have activated your ParentPay account and ordered their meals by 24th January 2023.**

**If your child will never require a hot meal then you do not need to activate a ParentPay Account.**

Any problems, please email us at [office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk).

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## London Meed Hero Awards

Name of Child	Class	Reason
Shannon H.	6B	For writing an effective diary entry from the perspective of an evacuee, using a variety of adjectives and adverbs. Well done, Shannon!
Rufus	6K	For persevering with drawing 2-D shapes with given dimensions and for actively participating in class this week. Keep it up, Rufus!
Sam H	5D	For consistently challenging himself and contributing ideas during maths lessons on solving problems involving finding fractions of amounts. Keep up all your hard work, Sam.
Jon	5S	For showing curiosity and when solving problems involving fractions.
Ben	4O	For challenging himself and for working hard to complete his work..
Bobby	4P	For showing great enthusiasm, appreciation and participation in music.
Riley	3M	For showing resilience and progress when dividing 2 digit numbers with remainders. Your use of direct speech in your diary writing has also been fantastic!
Elisabeth	3C	For showing independence and resilience when solving division questions with a remainder.
Max	2DJ	For producing a lovely, non-fiction leaflet about polar bears using neat, joined handwriting. Well done!
Harrison	2M	For using descriptive language to create an interesting poster about polar bears.
Ethan B	1S	For trying his best in lessons and being a kind member of the class.
Jesse	1W	Always giving his absolute best as a learner and especially for his bravery when taking part as a junior governor in the assembly last week.
Amelie	Apple	For showing great resilience to produce wonderful independent writing. Well done.
Matthew	Cherry	For showing bravery in phonics by working independently.

## London Meed Loves Reading



A very spoiled boy is given everything he wants except the moon. He grows up into an equally spoilt adult and decides to get the moon for himself by destroying the land around him and using the goodwill of the people to build and create machines to help him reach the moon. However, the boy who he fought with as a child has the same aspiration and when they both reach the moon at the same time, just as they did as children, they fight over it. This is a lyrical, visually and textually rich tale, with a hint of a moral. The deadline to vote for your West Sussex Children's favourite picture book is

Wednesday February 8th.

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## Y5 Handball Tournament

'On Monday afternoon, Ms Smith and some children from year 5 had a lovely afternoon at Burgess Hill Academy taking part in a handball festival with 10 local primary schools. They took part in a variety of activities arranged by the Year 9 Sports leaders and the children really enjoyed themselves.'

### Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 24th January	Deadline to order meals from the 6th February onwards on the new ParentPay ordering system
Friday 10th February	INSET Day
Monday 13th - Friday 17th Feb	School closed for half term.
Monday 20th February	School reopens
Thursday 23rd February	Year 3 visit to the Royal Pavilion.
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7th March	Y6 SATS Parents meeting in the large hall at 2.30pm - full details to be sent to parents in due course.
Monday 13th March and Thursday 16th March	Parent Consultation evenings and Book Nook Book Fairs
Week commencing 20th March	Clubs finish for the term
Friday 31st March	Last day of the Spring term

### NHS guidance on Headlice <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Head lice can make your head feel itchy like something is moving in your hair. The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice. You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

***Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day. There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.***

#### Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you: wash hair with ordinary shampoo, apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do), comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends, It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair, Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

#### Medicated lotions and sprays

Ask a pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 17 days, but your child still has live head lice.

They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them. If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments. Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work. For example: products containing permethrin, head lice "repellents", electric combs for head lice, tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies.



### West Sussex [Single Point of Access](#)

The West Sussex Single Point of Access (SPoA) is a dedicated service which provides a simplified single route to access specialist emotional wellbeing and mental health support. The SPoA helps direct you to the right service, eliminating the need to refer to multiple services. Led by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, the service is delivered in partnership with West Sussex County Council's Youth Emotional Support Service (YES) and YMCA Dialogue. E-wellbeing is the digital front door for West Sussex SPoA. [Visit the e-wellbeing website](#) for more information.

SPoA accepts referrals for children and young people from the age of four up to a young person's 18th birthday. The young person must also be registered with a West Sussex GP (please note. YES will accept referrals for young people who live in West Sussex or go to a West Sussex school). To make a referral please visit their website [Single Point of Access](#)

Anyone can make a referral including: **children, young people, parents, carers, families, GPs and other professionals.** All Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) and ADHD (neurodevelopmental) referrals need to continue via the [current referral pathways](#). If there is a mental health or emotional wellbeing concern separate to this, the young person can be referred to SPoA.

Referrals for young people with eating disorders, including Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Nervosa, need to continue directly to [Sussex Family Eating Disorder Service \(SFEDS\)](#).

### West Sussex Household Support Fund

The Government has announced the continuation of the Household Support Fund, to provide support between 1 October 2022 and 31 March 2023. The fund is intended to cover a wide range of low-income households in need. Any households who believe they meet the criteria can apply. Household Support Funds will be available through a range of different methods including via district and borough councils, direct support through applications via the Community Hub and distributed in partnership with other organisations including Citizens Advice and food and fuel banks.

We know that sudden unexpected costs can create real challenges for our residents who are experiencing financial hardship. The Household Support Fund is available to provide one off short-term support to meet immediate needs and help those who are struggling to access the essentials. Due to the limited amount of funds available, we will prioritise items necessary for day-to-day living such as food, energy and water.

#### Food and household essentials vouchers

Successful applicants will be awarded the below supermarket voucher values depending on the size of their household.

Households with one or more adults: £25

Households with one child: £50

Households with two or more children: £75

#### Energy support

If you are currently experiencing financial hardship with no alternative option available and are concerned that your energy supply may be at risk of disconnection, please complete an application for support.

#### Local support

Help can also be provided by district and borough councils including support and advice about housing and rent payments.

#### Apply for support

You will need to provide evidence of hardship with your application form and our team will assess your circumstances against the eligibility criteria. You will need documentation supporting your application, such as: proof of ID, photographic or official letter, a recent bill or official letter as proof of address and residence in West Sussex, evidence of benefits, including any discounts or reductions, other relevant evidence of your household's current hardship. Please be aware, we may not be able to process your application without the supporting documentation. Use the West Sussex County Council online form [Application or request for support](#)

***If your request is urgent, for example, you are going to run out of food within the next two days, please phone 033 022 27980. Lines are open between 9.00am-5.00pm seven days a week, including bank holidays.***

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Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below.

Year Group/Class	PE days
Apples	Tuesday and Thursday
Cherries	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3	Wednesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Monday - the children can wear their PE kit. They will need to bring in a swimsuit (no bikinis)/trunks, goggles and towel).Wednesday is Outdoor PE.
Year 6	Monday and Thursday

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## Term Dates 2022-2023

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 2022-2023 term dates including INSET Days**

Please see below the term dates for the next academic year including our INSET days.

#### **Spring term 2023**

Starts Tuesday 3rd January

#### **INSET DAY - Friday 10th February**

Half term 13th February to 17th February

Children return Monday 20th February

Last day of term Friday 31st March

#### **Summer term 2023**

Starts Monday 17th April

Bank Holidays - Monday 1st and Monday 8th May

#### **INSET DAY - Friday 26th May**

Half term 29th May to 2nd June

#### **INSET DAY Monday 5th June**

Last day of term Friday 21st July

### **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