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Dear Parents/Carers,

Have a happy half term!

Just a quick reminder that school is open for children from Tuesday 26th February. Only staff will be in school for INSET on Monday – we'll be comparing our pupils' writing (favourably, we hope) with others from local schools.

School Adviser Visit

A local authority audit took place this week and the following is taken from the report provided:

"There were clearly high expectations across the sample of books (English, mathematics, Science and Humanities) in relation to: attitudes to learning, challenge, review and self and peer assessment; Books demonstrated that teachers plan a wide range of meaningful and engaging activities to motivate and engage children across the curriculum subjects; Teachers develop, consolidate and deepen children's knowledge, understanding and skills. They give sufficient time for children to review what they are learning and develop further; Teachers identify and support children with their misconceptions, intervening quickly to help them to improve their learning;"

Children's Mental Health

We provide children with three simple messages to support good mental health and these are:

- Eat a healthy diet
 - Have enough sleep (turn off screens 1 hour before bedtime)
 - Do enough exercise - at least 60 minutes every day
- Building self-esteem also builds resilience, so find a reason to praise your child

Y6 SATs meeting

On Tuesday 12th February the Y6 teachers held a SATs information meeting. The aim of the meeting was to:

- To share important information about KS2 SATs tests
- To make parents/carers aware of the expectations for the end of Year 6
- To answer questions about KS2 SATs
- To discuss/share ideas about how parents/carers, can help their child at home

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www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk and you will find all the information under the latest news section.

Glow Disco

....was a fantastic event, 230 children came to one of the two discos last night and experienced the fun of glow sticks, neon face paints and some of their favourite songs. A huge thank you to Vicky S and her team, for making sure every child was safely cared for while they enjoyed themselves – thanks too, to staff who supported this event. The borrowed UV lights (thank you Paul B) made everything extra special. JW Sounds very kindly ran the disco free of charge for us, James gets it right in terms of ensuring appropriate lyrics and a soundtrack children love and he also does discos for adults. Please feel free to contact him via email or mobile as detailed here for any disco requirements.



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 News

World Book Day 7th March

World Book Day is on the 7th March and we invite children to dress up as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book to discuss with their reading buddies. Each child will receive a book token to spend at participating book shops, or at our Scholastic book fair the following week.



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Scholastic Book Fair 11th – 14th March

Scholastics visiting book fair will be open after school till 3.45 from Monday 11th March to Thursday 14th March. There will be a range of books for all ages.

Music Clubs

Band will recommence on Tuesday March 5th however, Choir will restart on Wednesday February 27th. Thank you Mrs Walker

Cricket Tasters



Burgess Hill Cricket club have been running taster sessions on a Friday morning for years 2 and 3. All the children have enjoyed this. Burgess Hill Cricket club are keen for new players to join

them this season please visit

<http://www.burgesshillcc.co.uk/> for more details

Y3 Trip to Plumpton

Our Y3 trip to Plumpton College on Tuesday 12th February by William C and Daisy H

About cows

We saw some cows that gave milk and also gave birth to calves but a mother trod on a calf accidentally. The calf was only aged about 2 weeks old. Cows can either be a milk cow or a beef cow. For milk cows they accept females, but for beef it is the other way round!



About pigs

Pigs have different names. A female pig is called a sow, a male a boar. The pigs were very noisy because they kept nudging the metal bars. There were sections of



boars and mostly sows. In a small room, there were sows with their piglets waiting for a couple more. In the next section, they were piglets who were over 4 weeks old

but there were without their mothers. We didn't know they left their mothers at just 4 weeks old.

Did you know the farm have more sows because they think they are important than the males as they generate more milk for the piglets?

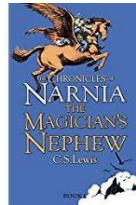
Did you know sows can have at least 14 piglets?

Plumpton has had a sow who gave birth to 27!

Book Review

The Chronicles of Narnia -The Magician's Nephew

By C S Lewis



Every chapter is bursting with unexpected twists which will take hold of you, drawing you closer and closer to the main events making them more intense and adventurous, as the book draws to

an end in fireworks of excitement and mystery.

I would recommend this book to anyone who loves adventure, mysteries and magic. I think this book is suitable for ages 8 years and above.

Eliaana 6B

Dates for your Diary

18 th Feb to 22 nd Feb	Half term
25 th Feb	Inset Day
26 th Feb	Children return to school No Band
27 th Feb	Choir starts back after half term
1 st March	Y6 Parents informed of their child's secondary school allocation by email
4 th March	8am Online booking system opens for Parents Evening/Y6 Family Learning conferences
5 th March	Special Pancake Day lunch menu
7 th March	World Book Day – children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character
8 th March	8pm Online booking system closes for Parents Evening/Y6 Family Learning conferences
11 th – 14 th March	Scholastic Book Fair taking place in the library from after school till 3.45pm.
12 th March	Parents Evening/FLC till 5.30pm
14 th March	Parents Evening/ FLC till 6.30pm
15 th March	No Hockey club
5 th April	Y5 & 6 Residential Trips final balance deadline Last day of the Spring term
8 th April to 22 nd April	Easter holidays
23 rd April	Children return to school