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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome, The Orchard

Teaching and support staff have really enjoyed getting to know our youngest pupils, who are settling happily. Thank you for getting your son or daughter into school for 8.50am and do telephone us if your child is either absent or late, so we know how to complete the register. Please alert grandparents or other carers to term dates and ensure your child only misses school if they are too unwell to attend.

Have a good morning

If you experience any difficulties getting your son or daughter into school, please consider the following:

1. Children have enjoyed the summer break – or 4 years before starting school - in a relaxed environment with loved ones
2. He/she missed you (or their baby brother, or the dog) yesterday and is worried about feeling that way again
3. She/he is worried about you or wants to do what you are doing
4. S/he might not have completed home learning, cannot find their PE kit (or does not enjoy PE, or some other aspect of school)
5. He/she may be tired

If your son or daughter does not seem to look forward to school, talk to their teacher in the first place. Sometimes children give selective highlights and their teacher may be able to give a fuller picture. If you'd like an appointment to see a teacher before or after school you could simply ask at drop-off or pick-up, or email into office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk, giving an indication of a convenient day of the week and possible time. Do be aware that teachers do have meetings planned after school at times.

Support at Home

We want all children to read with an adult at least four times weekly for 10 minutes a time; even fluent readers benefit from reading aloud and discussing an aspect of a book/character/plot/setting with an adult.

Lost Jumpers

Children decide they are warm and remove sweatshirts all around the school, lunch boxes and water bottles are frequently left on tables in the hall or in the corridors. We aim to re-unite property if there is a name on it, but this is almost impossible if items are not named. This is especially true of 'special toys' brought to school in a pocket, which are unlikely to have a name on. Please regularly check all your child's belongings to check their name is on it, because

sometimes someone else's jumper is brought home by mistake. Similarly, if your child has a toy you cannot remember purchasing, please return it to school.

Thank you!



Thanks go to Burgess Hill Community Radio for funding resources for our school regarding anti-bullying which will be used as a tool within classes. We would also like to thank them for advertising our forthcoming Open Day on the 18th October for parents/carers of children starting school in September 2019 as detailed below.



LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL
OPEN DAY – Thursday 18th October 2018

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2019, we would like to invite parents to visit us on our Open Day at:-

**London Meed Community Primary School,
Chanctonbury Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 9YQ**

Hour long sessions take place at:
9.30am, 10.45am, 1.45pm

You will be able to see the school in action, meet children and staff and hear about our school. Please book your visit by telephoning 01444 232336 or email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

We look forward to meeting you!



Packed Lunches

If you would rather your child did not eat a hot meal every day, they can, of course, bring a packed lunch into school. Please pack these in a suitable container, clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Although there is access to water, it is a good idea to include a drink of water or fruit juice. No fizzy drinks, bars of chocolate or sweets though please. Do also ensure that packaging is easy for your child to open.

We have a number of children with nut allergies so we insist that you do not include nuts, including peanut butter, in your child's lunches. Nutritional guidelines are for children to have two servings of fruit and/or vegetables in their packed lunch (for example; pepper strips, cut up apple, washed berries, carrot sticks are popular choices).



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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

Y1 & Y2 trip to Bodiam Castle

We had a great time at Bodiam Castle this week. We not only got to look around the defences at the castle but we also got to dress up as Knights. Y1 & Y2



Other News

Sports Clubs

We have had a successful start to our sports clubs this week.

Remember that you can still sign up to RMA football clubs (boys and girls) for KS1 and KS2 online at their web page.

If any parents are interested in volunteering to help with an after school club, please get in touch. No experience is needed; however, you will need to have a DBS check if you don't already have one. Teachers will run the clubs; however, an extra pair of hands means that we may be able to extend numbers within clubs. We have had an overwhelming interest in the hockey and cross country club this term and we have waiting lists. If your child has signed up to a school club and does not attend for 2 weeks in a row, without having informed a teacher or the office of extenuating circumstances, their place offered to the next child on the waiting list.

We are aware that some children will have been disappointed not to get a space in a club, therefore if a club is full, we will re-run the sign up process in the Spring term and those children not allocated a space this term will be put to the top of the list next term, and guaranteed a space. The rest of the spaces will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

There are still spaces in the morning cricket and indoor athletics clubs with Miss Griffiths and circuits with Mr O'Donoghue.

Clubs

Attendance registers are taken at the start of each club so please ensure that you inform the club teacher if your child is unable to attend a particular session. Calls will be made home if we are unaware that they are due to be absent.

Earrings Tape

If your child has their ears pierced and are unable to remove them, please ensure your child has microporous tape put on at home before school on P.E days.

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

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



LMA

MEETING

WEDNESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER @ 7PM

AGENDA

Spending, Role Vacancies, Confirmed Events / Special Event, Ideas for New Events, Theme for Christmas Bazaar and Stalls, PTA Events Platform, Christmas Cards / Gifts, AOB

ALL WELCOME

The Owl Room
London Meed School



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Oct Half Term 2018

HAYWARDS HEATH

Warden Park Primary School
New England Rd,
RH16 3 JR
10am - 3pm

ONLY £25 FOR 5 HOURS
BRING A PACK LUNCH & WATER PROOF CLOTHING
BOOK ONLINE @ WWW.GOWILDWORKSHOPS.ORG

MONDAY 22/10/2018
Apache workshop - Giant Teepee builders, Bows and arrows, Face paint, tool making, headdress, nature I.D, Paracord workshop, Tracking, camp fires for the pro's and some high energy games will make this one not to miss!

TUESDAY 23/10/2018
 Nerf lock 'n' load Halloween special - Zombie apocalypse face paints and come in **FANCY DRESS**, bomb squad, base invasion, capture the flag, team tactics, strategy games and prison break one and three-person water cannon catapults - soaking from the sky!!

WEDNESDAY 24/10/2018
Bushcraft day - Shelter building and Archery - Survival skills in the wild with shelters in base camp and natural. Robin Hood in training safe archery, Centurion and Hounds of Hell woodland adventure

THURSDAY 25/10/2018
Fire Lighting and floor is lava- New bow drills, water purifying millbank bag, pot hangers, fire lighting techniques, the big bug cooking feast, Tracking, Centurion and woodland adventure games

FRIDAY 26/10/2018
Stone age inventors and warriors - Build the cave, Giant catapults, tools, art, fire and traps must all be complete before the lava spitting raptors attack!

SESSIONS COST £25 PER CHILD
PRE-BOOK AND PRE-PAYABLE. SUITABLE FOR AGES 5-12

ALL SESSIONS ARE RUN BY QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS
ALL STAFF ARE DBS/CRB CHECKED AND FIRST-AID QUALIFIED

 **FOR MORE INFO CALL 07502 107110**

