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**DON'T FORGET NON UNIFORM DAYS ON MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER
AND FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER - SEE DIARY DATES FOR WHAT DONATIONS ARE REQUIRED!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Spellings

Your teacher has probably provided you with words for your child to learn to spell. There are many ways to do this, but this needs to take place more than once a week, because we all want children to spell the word correctly at times other than just in a spelling test.

The most effective way to learn spellings is by writing them, which children need to do many times to lock them into their muscle and visual memory. Initially, this should be 'look, cover, write and check' and can happen without parents' full attention because your son or daughter simply copies a word, covers it up and writes it again, then uncovers the word to check it. They need to do so three times to prove to you that they have learnt the word. Another way of learning a word is to write a 'word pyramid' adding 1 letter at a time on each line underneath. A really good way to support spelling is to ask your child to write a short sentence containing the target spelling word. The last (and possibly least effective) way is for your child to simply respond verbally to spelling words – car journeys are useful for this. Please be aware that children often find learning spellings difficult if the radio or TV is on, because they need to concentrate hard on discerning individual sounds within words. Mix it up occasionally, by reviewing past spellings and it is especially helpful to link words which share the same spelling pattern. Thank you for practising spellings at home because this really assists your child to develop as a writer.

Please visit our website at

<http://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/spellings/>

for further useful information on Spellings.



Indoor Athletics competition

London Meed had a great time taking part in the Mid Sussex Indoor Athletics competition on Tuesday. 20 children from years 5 & 6 took part in a variety of events and made the school proud with their team spirit and have a go attitude. Well done to all who took part. Miss Parker

Sports Crew Training

Year 5 children enjoyed attending sports crew training on Wednesday 15th November to become our new sports crew in school. Miss Griffiths



The Orchard Walking Tour



On Wednesday afternoon The Orchard went on a walking tour to meet some "Everyday Heroes" in Burgess Hill. We delivered letters to the Fire Station, Police Station and to the Library as we had received a letter from the postman to say that he had been poorly and not been able to deliver all the mail. Unfortunately, we couldn't find the Stick House, Brick House or Straw House but we will continue the search back at school!

Mr Verner and Mrs Denham

Odd Sock Day



As you are aware that it is anti-bullying week this week. The theme for this year is 'All Different, All Equal' and the idea is to help children and young people celebrate what makes them, and others, unique and help them understand why it's important that every child feels included in

school and their community, and are able to be themselves.

Attached is a link to the anti-bullying alliance which has some information. <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-17>

Y3 Board Games

For their Home Learning this week Y3 designed their own Board Games and enjoyed playing them on Thursday.



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School Christmas Lunch - 14th December

We will be hosting our whole school Christmas lunch on Thursday 14th December with a surprise visitor. For children who are in The Orchard to Y2 who receive a Universal Free School

Meal we will require parents/carers to return the order slip to the school office by Wednesday 22nd November. Please note if a slip is not returned a meal will not be ordered for your child.

For children in years 3-6 you will need to order their Christmas online by the end of November at the latest at Cygnet/Chartwell

via <https://www.cygnetmealselector.co.uk/>

We are very much looking forward to this event and the Christmas Crackers for all children have already been ordered!

Cycle Safety



The police have couple of reports of children cycling without lights or reflectors, which would be advisable now the clocks have changed and dawn & dusk are later. Many thanks and kind regards. Paul PCSO Paul Umney 35651

Police Community

Support Officer

Mid Sussex Neighbourhood Policing Team

Haywards Heath Police Station

Telephone 101 or 999 for Emergencies

<https://sussex.police.uk/contact-us/report-online/>

Do you have any questions, comments or suggestions for newsletter items or School Improvement?

Pop your question into an envelope and mark it for Ms Reece's attention and I'll either be in touch or include your item in the next Friday newsletter. Thank you

Yours sincerely,

Candida Reece

Head teacher

Other Important News

Congratulations to Daniel J

Daniel had to face an unbeaten fencing champion in order to compete for a £50 donation to our school. He

participated in three fencing challenges and won! Many congratulations Daniel, we are very proud of you

Christmas Fair – Saturday 2nd December

Did you know:

- That you can hire a table for £20, donate a raffle prize and keep all the money from your sales? Please contact Tracy or Olivia via LMA@londonmeedprimary.co.uk for details.
- That some companies offer 'match funding' (often banks) for employees who volunteer at events like school fairs? This means we make twice the amount the stall you work on takes. Please let Ms Reece know if your employer offers this. We are always delighted to take advantage of this generous scheme.



Tickets to see Santa and the Magic Show will be on sale in the school library Thursday 23rd to Wednesday 29th November
Santa tickets are £3.50
Magic show tickets are £2.50.



