



London Meed Primary School Newsletter

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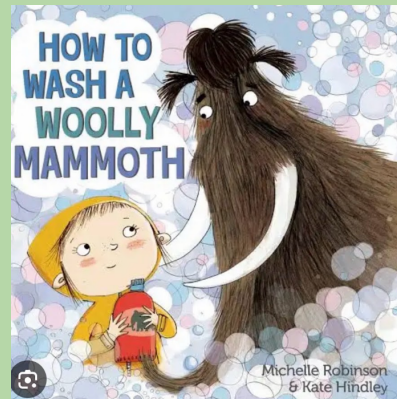
Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

The first full week has flown by. All of our lovely new Reception children have been starting at school, with stay and play sessions and then spending the whole morning including lunch. Monday is their first full day and we are so excited to finally have them in school.

Year 3 started with a trip to Camp Wowo. We were so pleased the weather was good for them and they all had a fantastic day. They got to try so many woodland activities such as fire lighting and den building.



Year 3 also had a fantastic time this week learning how to wash a woolly mammoth! They have been learning about the Stone Age and their text is 'How to wash a Woolly Mammoth' so the children went outside and washed some clothes whilst gathering vocabulary to describe what they are doing. This will help them write their own instructions.



I had such a lovely time at 'Hot Chocolate Friday' on Friday. I had the children below who have all been to me for hot chocolate before. What a lovely start to the term with such marvellous mannered children.



Our new playground equipment has been installed and is almost ready to go. Once the skip has been collected and we have held an OPAL assembly to introduce how to use it safely, the new equipment will then be open for the children to



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use. A HUGE thank you to our amazing LMA and parents for raising the money to pay for this - the children are going to love using them.



This week, our Reception children start full-time with us.

We also have our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for children in Year 1 through to Year 6. This is where the parents all meet together with the teacher to find out about the year ahead and any year group specific activities or events. Please do try and attend. They are all from 2.50pm through to 3.05pm.

Monday 14th - Year 6

Tuesday 15th - Year 4 (POSTPONED, NEW DATE TBC)

Wednesday 16th - Year 5

Thursday 17th - Year 3

Monday 21st - Year 1

Tuesday 22nd - Year 2

On Thursday, Year 2 is off to Arundel Castle for the day and I have Hot Chocolate Friday on Friday.

Hot School Lunches:

We have had a new company start providing our lunches from the start of this term and there have been some hiccups! Please bear with us as we all get used to a new system and iron out some of the teething problems. The feedback from children so far is positive around the lunches tasting better.

Reminders:

No Sweets or Treats for Birthdays:

We did send home a letter about this, but due to Benedict's Law, we have had to look at how we support children with allergies and we feel that this is no longer something we can allow the children to do. Children can still wear their own clothes for their birthday.



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Can we also remind you that the children must not bring any form of nut products into school such as nutella and that sweets and lollipops must not be put in lunchboxes. If you put grapes in your child lunch or snack, please make sure these are cut in half. Thank you.

Coats and Wet Weather Gear:

The weather last week was unpredictable so please can we ask that all children bring a coat into school. It will soon be that time when the children will need wellies and wet weather trousers to access the field and grassy areas, so please can you send your child in with these ready. Many children love being on the field when it gets muddy but they are not allowed unless they have the right gear.

Permissions:

Please can we have your permission forms sent back on Google Forms by the end of this week so we can make sure they are then passed on completed to class teachers. A form must be completed for every child in the school.

Parking:

We have parents that are parking in the staff parking bays or on the grass verges. Please can we ask that you do not use the staff bays as this then stops our staff from being able to park. The only cars allowed to park in the bay outside the school and in the parking bays next to the staff parking bays are those people with current Blue Badges. Anybody else will be asked to move. Please remember you are given parking permits for Queen's Crescent car park that you can use for both pick ups and drop offs.

Wool donations:

We are looking for any donations of wool that can be used for crochet club and other art activities. Please can any donations be given to Miss Dowley. Thank you.

Tesco Award - Very Exciting - keep collecting the blue tokens to help our school win:

Please keep collecting tokens when you go to Tesco and remind all of your families, friends, neighbours and colleagues to help collect for us too. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £1,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £500.

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project.

