

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter 28th April 2023

BRAVERY, COMMUNITY, CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, RESPECT



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has flown by at London Meed. This week, I have dropped in to classes and have been impressed by the quality of the learning taking place. Our children are always so eager to share their thoughts and ideas and love to explain what they are learning and what helps them to learn. Children are making super progress against their individual starting points and this is very evident when looking through their books. Miss Oliver, our English Subject Leader, spent time on Thursday looking at reading provision through the school and the high priority that reading has in our school and the children's pleasure in reading was very apparent.

As you know, teachers who are members of the NEU have been striking on certain days over the last few months. One of the reasons for their actions is the financial impact of school budgets not keeping up with inflation and the cost of living. We are definitely feeling the effects of this, and the unfunded pay increases in our school, and are having to make difficult decisions. Unfortunately, this will mean passing some of the costs of trips and visitors to yourselves. From September, we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible of planned trips and events where contributions are required.

This week, we have also conducted our half termly Attendance Review. It is pleasing to note that overall school attendance is improving although we are not yet at our target of 97%. Please be assured that we would never keep a child in school if they were too unwell to be here. Headaches and cold-like symptoms often disappear as the distractions of the school day take place. Where poor attendance is of concern, we will send a reminder letter or invite you to attend a meeting where we will discuss how best to support you.

Just a reminder that that school will be closed for the next two Mondays as these are Bank Holidays.

Enjoy your long weekend.

Natalie Langtree
Head teacher

Do you love the outdoors? Mr Blake, our Forest School Lead is still looking for parent/carers volunteers to help out at Forest School. If you or a relative are interested please email Mr Blake via premises@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

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London Meed Hero Awards

Name of Child	Class	Reason
Evie W.	6B	For fantastic participation in all class discussions and for completing work of a high standard. Keep it up, Evie!
Henry S	6K	For fantastic effort during our fractions, decimals and percentages work this week. Your progress has been brilliant.
Mollie G	5D	For showing curiosity and working hard in maths when learning about angles and the properties of polygons. Keep up all your hard work, Mollie!
William S	5S	showing initiative and good independent learning skills by creating a book review summarising the message for one of our new topic books, 'Brother Eagle Sister sky'.
Aoife Williamson	4P	For always presenting her work to a very high standard.
Oscap P	4O	For superb knowledge of times tables and success in completing TTRockstars.
Jett	3M	For showing resilience when working independently in Maths and English!
Cadi	3C	For showing amazing focus in Maths that has allowed her to answer tricky questions and share her understanding with her peers.
Aden	2DJ	For showing resilience and trying hard even when things are difficult.
Alfie	2M	For using adjectives and adverbs to make his explanation text about The Great Fire of London really interesting to read.
Avitaj	1S	For demonstrating the school value of bravery when actively joining in with learning on the carpet.
Dotty-Mae	1W	For working hard to develop her phonics and how she can now apply this when reading and writing.
Caelan	Apple	Caelan, for a fantastic attitude to learning and trying so hard in everything he does.
Zoha		Zoha, for excellent reading this week and trying hard with her writing.



WSSC Safeguarding guidance

What should parents/carers do if they are concerned about an adult in a position of trust?

A parent/carers may be worried that a professional has:

- behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child, possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child
- behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates he or she may pose a risk of harm to children
- behaved or may have behaved in a way that indicates they may not be suitable to work with children

In the first instance, parents/carers should contact the setting/organisation to report a safeguarding concern. Parents/carers can also raise concerns directly with governing bodies.

However, if a parent/carers is unsure what to do and needs advice on how to report concerns, they can contact the Local Authority Designated Officer via LADO@westsussex.gov.uk or 03302226450. For more information, please see the [relevant webpage on allegations against someone who works with children](#).

What should parents/carers do when accessing activities or services?

Parents/carers should assure themselves that their children will be safe when they go off to a sports club, therapist, childminder etc. Not all sports clubs, youth groups, therapists are regulated, meaning that they may not be safe to work or volunteer with children. Not everyone who works or volunteers with children has a DBS check!

There are questions that parents/carers can ask the provider to assure themselves that children will be safe when they are with workers and volunteers. For more information, please visit the ['Safe clubs for children' campaign webpage](#).

