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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school. Our children were delighted to see each other, their teachers and support staff and we were pleased to see them too. Thank you very much for braving back-to-school mayhem in shops for school shoes and uniform, please keep children looking smart, but do be aware all of our pupils are expected to engage in vigorous physical activity as part of everyday playtime as well as during PE. I'm sorry if this means you need to do some in-week washing, although this does show healthy, outdoor play.

### **Welcome to new team members!**

We have three new staff members to get to know: Mr Dalglish is a Year Four class teacher to 4D; Mr Terrill is Assistant Head teacher in our Special Support Centre where we have eleven pupils with additional need; Mrs Stalker is School Business Manager and is your first port of call if you would like to volunteer in school because we require a DBS check. All three joined us for INSET on Monday and we are delighted to welcome them to our team.

### **Behaviour in School**

Part of our INSET day was spent reviewing our Behaviour Policy (this can be found on our website under Policies). Class teachers have developed Class Charters with their own class, so that children have a sense of ownership and see any sanctions as fair. Each class in KS1 uses a sun and cloud symbols, with KS2 using a traffic light system, so every child knows how they are doing in terms of behaviour expectations. If children regularly reach the 'thunder cloud' or are placed on 'red' (this is quite rare in our school), teachers will get in touch with parents, because we really do appreciate your support to overcome distractions from learning. For more serious incidents parents may be called by a member of the school Leadership team. Mr J Viinikka, Assistant Headteacher

### **Questions and Queries**

Senior staff are available on the playground before and after school and we are proud that our open door policy means parents and carers can easily have their questions answered. Please do be aware that London Meed staff do not monitor social media (other than our twitter feed), so Facebook groups are not a good place to post questions.

### **Parent Volunteers and Child Protection**

If you help out in school or on trips, we'd like you to be updated about safeguarding matters. This is to keep you and children safe in school because Child Protection is everyone's responsibility. Mrs Langtree will run two sessions, one on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 9am and one on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm. It is anticipated that the training will last for 30 minutes. Please ring who in the school office so we know numbers attending.

Our school Designated Safeguarding Leads are Candida Reece, Natalie Langtree and Jussi Viinikka however, if you have any concerns about a child safety outside school you can ring the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 01403 229900, or 03302 226664 out of hours.

### **Internet Safety**

There have been changes to the way we are required to keep children and staff safe, please do not, be offended if staff leave, un-follow or unfriend groups on social media or individuals amongst our parent community. If you need to contact staff, please do so by making an appointment or seeing staff before or after school in the usual way.

### **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

### **Recent Events**

#### **Improvements in School**

We had extensive work during the school holiday which included the installation of solar panels (following the successful bid for a grant to do so) and LED lighting throughout the whole school. Both should prove cost-cutting benefits in time because we must make savings within our school budget. We also had installed a pond and pump, kindly donated by Tates of Sussex Garden Centre, in our courtyard area. The garden development was designed by Ellie and planted by Clive Gravett, of The Budding Foundation which is a registered charity. This adds further interest to this Science area in school.



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### Y3 & Y4 Stunning Start



Years 3 and 4 had a fun first morning being explorers for our Stunning Start. They took part in different activities to help introduce them to our topic all about Ancient Egypt. Thank you to parents for outfitting our daring explorers!  
Year 3 and 4 team

### Y5 & Y6 Stunning Start



For their topic this term, “Reign and Rule”, years 5 & 6 went back in time to the Dark Ages and visited Ye Olde Market where they experienced trades and activities from times gone by. Year 5 & 6 team

## Other News

### Clubs

Please find attached a list of the external and internal clubs that will be running this term. One letter will be coming home early next week regarding signing up for a club run by a member of staff.

Ms K Griffiths, PE Co-ordinator

### School Council

We have a School Council representative in each class from Y2 to Y6. We discuss school issues with our classes, raise money for charity, lead assemblies and help wherever we can.

