

# London Meed Primary School

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

NEWSLETTER: Friday 10th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carer,

How wonderful to finally see some sunshine. It certainly cheers everybody up. Unfortunately, our school field is still too wet and boggy to go on at lunch and breaktimes. We are monitoring the situation and soon as we can we will let the children enjoy more of our grounds.

Next term, following our transition morning on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July our current Year 2 pupils can choose whether to stay on the KS1 playground or join KS2 in their playground and the field.

## Key Stage 2 SATs

Next week sees the start of the Key Stage 2 national curriculum tests, commonly known as SATs. Our lovely Year 6 pupils have been very well prepared for the tests by the Year 6 team and we know that each and every one of them will try their absolute best. This is what counts far more than their scores.

## Community Picnic

A date for your diary.... Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Following the success of the Community Picnic over the last two years we will be holding this again this year. To ensure that we do not ask parents to attend too many events we have decided to combine the picnic with our Sports Day. The afternoon will start shortly after lunch with the Sports Day activities and will be followed by the picnic at the end of the school day until 4.30pm. Precise timings and details (including a map of the field) will be sent to you nearer the time.

## Staff update

Following the very successful recruitment process, which Miss Dowley attended, we are delighted to announce two new appointments from September: Mr Azhar Naeem will be joining us as class teacher and Phase Leader and Ms Palethorpe will be replacing Mr Viinikka as SENCo and SSC Lead. Well done both of you.

Have a lovely sunny weekend everyone.

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

## Wear something BLUE

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Next Friday, to raise awareness and show our support, we will be taking part in "Wear It Blue for West Sussex Mind" next Friday 17th May, as part of Mental Health Awareness Week 2024. As a school we are inviting our staff and pupils to wear something blue with their school uniform (or PE kit if it is their PE Day) for a minimum donation of £1.

## London Meed Hero Awards

Many congratulations to our pupils who have been awarded this week's London Meed Hero Award: please note it is one child per class for all year groups.

Name of child	Class	Reason
Albie K.	6B	For his improved participation and enjoyment of lessons and day-to-day school life. Keep it up, Albie!
Oscar	6H	For demonstrating our school value of respect. Consistently showing kindness, empathy and tolerance towards others within our school community. What a fantastic role-model!
Safah U	5D	For showing resilience and having a great attitude towards her learning this week, where she identified what makes an effective piece of descriptive writing and how to solve a variety of problems involving negative numbers. Keep it up, Safah!
Amelie	5S	For showing bravery and perseverance to learn when calculating using negative numbers.
Xaviera	4P	For showing resilience in her attitude to learning, working hard at all times.
Sophia	4O	For showing improved confidence at working independently and resilience in learning.

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Francis	3C	For joining in with class discussions, in a knowledgeable and enthusiastic way.
Tej	3M	For always doing his best in every area of the curriculum.
Iona Taylor	2K	For following success criteria closely when creating a diary about The Great Fire of London!
Ziggy	1S	For showing bravery and resilience when reading independently in Guided Reading. Well done Ziggy!
Darcey	1M	For showing bravery and resilience when reading independently in Guided Reading. Well done Darcey!
Harrison	Cherries	Having the confidence to make new friendships and try different activities.
Stanley	Apples	Developing a resilient and positive attitude, allowing him to become a successful independent writer, which he demonstrated in his excellent bug fact sheet!
Jasmine T	Apples	For outstanding reading both in school and at home and her conscientious attitude to all learning.

## Y5 Art



Year 5 have been creating abstract paintings in the style of Kandinsky using cool and warm colours. Here is Grace from 5S's painting.



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-](http://www.d-day80beacons.co.uk)

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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 addition of 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.

## Chartwells new link

Chartwells have been listening to feedback from schools and parents, and they are very pleased to be able to share with you, their brand-new website link.

W: [WestSussex](http://WestSussex.com) | [Chartwells](http://Chartwells.com)



Scan me;

Parents can find all the links on here including, the menu, theme day menus, ParentPay guides (an FAQ will be added shortly), and of course, our direct contact details. Please find attached a copy of the meal order cut off dates for 2023-2024.

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## 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)

## Digital Dependency Workshop for Families

WSSC colleagues at [Now and Beyond](#) recently offered an online webinar about how to deal with digital dependency as a family. The webinar was recorded and the link can be found [here](#).

The webinar is led by Louisa Rose who is the CEO of youth mental health charity Beyond and is an ex social media consultant. Combining her professional experience in both careers, Louisa addresses the rise in smartphone and social media dependency and provides tips and advice on how to reduce it. Beyond is a youth mental health charity tackling the youth mental health crisis that addresses the lack of access to support and create opportunities for early and personalised interventions.

## 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 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.

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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

## 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 [wschildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:wschildrenservices@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

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)

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**THE TOP HOUSE**

# Pub Quiz

Max. 8 in a team  
Winner £50 bar tab!  
Great Raffle prizes to be won!!!



for London Meed Primary School

Tuesday 21st May 7pm



£2.50 pp

Fun night out!

SEE YOU THERE!

The Top House  
Keymer Road  
RH15 0AD

This will be a great night out for all the parents and their friends and family to raise money for our children

@tophouseburgesshill

Tel: 01444 220 974

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**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!

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