National Online Safety



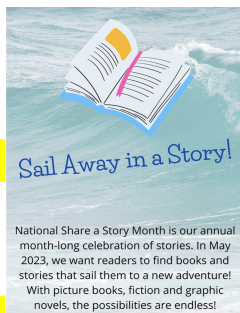
Recently rising in popularity among children and young people, Wizz is a social networking app that allows users to chat live with people from around the world. In similar fashion to a dating app, it facilitates conversations with people that users would not ordinarily meet – but of course, making connections to individuals online brings its own self-evident potential safety issues. While Wizz makes use of face recognition technology to assess users' age and group them by age group – but the software is far from perfect and there is no guarantee that some individuals won't attempt to exploit the app for sinister purposes. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide examines Wizz in detail, identifying pitfalls that parents and carers should be aware of. In the guide attached you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as catfishing, explicit content and "sextortion", and examines how trusted adults can take young people to avoid these

possible threats.



London Meed Loves Reading

National Share a Story month :



National Share-A-Story Month (NSSM) is an annual celebration of the power of storytelling and story sharing, providing a fantastic opportunity to fulfill the core aim of bringing children and stories together.

Ideas you may like to try for sharing stories at home:

Exchange a story - take turns to tell stories such as:

What was the most surprising or unusual journey you went on?

What traditions have been passed down your family?

Fortunately, unfortunately: This works best with a group of people sat in a circle:

1. First person begins their sentence with 'fortunately', and introduces the first sentence of a story.
2. The next person builds on the story by starting with the word 'unfortunately'.
3. Everyone goes round in circles, taking turns with alternative 'fortunately' and 'unfortunately' sentences. This activity encourages creativity, humour and some unexpected endings!

Put yourself into someone else's shoes: choose a favourite character or animal and answer questions such as:

Where have they travelled?

What have they seen?

What are their likes and dislikes?

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 and Wednesday
Year 6	Monday and Thursday



MY FAMILY COACH

Powered by **TeamTeach**

Free Positive Behaviour Support for Parents and Carers

A new service has been launched by Team Teach, called My Family Coach.

It is completely free to parents and is a parental engagement service to connect the dots between behaviour challenges that may be displayed in school but may start or continue into home life

So how can they help?

The [My Family Coach](https://www.myfamilycoach.com/) platform and supporting My Family Journal app* are the source of over 130 hours of specialist content, insights, support classes, one-to-one coaching and further resources that schools and parents can use to better understand and respond to their children's challenges.

Follow the link or search for <https://www.myfamilycoach.com/>

Reaching Families

[Reaching Families](#) is a parent-carer led, grassroots charity which aims to support parents and families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in their daily lives, in particular through the delivery of information, training and peer support. They work with over 3,000 West Sussex families every year through a range of high quality projects and services. They have recently updated their Summer term training programme for Parents which can be viewed by clicking the following link [Reaching Families Summer term training](#)

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.





CAHMS Free Parent workshops

Please find below details of a free online event, organised by our Sussex Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) in May, which is open to ALL parents and carers of young people in Sussex.

CAMHS will be running workshops on 5 different topics, for parents/carers to attend, with sessions running in the morning, afternoon and evening to enable as many as possible to attend.

CAMHS PARTICIPATION
YOUR VOICE MATTERS

NHS
Sussex Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

**WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS
SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
WITH THEIR
MENTAL HEALTH**

16TH MAY

**FREE TO ANY
PARENT/CARER
LIVING IN
SUSSEX**

5 WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE COVERING:

- › Anxiety
- › Sleep
- › Managing self-harm and suicidal thoughts
- › Autism and challenging behaviour
- › Eating disorders

Workshops will be delivered on
16TH MAY AT 9:30AM, 12:30PM AND 7PM

Workshops last 90 minutes and have a 15 minute
Q&A session (pre-sent questions only)

WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Scan here:  Or visit:
<https://bit.ly/3LvABw5>

FREE DIGITAL GOODY
BAG OF RESOURCES
AND INFORMATION FOR
EACH ATTENDEE

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?
If you have any questions, please email: Melissa.Baitmansour@spft.nhs.uk

Delivered by Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

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Summer term dates for your diary

