



Dear Parents/Carers,

I know the summer holiday can bring some difficulties to families who attempt to juggle work commitments with child care, but we all wish our community a relaxing break from school. Children (and staff of course) need a break from each other and hopefully pursue other (or find other!) interests. We need children to continue to read and really appreciate families who find reasons for children to write. You might ask your child to write shopping lists for you, or send postcards, keep a journal/diary/scrapbook, or write a thank you letter to someone. This will mean your son or daughter holds onto recent academic progress and means the learning journey next year is not a daunting for staff or children. I look forward to seeing you all (Y1-Y6), relaxed and refreshed, on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, following INSET on 4<sup>th</sup> when staff will be working on School Development.

### **Raising Achievement Plan**

A summary of our Post-Ofsted plan has been attached to this newsletter and will also be available on our website. This shows how priorities identified by Ofsted will be addressed by staff in school.

### **Do you volunteer at London Meed?**

.... Of you do, we would all like to say a huge **THANK YOU**. You may be a parent or grandparent past or present, who supports a class every week, in which case you may:

- Run a regular Art/sewing/craft session/modern foreign language session with groups of children
- Support children
- File, photocopy or otherwise offer administrative support to teaching staff
- Prepare resources for graphics or writing areas
- Provide props, backdrops or costumes for productions
- Participate in Forest Schools sessions....or 100 other things!

You may be a governor, in which case you attend meetings, staff a stall at the Fayres and assist with monitoring activities.

You may be on our LMA in which case you regularly come into school to sell tickets, ice creams, or organise events like the Fayres and Discos.

You may be a parent who washes and distributes the free school fruit scheme on a regular basis.

Please know that we really could not do without you and we really do appreciate your support – if you would like to assist us in any of the ways above please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance, or the LMA of course, if you would like to join that energetic and creative group of stalwart supporters.

### **Year Six we will really miss you!**

Thank you, parents of Year Six, for selecting London Meed in the first place and thank you Year Six, for having a positive influence on our school, for being so involved and contributing so much. We'll try to get along without you next year but wish you all the best in your new school (don't forget that you still represent us there, so behave and work hard).

### **Your Report Feedback**

Thank you to parents who have provided helpful feedback directly to class teachers. Teaching staff have followed up questions raised by parents in relation to reports, so please do contact them directly if this has not yet been your experience.

Thank you for your comments on report slips, some of these follow:

'It shows a real understanding of her as a person'

'the hard work is evident'

'A positive and very enjoyable year'

'The letter which came with the report really helped me get the most from the report itself'

'Really proud...always tried hard'

'Huge thank you'

'Grades and comments were really clear'

'She continues to thrive and do well'

'he has come on in everything and really enjoyed the Topics'

'... has been totally supported and allowed her to grow emotionally and in her education'

'A fantastic seven years – thank you'

Teaching and support staff really treasure comments like these, because it's this that sustains them – thank you to all who have returned these.

### **Statutory Assessments and Tests**

Please use the links below to find what information is provided for parents in relation to assessments and tests taken in Year Two and Year Six. You may also be interested in this information if your child is in Year One or Year Five currently, so you can see what will be reported next year.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-assessment-results-at-the-end-of-key-stage-1-information-for-parents>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-assessment-results-at-the-end-of-key-stage-2-information-for-parents>

### **Parent Questionnaire**

Thank you to parents who took the time to complete a governor survey – please find their summary attached. 97% parents continue to agree 'my child is taught well' and 96% 'my child is making good progress' (up from



93%). Perhaps more important are these indications of how safe and happy your children feel at London Meed, because we do care about how your child develops and grows as a person.

### **A Star Writer!**

Amber S 4O, is one of the area winners for the West Sussex Writing Competition! Apparently there were 1,200 entries so Amber has done extremely well. A little package containing books and a certificate was presented to Amber today. Warm congratulations to Amber and Miss Oliver, we are really proud of you.

### **The Orchard Graduation**



Parents and Carers celebrated their children graduating from Reception yesterday. The children collected a certificate and performed a shark poem. The afternoon was finished with parents/carers being invited back to the Orchard for a book look.

### **School Council**

Mrs Langtree would like to say a massive thank you to the School Council for all their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment throughout this year. They have conducted assemblies, organised money raising events for charity, kept on top of lost property and been an absolute credit to our school each and every day.

### **Medications**

Please ensure all prescribed medications are collected from the classroom and/or the office. Please return the prescribed medication on the first day back at school. We would ask that you check that any medication is in date, in the original packaging and that a parental consent form has been completed.

### **Snuffles Guinea Pig**

Would you be willing to look after our school guinea pig for the summer holidays? We would be able to provide all food, bedding and hutch. Please see Mrs Chalmers in the school office if you are interested.

Yours sincerely

Candida Reece

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Wanted: Parents to help London Meed's improvement journey.**

Could you be a Parent Governor and help the school improve our children's education?

