



Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term is flying by and I love to see our children so enthusiastic about their learning. I have had lots of visitors to my office this week with children eager to share excellent pieces of work including factual recounts about the Year 2 visit to Arundel Castle and newspaper articles about the Viking raid on Lindisfarne from Year 5 pupils. One of the many privileges of being a Headteacher is seeing children grow and develop into confident and independent learners. I was blown away by William from 6B this morning in Friday assembly. He wrote and read out a fantastic and amusing cloakroom report that named and shamed as well as praised each class.

You will have received an email this week from Mr Terrill regarding Class Representatives. The aim of this is to improve communication between home and school and prevent misunderstandings. The Class Rep will act as a link between parents/carers and the class teacher to convey information. Please email the office if you are interested in becoming the representative for your child's class by next Friday.

The School Photographer will be in school on Tuesday 3rd October - all pupils will, therefore, be required to wear full school uniform as advised in the email sent yesterday. Year 5 pupils will have their photo taken first, before their swimming lesson.

Regrettably, the parking situation has not improved and there are still people selfishly disregarding our school Travel Plan. This week, one of our members of staff needed to take a child to A and E but was prevented from leaving as their car was blocked in. We have a meeting arranged with our colleagues at Woodlands Meed to discuss a plan to keep our respective children safe by preventing such inconsiderate parking.

Have a really lovely weekend everyone.

Kindest regards,

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

World Mental Health Day 10th October - Wear something yellow.

Every year we celebrate World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October. The theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is 'Mental health is a universal human right'. World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health. It's also a chance to [talk about mental health](#), how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if you are struggling. **To mark World Mental Health Day we are asking all pupils and staff to wear something yellow (PE T Shirt) with their school uniform/PE kit for a minimum donation of £1.**

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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>
William	6B	For writing a brilliant setting description by using effective language and advanced grammatical structures and for completing his homework to a high standard. Well done, William!
Annabelle	6H	For demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning. You have worked extremely hard in lessons this week. Keep it up, Annabelle!
Riley	5D	For independently editing and improving his newspaper report about the Viking raid on Lindisfarne, where he was able to use relative clauses and a range of different conjunctive adverbs. Keep up all your hard work, Riley.
Leighton	5S	For showing bravery, determination and hard-work when writing an exciting, impactful newspaper report on a Viking raid. Well done!
Susie-Mae	4P	For demonstrating a community spirit and showing kindness to others on the Year 4 trip.
Diana	4O	For settling in so well and showing enthusiasm and curiosity for learning.
Veda	3M	For always trying her best in every lesson. You have shown resilience when ordering 3 digit numbers in maths. Well done!
Hrishikesh	3C	For consistently showing all our school values in every lesson and for creating a detailed Stone Age painting
James T	2K	For a mature, sensible and interested attitude on our trip to Arundel Castle.
Freddy	2M	For showing so much curiosity at Arundel Castle and asking brilliant questions. Well done Freddy!
Duna	1S	For following the school golden rules of being kind and gentle and always trying her best. Well done Duna!
Charlie	1M	For his fabulous home learning. I have been dazzled each week by the choices that Charlie has made and how brave he is to share these in front of the whole class.



London Meed loves Reading

Next week is [National Poetry day](#) which generates an explosion of activity nationwide, thousands of amazing events across the UK – in schools, libraries, bookshops and hospitals, on buses, trains and boats – all celebrating poetry's power to bring people together. The 2020 theme is Vision. Why not try reading some poems on the environment?



Thank you to all the parents who attended the KS2 reading and KS1 phonics meetings. It was very successful and we will share the information given in due course. Miss Oliver and Mrs Maddock

Year 2's trip to Arundel Castle



Yesterday we went on a coach to Arundel Castle. First we had a snack and then we walked in under the portcullis. Next we climbed up lots of steep, windy steps. After that we walked up to the battlements. Finally we got on the coach and went back to school. My best bit was the armoury room because I liked the Baron's sword and the cross bows. It was my best trip in my whole time at school! By Leo, 2M

'We had a great time at Arundel Castle. I liked seeing the dungeon and walking around the keep. It was really high up!' Amelia 2K



Year 4 Trip to Lewes Railway Land Reserve



Year 4 had a very successful trip to Lewes Railway Land reserve. They were a credit to the school. We learn all about fossils, rocks and soil and how they are made. We collected soil samples and created a sketch map of the cliffs. We enjoyed lunch by the river.

whose in charge - parenting course

Who's in Charge? is a 9 week child to parent violence (CPV) programme aimed at parents and carers whose children (age 8-18) are being abusive or violent towards them or who appear out of parental control. The structure of the programme consists of eight, weekly sessions with a two-month follow up. The programme is both educational and therapeutic, we will discuss the causes of CPV, give strategies to help you gain back control and support you throughout the process of change.

This will be an online, evening course. The charge for the whole course is £2.



Please email larnold@woodlandsmeed.co.uk to express interest. We can arrange a call back to discuss your individual needs.



LMA Forthcoming events

The LMA has set up a Patchwork page where they will be sharing upcoming events (including the upcoming Disco on the 19th October), notices, links for uniforms and donate buttons. To view the page click the link [London Meed Association Patchwork page](https://patchworkit.com/47860/londonmeed)

After School

DISCO

Yr 1 & 2 3.15pm – 4pm
Yr 3 & 4 4.15pm – 5pm
Yr 5 & 6 5.15pm – 6pm

**Thursday
October 19, 2023**

Tickets available here

<https://patchworkit.com/47860/londonmeed>



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>



Information-Participation-Support-Training

The West Sussex Parent Carer Forum (WSPCF) is a charity for parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

We support parent carers by providing information, support and training that equips them in their lifelong caring role and empowers them to participate in shaping services for their child or young person.

Become a West Sussex Parent Carer Forum member, it's FREE!

Only our members can access our popular events. By signing up you will automatically receive booking forms for events as soon as they are released. You will also receive key updates/information, important surveys and our regular newsletter.

Becoming a member is easy, simply click on the blue 'sign-up' button at the top of our website and complete the short form. You can unsubscribe at any time.



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Burgess Hill Youth Marching Band

GO ON, give it a try and be part of something amazing! We have had some London Meed children join us recently.

Click the link below or scan the QR code to leave us your details, and one of our team will be in touch shortly.

Give it a try and
be part of something
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- First 4 weeks are FREE
- Open to anyone aged 7+
- Instrument & uniform provided
- No experience necessary
- Performance opportunities

**Providing affordable music
tuition in West Sussex.**



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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.

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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

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

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