Mon 1st May	Bank holiday - school closed
Tues 2nd May	Trunk Theatre visiting Y2 School closed for the following classes - 3M and 6K due Strike Action.
Mon 8th May	Bank holiday - school closed
Monday 15th May	Y3 trip to Fishbourne (CHANGE OF DATE)
Tues 16th May	Y6 Residential Parents meeting at 3.15pm
Mon 22nd May	Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers photos
Tues 23rd May	Y2 visit to Burgess Hill Library Y4 Residential Parents meeting at 3.15pm
Wed 24th May	Y3 visit to Burgess Hill Library
Thurs 25th May	Y1 visit to Burgess Hill Library Parents/Carers will be invited to a School Picnic from 1.30-3.30pm - details to follow
Fri 26th May	INSET day - school closed
29th May - 2nd June	Half term holidays - school closed
Mon 5th June	INSET day - school closed
Tues 6th June	Children return to school after the half term break
Thurs 8th June	Y1 to the Sealife Centre
Sat 10th June	LMA Colour Run/Summer Fair - details to follow
Wed 14th - Fri 16th June	Y6 Residential Trip
Mon 19th June	New Parents Evening for children starting school in Sept 2023.
Sun 25th June	Burgess Hill Children's Parade - details to follow
Wed 28th June	Your Space Parent/Carer Workshop in the small hall 1.20-2.50pm. The workshop is called Overcoming Overwhelm. Further details to follow.
Thurs 29th - Fri 30th June	Y4 Residential
Tues 4th July	EYFS to Drusillas
Wed 5th July	Transition Day. Children will meet their new teachers. Details to follow.
Thurs 6th July	Y6 to Tea Thyme for Pizza
Fri 7th July	Annual reports sent to parents.
Week commencing 10th July	All clubs finish for the term. Y6 Life Skills week.

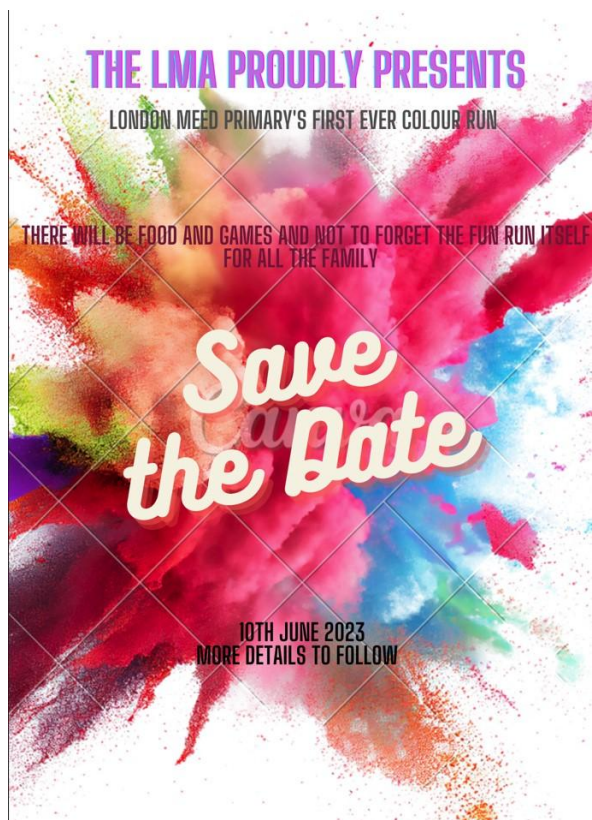
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Tues 11th July	Current Y5 parent meeting about September Y6 residential
Wed 12th July	A chance for parents to meet their child's new teacher and say goodbye to their existing teacher. Details to follow.
Fri 14th July	Sports Day from 1.10pm - full details to follow
Mon 17th and Tues 18th July	Year 6 Production at 6pm. Details to follow in due course.
Thurs 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 7-9pm.
Fri 21st July	Last day of term. 10 am - Year 6 Parents will be invited to the Goodbye Assembly.





BURGESS HILL BIG CORONATION LUNCH

LIVE MUSIC **ST JOHN'S PARK**
12 - 4PM
SUNDAY 7 MAY **FOOD STALLS**



BURGESS HILL BIG CORONATION LUNCH

**FOOD DONATIONS WELCOME AS
PART OF THE 'BIG HELP OUT'**

ATTENDEES ARE WELCOMED TO BRING ONE OR TWO
OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN EXCHANGE FOR USE
OF THE FREE ACTIVITIES

- COFFEE
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED CUSTARD
- JAM
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- PASTA
- PEANUT BUTTER
- PASTA SAUCE
- CHOCOLATE SPREAD

**DONATIONS WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE
FOODBANK AND THE PANTRY**



FLOATERS SWIM SCHOOL

Fun, safe and progressive swimming lessons to
suit all abilities in Burgess Hill and
Hurstpierpoint.

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stage 4)
Saturday AM at Hurstpierpoint College (stage 5 and above)

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Visit - www.floaters.co.uk

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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

Academic Year 2022-2023 term dates including INSET Days

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

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