



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for engaging in remote learning and for taking the time to complete our remote learning survey. We are hugely impressed with the quality of the work the children have produced at home. Thank you for supporting them – we know it hasn't been easy.

A huge thank you to those parents who completed the Ofsted Survey, this was overwhelmingly positive and shows our community value is apparent.

The Ofsted visit, although challenging has been an opportunity for us to share all the improvements that have been made since October 2019 despite the unprecedented circumstances we have faced from the pandemic. A letter from Ofsted detailing their finds will be shared with you once it has been published.

Take care, stay safe and please enjoy a well-earned break.

Natalie Langtree, Acting Head teacher

#### **Safer Internet Day – 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Safer Internet Day 2021 was celebrated in the UK on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February with the theme:

An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world

Will Gardner OBE, Director of the UK Safer Internet Centre, said:

“This is the most important Safer internet Day ever.

We are in lockdown and being online continues to be a lifeline for most children during the pandemic, in terms of their education and social lives, and also as a form of support. Managing unreliable content and contact is fundamental to being safe online, as well as for looking after others online. “

The UKSIC hosts a library of free educational resources at [www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk) to provide parents, schools and other members of the children's workforce with the tools they need to safely navigate the internet.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 World Book Day**



We will still be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Encouraging a Love of Reading**



##### **Author of the week – 3 Zephaniah**

3Z are proud to be named after Benjamin Zephaniah, who is known for his poetry, stories, plays and other works. His life and work certainly reflect our school

values.

**Resilience** – Although Zephaniah left school at 13, unable to read and write, he always knew that he wanted to be a poet.

**Bravery** – Benjamin first started performing poetry from the age of 10, and by 15 he was already becoming well known.

**Curiosity** – he was really influenced by the reggae music and culture of Jamaica, something that you can spot in his work. In fact, his poetry is called “dub poetry”, which means that it is performed over the beat of reggae music.

**Community** – Zephaniah has strong feelings about many issues, such as homelessness and poverty, which he writes about in his poems and novels.

**Respect** – Benjamin Zephaniah realised that children



could understand many of the messages and beliefs that he was trying to get across. So, he published his first book of children's poetry, called *Talking Turkeys*, in 1994, and has continued to write poems and stories (such as *Refugee Boy*) for children ever since.

#### **Speak with an Educational Psychologist about your child**

Educational Psychologists are professionals concerned with the development, learning and social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people. Calls can be requested where there is a question or concern about learning or behaviour as well as worries about wellbeing and emotions.

West Sussex Educational Psychology Service is offering the opportunity for parents to speak with an Educational Psychologist about a child or young person.

Parents and carers who live in West Sussex should book a consultation slot on the link below and an Educational Psychologist will contact them on the telephone number provided at the time

[https://westsussex.local-offer.org/information\\_pages/609-educational-psychology-telephone-consultation-service](https://westsussex.local-offer.org/information_pages/609-educational-psychology-telephone-consultation-service)



#### Speak with a Play Therapist about your child

We have contracted Your Space, an accredited Child Therapy provider to provide a telephone helpline each week. If you are concerned at your child's mental health or relationships then call 01903 209991 between 6-7pm on a Thursday. This will begin on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

#### 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 leader boards will be published later that day.

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

#### 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](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub) or to speak to someone call: 033 022 27980.

#### Contact Details

Please email [office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk) with any changes to your contact details. Many thanks.

#### Email addresses to contact teachers

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

The Orchard	<a href="mailto:theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 1	<a href="mailto:year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 2	<a href="mailto:year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 3	<a href="mailto:year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 4	<a href="mailto:year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 5	<a href="mailto:year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 6	<a href="mailto:year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>

#### WSCC Children Services - The Single Front Door

WSCC are introducing a single front door for all Children, Families and Partners wishing to contact Children Services in West Sussex.

The Single Front Door will be the only entry point for all Social Care and Early Help Enquiries. To contact the Single Front Door please use either their email address:

[WSChildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:WSChildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk)

or telephone: **01403 229900**

#### What does it mean for me?

- All enquiries and referrals will be triaged by the dedicated front door ensuring support from the appropriate service is provided swiftly
- Children, families and partner will receive the right level of support for their needs as and when they need it within a timely way
- If a child is at immediate risk of harm continue to phone the police on 999

**For further information please see the PowerPoint attached.**

#### Term Dates 2020-2021

For WSCC term dates please visit

[https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21\\_term\\_dates.pdf](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 <sup>th</sup> Jan	w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
	<b>Inset Day:- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day</b>		
Summer Term 2021	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	w/c 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
	<b>Bank holiday: - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <b>Inset Days: - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>		