



Dear Parents/Carers,

Requests for Withdrawal from Learning

London Meed parents and carers are aware that permission for absence in school time can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. We do always need to receive requests for holidays in term time, but do be aware that we share this information with the Local Authority who can decide to apply a Fixed Penalty Notice, this is a fine of £60 per parent per child. Absences in May and June are the most difficult for teaching staff to manage because this is when annual assessments take place, so please do everything possible to avoid absence during these months. National Tests take place for pupils in Y6 during the week beginning 8th May and we need 100% attendance during that week.

Staff Car Park

We have become increasingly concerned about the safety of children who cross our staff car park to drop off children in the morning. From next week, the car park gates will be closed to prevent vehicle access between 8.30-9am, so pedestrian access will have to be through our main entrance. We will continue to monitor the situation to see if this is necessary at afternoon pick up too. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes, but we must keep our school community safe. Pedestrian access via our KS1 playground steps will remain unaffected. Thank you for your understanding.

Safer Internet Day – 7th February

Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day (SID 2017) - a global campaign designed to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

- 76% of 12 – 15 year olds have a social networking profile
- 40% of 5-15 year olds have their own tablet

This year's theme **"Be the change: Unite for a better internet"** aims to encourage young people to use the internet to positive effect, while giving them the knowledge and skills to be resilient and navigate away from any online risks they may come across.

WSCC has produced a [guide to 'Keeping Your Children Safe Online'](#). The advice includes how to approach conversations and how to implement parent controls. In support of Safer Internet Day, please take time to read and share this guide. View here:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/8735/online-safetycompleted.pdf>

Follow three key steps to maximise your online security:

- Use a strong **password**. But what does that mean? Chose three random words, numbers and symbols can still be used if needed. Don't use words which relate to you.
- Always download the latest **software** updates as soon as they are available. The update will contain vital security upgrades which help keep your devices secure.
- **Antivirus** software is crucial to protect your device from viruses and hackers, therefore it is important to have this installed on your device and keep it up to date. Visit the WSCC's [Safer Internet Day campaign page www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/safer-internet-day-2017](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/safer-internet-day-2017) for more information.

Other News

Book Review



Horrible Histories by Terry Deary

It's amazing! I love this book because it is gory and it is full of facts. There are some upsetting parts and funny parts too. The pictures in the book are really well drawn and I recommend it to people that like gory facts.

Selfie Culture

Please see the link below for an interesting article on young people's mental health link to selfie culture.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/wellbeing/mood-and-mind/mental-health-crisis-among-children-selfie-culture-sees-cases/> PC Theresa Broad DB770 Neighbourhood Schools Officer Tel 101 Ext 536250

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Dates for your Diary for the Autumn Term.

(Further dates for the academic year

can be found on the calendar on our website)



FEBRUARY

7 th	Safer Internet Day
16 th	The Orchard Night in the Museum Pyjama Party at 6pm
17 th	Last day of half term
20 th – 24 th	Half term
27 th	First day back after half term

MARCH

2 nd	World Book Day
Week of 6 th	Scholastic Book Fair
14 th	Parent Consultations 3-5pm
16 th	Parent Consultations 3-7pm

APRIL

7 th	Last day of term
10 th -21 st	Easter break
24 th	First day back after Easter break