If your child would like to be a School Councillor, they are asked to please write a speech for Home Learning explaining what you think makes a good School Council and why they would be suitable for the role. Written Speeches need to be completed by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Speeches will be presented to classes by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

### Dates for your Diary

Please visit our website and view key dates for the forthcoming academic year under the calendar tab at [https://londonmeed.eschools.co.uk/cms\\_manage/edit\\_page/52708](https://londonmeed.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/52708)

Please click on this link to see school events coming up.  
Ms K Brayne, Data & Communications Manager

### ACADEMIC YEAR: 2018-2019

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Autumn Term 2018	Mon 3rd Sept 2018	w/c 22nd Oct 2018	Wed 19th Dec 2018
	<b>Inset Days: -</b> <b>Mon 3rd September 2018</b> <b>Fri 19th October 2018</b> <b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>		
Spring Term 2019	Thurs 3rd Jan 2019	w/c 18th Feb 2019	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
	<b>Inset Day: - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>		
Summer Term 2019	Tues 23rd April 2019	w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Tues 23rd July 2019
	<b>Inset Day: - Monday 3rd June 2019</b>		

### **TURNER TENNIS SHORT TENNIS CLUB**

We currently have places in our Short Tennis Club on a **Thursday** in the main school hall. The timing of the club is as follows:

3.10 – 3.55 pm Years 1 & 2

3.55 – 4.40 pm Years 3 & 4

4.40 – 5.25 pm Years 5 & 6

The lessons run every Thursday during the school term in the main school and we charge for a full school term in advance with an option to pay in two instalments. The price per session is £4.80. Short Tennis is a reduced version of the full scale game and the coaching sessions are structured to teach the kids the basic strokes and rules of the game as well as working on their eye / hand co-ordination. The sessions enable the children to learn how to interact with other participants, to compete in a sporting manner and, most of all, to have FUN in this sport.

**Please email us to book your place! Nick Turner**  
Turner Tennis Ltd, Flat 1, 70 Newtown, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 5DE Email: [turnertennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:turnertennis@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Fitness Solutions**

**Flat 1, 70 Newtown, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 5DE**  
**[info@dancemaze.co.uk](mailto:info@dancemaze.co.uk)**

We currently have places on our Dance Maze Club which runs every Thursday lunchtime for KS1 and Friday lunchtime for KS2. The exciting world of Dance Maze – interactive dance pods that put the fun back into fitness. At the session your child performed high energy dance routines by stepping and dancing on foot-activated dance pods, in time to music, by following arrows projected onto a screen with amazing graphics. At Fitness Solutions we are committed to encouraging more children to be active, keep fit and



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engage in exercise through our extremely popular Dance Maze clubs. Already operating in more than 35 schools, our experience shows us that children find the sessions enjoyable, challenging and fun, as we help them to nurture a healthy attitude and approach to sport and fitness.

Dance Maze makes physical activity fun and has pupils exercising without realising it - and therefore appeals to a wide variety of children (and adults) of all ages, shapes, sizes and abilities. It helps with balance and control, contributing towards confidence, concentration and enthusiasm, improving co-ordination, flexibility and listening skills.

The cost is just £4.35 per session. **Spaces are limited and offered on a first come first served basis.** Please email Caryn for further information or to book a place at [info@dancemaze.co.uk](mailto:info@dancemaze.co.uk)



### Me, My Child and Robots on Tour

**What if we are getting this very, very wrong...**

**[www.memychildandrobots.com](http://www.memychildandrobots.com)**

We are delighted to welcome Julie Bravery, the creator and author of Me, My Child and Robots and Laura Thomson of Phenomenal Training fame, to Brighton on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Julie, a respected headteacher, who left a highly successful career in education to devote her time and energy to campaigning for a curriculum and education system that is fit for future. As a mother of a young child, she challenges us to consider, are we teaching the right things and in the right way, and what are the consequences for us all if we get it very, very wrong? But don't be naïve in thinking this is just for parents; this debate is for EVERYONE!

### COME ALONG AND HEAR WHY WE SHOULD ALL URGENTLY SIT UP AND SMELL THE SILICON

**What are people saying about the Me, My Child and Robots UK tour?**

"Really enjoyed this and really gave me a chance to think and see what the future might hold. A re-think of the education system is a major priority. Scary and exciting all in one."

"It made me realise that the narrow education system is damaging children and ultimately damages society."

"Interesting and thought provoking"  
"Brilliant"

18 Sept 2018 4pm – 6pm

VARNDEAN SCHOOL

Balfour Road, Brighton. BN1 6NP

Free Entry. To book a place contact:

Mel Thomas: [mel@pavilionanddowns.co.uk](mailto:mel@pavilionanddowns.co.uk)