WE'RE ALL EARS 2017

NSMWSchool 1017

LOVE SCHOOL - Meals - WE'RE ALL EARS

Chartwells is the catering partner chosen to provide tasty and nutritious meals in your child's school and to coincide with National School Meals Week, we'd really love to know what you think of our school meals. Last year thousands of you completed our survey and it provided us with really valuable feedback. It helped us to understand what you like and what you think needs improving and we've been able to use the information to make changes and build plans around our food for the future.

HAVE YOUR SAY
13th November – 24th November 2017

COMPLETE OUR SURVEY
For your chance to win **FANTASTIC PRIZES**

GO TO [WESTSUSSEX.MEALSELECTOR.CO.UK/NSMW](https://www.sussex.mealselector.co.uk/NSMW) TO TAKE THE SURVEY

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EAT LEARN LIVE

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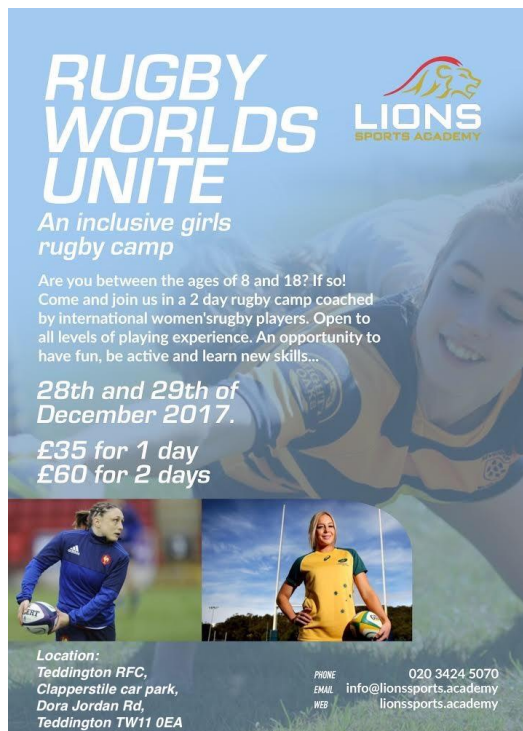
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for a chance to win some fantastic prizes!



**RUGBY
WORLDS
UNITE**

*An inclusive girls
rugby camp*

Are you between the ages of 8 and 18? If so!
Come and join us in a 2 day rugby camp coached
by international women's rugby players. Open to
all levels of playing experience. An opportunity to
have fun, be active and learn new skills...

**28th and 29th of
December 2017.**

**£35 for 1 day
£60 for 2 days**

Location:
Teddington RFC,
Clapperstile car park,
Dora Jordan Rd,
Teddington TW11 0EA

PHONE 020 3424 5070
EMAIL info@lionssports.academy
WEB lionssports.academy

2nd	LMA Christmas Fair
12th	KS1 production 2pm
13th	KS1 production 2pm
14th	KS2 Carol Service at St Johns Church 10am Whole School Christmas Lunch
18th	The Orchard Nativity 2.15pm
20th	Christmas Party Day across the school

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Autumn Term 2017	Tues 5 th Sept 2017	w/c 23rd Oct 2017	Wed 20th Dec 2017
	Inset Days: - Fri 20 th October 2017 Mon 30 th October 2017		
Spring Term 2018	Thurs 4th Jan 2018	w/c 12th Feb 2018	Thurs 29th March 2018
Summer Term 2018	Mon 16 th April 2018	w/c 28 th May 2018	Tues 24th July 2018
	Inset Days: - Fri 25 th May 2018 & Monday 4 th June 2018		

Urgently needed items to the Help Refugees/ L' Auberge Warehouse in Calais

Please see attached for how you can help.

Dates for your Diary

(Dates for the academic year

can be found on the calendar on our website)



INSET days Academic Year 2017-2018

Friday 25th May 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Inset Days 2018-2019

Inset Dates for the Academic Year 2018-2019

3rd September 18, 19th October 18, 29th October 18
25th February 19, 3rd June 19

NOVEMBER

20 th	Non Uniform Day for donations of Wrapped sweets or good quality toys or gifts
22nd	Deadline for children in Reception –Y2 to order a Christmas lunch
23 rd	Flu Vaccinations (Nasal spray) for years 1 to 4
24th	Non Uniform Day for donations of toiletries. Santa sacks due in
27 th	Non Uniform Day for donations of bottles either alcoholic or non-alcoholic

DECEMBER

1 st	Wear your uniform with a Christmas accessory for a donation of cakes or wrapped chocolate
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