2163 Burgess Hill Superstore RH15 9QT

4616 Haywards Heath Walnut Park Express RH16 3TG

5047 Burgess Hill Gatehouse Express Express RH15 9XB

5242 Haywards Heath Express Express RH16 3PH

To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here:

<http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>



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To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Alison Bennett MP Christmas Card Competition:

Our local MP, Alison Bennett, is offering our children the chance to design a Christmas Card that she can use to send out at Christmas. The competition is open to children in Reception through to Year 6 and entries can be brought to the office.

Designs must be on A4 paper and must be portrait orientation. You can make them as fun, bright and colourful as you like but please avoid glitter, glue, cotton wool and any stick on items as they do not reproduce onto the finished design well. Children need to have their full name, year group and class and age on the back of their designs. The closing date is **Monday 28th September** and all card entries are being collected on Tuesday 29th so any entries brought in late will not be submitted.



Miss Dowley



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**26/27 | Term Dates**

**AUTUMN** | **Thur 3rd Sept – Fri 18th Dec**
Half Term 26th Oct – 30th Oct
INSET DAYS: 1st Sept & 2nd Sept

**SPRING** | **Tues 5th Jan – Thur 25th Mar**
Half Term 15th Feb – 19th Feb
INSET DAYS: 4th Jan

**SUMMER** | **Mon 12th Apr – Wed 21st July**
Half Term 31st May – 4th June
INSET DAYS: 28th May & 7th June

**1.30pm finish on
Fri 18th Dec, Thur 25th Mar & Wed 21st July**



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.

PE Days

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

- Yr1 - Tuesday and Thursday
- Yr2 - Monday and Wednesday
- Yr3 - Tuesday and Wednesday
- Yr4 - Wednesday and Thursday
- Yr5 - Monday and Tuesday
- Yr6 - Thursday and Friday



Email: fsm@westsussex.gov.uk
Tel: 0330 222 5555



WSCC FREE SCHOOL MEALS

YOU CAN APPLY

You can find out if you are eligible via the website below. If your application is successful or you require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact our office



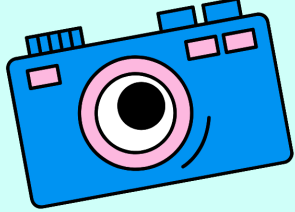
WHY APPLY?

- Free school meals ☒
- Financial support towards clubs ☒
- Uniform Vouchers ☒
- HAF Vouchers ☒
- School Trips & Visits Paid ☒

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

APPLY NOW

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY



MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER

Please ensure your child wears full school uniform
PE kits will NOT be required



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At the weekend Finlay took part in the Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity's Walk Together event. Finlay used his walking frame to walk 2.8km of the 5km route (with a piggyback for the rest!). The charity provide therapy and early intervention for children under 5 with cerebral palsy and other motor learning impairments. For over 3 and 1/2 years they gave Finlay weekly physio, music and speech therapy which has proved life changing for him. Finlay's walk raised over £1400 for the charity! We are so proud Finlay!

The LMA will be meeting for the first time in the next couple of weeks to start talking about their goals and targets for this year and start planning some exciting events, some traditional and some new! If you've got any ideas or would like to help out with an event of your choosing then just get in touch with them via lma@londonmeedprimary.co.uk or DM on Instagram @londonmeedassociation. They will be sharing their first newsletter following the meeting so watch this space.



Please can we ask all parents/cares to ensure their child stays at home should they suffer from sickness and/or diarrhoea. In order to reduce any spread to peers and staff we require all affected children to stay at home for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Drum Lessons with Milo



Learn to play the drums in school. No need to have a kit at home. Grooves, fills, reading, songs with backing tracks and grades all covered. Individual or shared lessons. 30 years professional playing experience and over 20 years teaching in schools. See www.milofell.com for more information.

