



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has gone by and I am sure, like me, you are all looking forward to a break from schooling over Half Term. We have an INSET day on Friday 12th February where class teachers will be revising our curriculum provision. No work will be set for Friday 12th February or Half Term. Parents and Carers have done a fantastic job of facilitating Home Learning and you, children and school staff all need a well-earned rest.

Please note that we have absolutely no capacity to take any more key worker/critical worker children in school at the moment. Our priority is to keep everyone safe. We would not be able to do this if we had to have more staff on site. This would also impact on our ability to provide Remote Learning. I appreciate this is causing difficulties for some of you and we hope the current situation does not continue for much longer.

This week the Senior Leadership Team have been monitoring the work completed at home and at school. We are delighted with the quality of the Remote Learning set and submitted. This has been a collaborative effort between home and school and exemplifies our Community value.

We would really appreciate your thoughts and feedback in relation to Remote Learning. Please complete a short survey by 5pm on Monday 8th February following the link below
<https://forms.gle/qXBso4JZtT21dERB7>

The forecast for next week at the moment is showing a likelihood of snow. Many of our staff commute to Burgess Hill and may not be able to travel safely if there is a heavy snowfall. In the event of school closure we will let you know by 7am via text, email and a message will be posted to the school website.

Natalie Langtree, Acting Head teacher

Email addresses to contact teachers

Please only contact teachers via their year group email addresses listed below. Thank you.

The Orchard	theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 1	year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 2	year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 3	year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 4	year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 5	year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 6	year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

Encouraging a Love of Reading

Author of the week



This week children in The Orchard have been having great fun reading "Supertato" by Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra. They were very excited every morning to see what mischief has been caused by "Evil Pea"!



They have created the characters using vegetables, written sentences about their favourite part of the story and enjoyed tasting a range of fruit and vegetables.

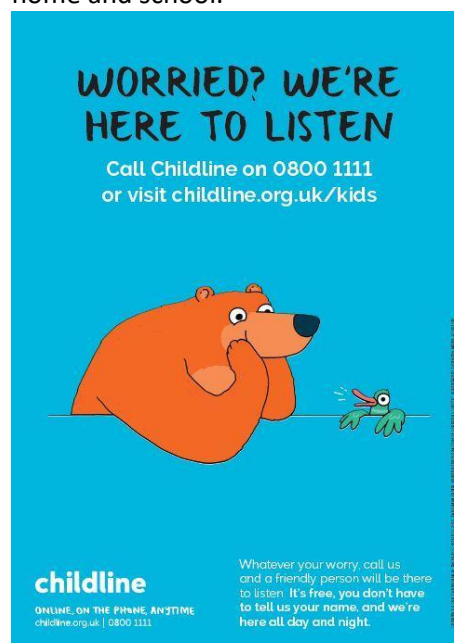
4th March 2021 World Book Day



We will still be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March and will be inviting all children to dress up as their favourite book character whether they are at home or at school. More details will follow.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week during assembly Mrs Langtree reminded children to look after their mental health. If you didn't get to see it you can still find it on Google Classroom. This includes: drinking lots of water, eating a well-balanced diet, taking exercise and talking through worries with a trusted adult. All children should have a safety network of five adults that they can talk to at home and school.





Bottle Moments

Good Morning Britain have launched a competition - Bottle Moments 2. There is a nationwide call to schools & parents to get kids to draw their own Bottle Moments, with the opportunity of having their picture drawn by Bottle Moments cartoonist, Rob Murray, printed on a special mug, and presented to them in person by Good Morning Britain host, Ben Shephard.

What is your Bottle Moment?

Having hope helps us keep going when things are really hard. Your Bottle Moment is the one thing you'd most like to do again when everything is better and back to normal. It could be a friend you'd most like to see, a place you'd most like to go, a hobby you'd most like to get back to, or simply getting a hug from someone special.

For more information on how to enter please visit

<https://www.bottlemoments.com/>

Don't forget to share pictures or videos on Twitter using @london_meed1

Make sure your Instagram/Twitter post also includes #Bottlemoments for it to be counted!

Virtual Winter Games

The Specsavers 'Virtual' Sussex School Games is back, with The Winter Games. Take on some incredible sports from the Winter Olympics, from home or at school. What it's about, how it all works, and how to get involved, can be found by visiting

<https://www.activesussex.org/virtual/>

Participants have until midday every Friday to submit their scores, and leaderboards will be published later that day.

These challenges can be completed from the comfort of your living room, kitchen or garden, or at school. You won't need any special equipment, and whether you're competing on your own or your whole school is taking part, anyone can get involved.

Take to social media where you can win cool prizes such as £50 Amazon vouchers each week. Share pictures or videos using @pelondonmeed

@midsussexactive @sussexschgames

#backtoschoolgames

We look forward to seeing your pictures or videos!

Miss Griffiths Mr Alfonso

PE Lead PE Co-ordinator

WSCC Early Help

WSCC Early Help is currently not delivering face to face help from Youth or Children and Family Centres, self-service access remains for the delivery of health clinics and supervised contact only.

However, the Early Help Duty line remains open to respond to all requests for support from families and professionals, Monday to Friday between 9am-5pm, on 0330 222 8087

The duty line can provide provide:

- Information, Advice and Guidance - Families can access this through the duty line above.
- Crisis Support – Early Help can provide a same day response to those in crisis with crisis payment and Food Parcels.
- Healthy Start - Access to healthy start vitamins for new parents via the Early Help duty line.

Free School Meals

Is my child eligible?

From 1 April 2018, free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits: Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

To apply please go

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>



The Community Hub

The Community Hub, which was set up in March 2020, gives practical support and information to anyone adversely affected by COVID-19, which could include the provision of food and essential household supplies.

Contact is totally confidential and is available seven days a week, between 8am and 8pm when staff will be on hand to respond to enquiries.

You can find more information and request support online at

www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub or to speak to someone call: 033 022 27980.

Contact Details

Please email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk with any changes to your contact details. Many thanks.

School closure

The school will be closed to all pupils as normal for half term during the week commencing 15th February.

The school will also be closed to all pupils on Friday 12th February as this is an INSET day and staff will be working on a new curriculum plan (virtually).

Term Dates 2020-2021

For WSCC term dates please visit

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21_term_dates.pdf

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Spring Term 2021	Monday 4 th Jan	w/c 15 th Feb	Thursday 1 st April
	Inset Day:- Friday 12th February Thursday 4th March – World Book Day		
Summer Term 2021	Monday 19 th April	w/c 31 st May	Friday 23 rd July
	Bank holiday: - Monday 3rd May Inset Days: - Friday 28th May Monday 7th June		