We need two dedicated Parent Governors who can help shape and deliver our Raising Achievement Plan by providing constructive challenge and support. Usually two formal meetings per term, one starting at 10am and one at 6pm. Others generally take place during the school (or working) day. Why not give something back to your child's school and help everybody at London Meed achieve great things?

For more information, please speak to any of the governors or Ms Reece, without obligation.

For general information on being a school governor, go to <http://schools.westsussex.gov.uk/Page/1417>

We will be formally asking for volunteers at the beginning of next term and giving out more details then about how to apply.

Have a great summer.

London Meed Governors

### **MDMS Vacancy**

We are looking to recruit Midday Meal Supervisors to start in September. If you are interested in the joining the team, please visit the office for a job description and application form.

### **Library Reading Challenge**

Carol, from the local library explained the challenge to children in assembly. We need children to continue to read during the break, so please do get your child involved – wristbands, stickers and a mystery to solve are all involved as well as books! Happy reading.

### **Warning about new Snapchat feature 'Snap Map'**

Many of you will have seen the media reports about the new feature in snap chat which allows a person's location to be shared. For those who haven't, 'Snap Map' can now identify the location of an individual and regular locations visited.

For parents and those working with children it has the potential to locate where a child is located and what school they go to, where they hang out etc.

You can find further guidance and information about safer use on 'Snap Map' and how to change settings on the [UK Safer Internet Centre website](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk).

### **Bikeability**

The road safety team will be offering Bikeability Level 3 training during the Summer holidays to pupils who have achieved Bikeability Level 2. This course is ideal for those wishing to cycle to secondary school in the



future. Further details can be found on our website by following the link below.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-safety/cycle-safety-courses-for-school-children/#bikeability-level-3>



Our violin pupils recently gave a lovely performance in assembly. Both individual and shared lessons are offered at school.

If you are interested in violin lessons for your child, please visit the West Sussex Music website for more details including current prices and application form; [www.westsussexmusic.co.uk](http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk)

### Chinese Martial Arts

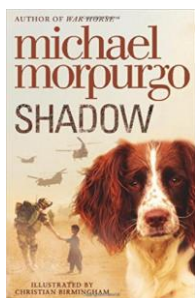


Curtis P competed in a Chinese martial arts competition on Sunday. He was put in a higher group than normal, the under 13 Category and won a silver medal. Well done Curtis.

### STOP PRESS WINNER OF THE WEST SUSSEX CHILDREN'S STORY BOOK AWARD 2017

I am delighted to be able to inform you that after much passionate debate in schools "The Many Worlds of Albie Bright" by Christopher Edge has been voted the favourite title and winner of the West Sussex Children's Story Book Award 2017.

### Book Review



#### Shadow by Michael Morpurgo

This book is about a boy called Aman who has to move away because his country is at war.

I would recommend this if you like action books and like dogs. The book has pictures when it gets exciting. This book is for ages 7+ because it has a lot of action.

By Kai 5P

### Dates for your Diary

(Dates for the academic year

can be found on the calendar on our website)



#### INSET days Academic Year 2017-2018

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### JULY

24<sup>th</sup>

Y6 Awards Assembly 9am – Parents/Carers welcome

25<sup>th</sup>

Y6 Leavers Event 7-9pm – children only  
Last day of term

### SEPTEMBER

4<sup>th</sup>

Inset Day

5<sup>th</sup>

Children in years 1-6 return

5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

Children starting in the Orchard have home visits

8<sup>th</sup>

Getting to know you – The Orchard  
Autumn only 8.55-1.15pm

11<sup>th</sup>

Getting to know you – The Orchard  
Spring only 8.55-1.15pm

12<sup>th</sup>

Getting to know you – The Orchard  
Summer only 8.55-1.15pm

13<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>

Autumn/Spring/Summer all in till 1.15pm

18<sup>th</sup>

All children in the Orchard in full time

25<sup>th</sup>

Individual and sibling photos taken

29<sup>th</sup>

Beginners Breakfast for parents/carers of children in the Orchard. 9-10.30am

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



Mid Sussex District Council's

# Playday

Wheels in Motion

**FREE fun activities for everyone**



**Wednesday  
2nd August  
St John's Park,  
Burgess Hill  
11am - 3pm**

Solar car racing   Bike races   Arts tent   Bouncy castle   Circus skills   Gypsy & Traveller Vardo   Sports Fair

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL   places people   CLARION   BurgessHill Town Council

For further info contact: [communityservices@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:communityservices@midsussex.gov.uk)



# Rock Up & Ride!

**FREE BMX COACHING  
AND ROCK UP & RIDE SESSIONS**

**24 AUGUST 2017**

BURGESS HILL BMX TRACK ( OFF MAPLE DRIVE )

**COACHED SESSIONS - 10.30-11.30 & 1.30-2.30**  
PLACES TO BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE VIA RESPECT YOUTH CLUB 01444 871275

**ROCK UP & RIDE SESSIONS - 12.00-1.00 & 3.00-4.00**

**PLEASE WEAR LONG TROUSERS AND BRING A HELMET**

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