Contact milofell@hotmail.com



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Name	Class	Award
Ivy	1M	For starting Year 1 so FANTASTICALLY. Ivy has such a positive attitude to learning and explores the new classroom environment with purpose and independence. She has shown she can be ready, respectful and safe. Well done Ivy
Jude	1C	For fantastic perseverance with number formation, what a wonderful start to the year, well done Jude!
Olivia	2O	For a super start to the term. You are always ready, respectful and safe. You remember your marvellous manners and set a great example to others.
Eleanor	2S	For settling into Year 2 brilliantly and already showing that you are always ready, respectful and safe. Well done Eleanor!
All of 3T	3T	Being brave, curious, resilient and respectful during our first Year 3 trip. You were all safe using the firelighters and listened carefully to adults. Well done!
Ollie	3N	For making an excellent start to Year 3! Ollie has been working hard in class, working hard at the Oasis, and even guided his teacher blindfolded through the woods on our trip to Camp Wowo! He is demonstrating our values of resilience and respect, and we are very proud of him! Well done, Ollie!
Cameron B	4SM	Showing fantastic curiosity in our lessons and always setting a great role model for others to follow. Cameron is a brilliant learner who always shows he is ready for his learning - thank you for being so brilliant!
Martha	4B	For being absolutely outstanding in everything that she has done since starting Year 4. Martha is always ready, puts all of her effort into her work and loves sharing her excellent ideas with the class. Thank you Martha, you are a wonderful role model for us all!
Emma	5C	For showing true resilience throughout the first two weeks of the new school year. Emma has positively embraced all aspects of Year 5, which has been a joy to see. Keep it up, Emma!
Dylan T.	5B	For showing curiosity in our lessons and asking thoughtful questions to develop his understanding. Dylan has made a very positive start to Year 5 and has demonstrated a keen interest in his learning. Keep it up, Dylan!



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Bonnie	6H	For a fantastic start to Year 6. Bonnie has demonstrated all of our school values this week and is an excellent role model for our youngest members of London Meed when carrying out responsibilities at lunchtime. In addition to this, Bonnie has shown resilience and ambition in her learning. Wonderful effort, Bonnie!
Bonnie	6D	For showing fantastic curiosity when exploring our class text by looking carefully for clues and using evidence to make thoughtful inferences about the characters and setting. It has been wonderful to see you confidently sharing your ideas and making thoughtful contributions to class discussions. What a brilliant start to Year 6, Bonnie!

Forthcoming diary dates

Date (Autumn Term)	Event - <i>Whilst we endeavour to provide parents with as much notice as possible of upcoming events, on occasion some events may change date.</i>
14th Sept	Year 6 Meet the Teacher at 2.50pm
15th Sept	POSTPONED ! Year 4 Meet the Teacher at 2.50pm
16th Sept	Year 5 Meet the Teacher at 2.50pm
17th Sept	Year 3 Meet the Teacher at 2.50pm
17th Sept	Year 2 to Arundel Castle
21st Sept	Year 1 Meet the Teacher at 2.50pm
22nd Sept	Year 2 Meet the Teacher at 2.50pm
30th Sept	Y5 Viking Day on site
30th Sept - 2nd Oct	Y6 Windmill Hill Residential
5th Oct	Individual School Photos
7th Oct	Open Morning for 2027 Reception Starters
9th Oct	Y1 to Wakehurst
16th Oct	Y4 to the National History Museum
16th Oct	Wear Something Yellow for charity



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19 October	Harvest Donations can be brought in
21 October	Harvest Festival with The Pantry
22 October	Inside Out Day
22nd Oct	LMA - School Discos (Y1-Y6)
23rd Oct	Flu nasal spray for all children
23 October	Break up for Half term at 3.15pm
31 October	Year 6 applications for Secondary school and Year 7 places for September 2027 closes
4th Nov	Open morning for 2027 Reception Starters
6 November	ROAR project day
10 November	Parents Evening 3.30 to 6.30
11 November	Armistice Day
11 November	Parents Evening 3.30 to 6.00
13th Nov	LMA - Non Uniform (sweet/chocolate donation)
20th Nov	LMA - Break a rule day (rainbow tombola)
25th Nov	Open morning for 2027 Reception Starters
27th Nov	LMA - Non uniform (bottle donation)
27th Nov	LMA - Christmas Fair
30th Nov	Panto (Whole School)
2nd Dec	Elf Run for St Peter & St James Hospice
7th & 8th Dec	KS1 Nativity
10th & 11th Dec	EYFS Nativity



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11 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
14th Dec	Carol Concert Rehearsal
15th Dec	Carol Concert at St Johns Church
16th Dec	Christmas Lunch and Party Day
18th Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays at 1.30pm