



Dear Parents/Carers,

### Local Authority Audit

We await an Ofsted inspection, but I wanted to share some feedback following a day's inspection which was carried out by three senior advisors from West Sussex in January.

- The quality of teaching has improved since the last inspection.
- Pupils say they feel safe in school and parents agree. The system for checking in visitors is robust.
- Middle leadership in core areas is developing effectively and is having a positive impact on the quality of teaching and pupil outcomes.
- The whole school focus on writing has meant that the quality of pupils' work has improved. More able pupils have opportunities to explain their choice of words and phrases.
- Teachers undertake regular assessment of individual pupils to ensure they move quickly through the phonics programme.
- (In Mathematics), pupils respond well to marking and the teacher's challenge.
- Pupils behave well at London Meed. In corridors they are polite and courteous and say they would thoroughly recommend the school.
- (In the Early Years), the environment both indoors and outdoors provides many opportunities for children to engage in self-initiated activity and children were seen to move confidently through the environment.

### Child Protection

All volunteers as well as staff members have to go through a careful checking process (DBS) before working with children and receive information as to what to do if they are concerned about a child's well-being. Anyone can make a referral to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 01403 229900. The poster we have up in our school is also attached with this newsletter.

### Parents consultation evening

Thank you to teaching staff who were able to accommodate the occasional double bookings made by our website provider and apologies to parents who were inconvenienced in this way. I hope you found your consultation useful and informative and again, gratitude goes to teaching staff for working an extremely long day to meet with you.

### ....at the end of the day

Please leave the playground promptly when collecting your child(ren). Meetings for staff start when school finishes and we are unable to guarantee the safety of pupils after they have been dismissed from class. We are experiencing some resistance because children have been told by staff to join their parent or carer and exit the playground and yet some parents or carers are saying that children can stay. There is a public park very close by, so please use those facilities to promote healthy exercise and continued socialisation for your sons and daughters. If you wait on the KS2 playground for older siblings to be dismissed at 3.15pm you are required to supervise younger or pre-school children very closely, because our playground equipment is designed for those aged 7 years or older and is used entirely at your own risk.

### Pupil Mobiles

Please be aware that we have changed our system for collecting mobile phones at the beginning and end of the day because previous arrangements took too long. From now, pupil mobiles will be collected first thing in the morning and placed in a locked cupboard in the office until the end of the day, when they will be returned to classrooms ready for dismissal from class. You do need to be aware that mobile phones are provided at the discretion of parents and we cannot accept liability from loss or damage to them. Pupil mobile phones are not permitted in classrooms and playgrounds during the day and a sanction may be applied if your son or daughter forgets to hand it in. The use of a mobile phone in school lessons or at playtime is strictly prohibited and a sanction would definitely be applied in this circumstance. Our e-safety policy is available on our school website should you require further information.

### School Funding

School Budgets have been in the news recently. Our budget for 2017-2018 will be reduced in comparison to that received in 2016-2017. Parents can respond to the National Funding Formula (the link is in the attached letter called 'parents covering letter'). If you can spare some time responding to this consultation, using the information supplied in the 'parent response', this could be really powerful. Thank you for your support.

### Book Fair

Governors were thanked for running the Scholastic book fair and collected more than £700. Thank you very much and Miss Oliver will decide on titles to augment class collections once we receive notification of commission.



### Get Caught Reading Photographic competition

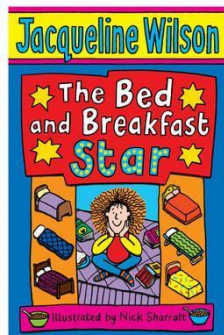
Special commendations go to Izzy W, Tristan B, Alissia M, Alice B, Ewan K, Ben H, Jack R for their photos. The overall winner was Emma S from Cherry Class who submitted a booklet of photographs of her reading upside down and who gained 50 house points for her house as a consequence. Thanks to all who entered.

### Red Nose Day

We are selling Red Noses! They can be purchased at a cost of £1, with 60p going directly to the charity (the school receives no money), but once they are gone, they're gone. On 24<sup>th</sup> March children are welcome to come to school wearing red, providing a donation of at least £1 is made. What is not a red item of clothing, must be school uniform and we will donate all proceeds directly to Comic Relief.

### Other News

#### Book Review



#### **The Bed and Breakfast Star – Jacqueline Wilson**

This book is about a girl called Elsa who lives with her mum, her stepfather Mack, who is Scottish and Mack's children, Pippa and Hank. They live in a bed and breakfast. Elsa has a friend called Naomi and a boyfriend called Funny-Face. Elsa is a bit naughty.

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### Dates for your Diary

#### (Dates for the academic year

can be found on the calendar on our website)



#### MARCH

20<sup>th</sup> Y6 Parents/Carers SATS meeting  
2-2.45pm in the Large Hall  
22<sup>nd</sup> Y4 Trip to the National History Museum  
24<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day  
29<sup>th</sup> KS2 Instrumental Music Making morning

#### APRIL

3<sup>rd</sup> LMA Easter Egg Hunt  
Y1 Fabulous Finish  
5<sup>th</sup> LMA meeting at the Burgess Hill Inn 7.30pm  
6<sup>th</sup> Y4 Roman Museum open from 2.45pm – 3.15pm. Children invited to dress up as a Roman.  
LMA Disco KS1 3.15-4.15pm KS2 4.30-6pm  
7<sup>th</sup> Last day of term  
10<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> Easter break  
24<sup>th</sup> First day back after Easter break  
Y3 Swimming starts

#### MAY

1<sup>st</sup> Bank Holiday  
4<sup>th</sup> LMA Movie Night  
Week of 8<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATS week  
18<sup>th</sup> LMA Quiz Night 7.30m for 8pm start  
22<sup>nd</sup> Class and Group photos  
26<sup>th</sup> Inset Day  
29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June Half term

#### JUNE

5<sup>th</sup> Inset Day  
New Parents Evening for children starting reception in Sept 2017, 7pm in the Large Hall.  
6<sup>th</sup> Infant Music Making Day  
12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Y6 residential trip to Liddington  
17<sup>th</sup> Summer Fayre  
27<sup>th</sup> Junior Music Making Day  
28<sup>th</sup> Y5 Trip to Big Bang at Ardingly

#### JULY

5<sup>th</sup> Transition Day  
KS2 Production 5.30pm  
6<sup>th</sup> KS2 Production 6pm  
10-14<sup>th</sup> Y6 Bikeability  
11th-12<sup>th</sup> Y5 Residential Trip to Lodge Hill  
21<sup>st</sup> Sports Day from 1pm  
LMA Fun Run from 3.30pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Y6 Awards Assembly 9am  
Y6 Leavers Event 7-9pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

Welcome to Mabel's own Ministry of Magic.  
Join Harry as he accepts his invitation into Hogwarts.....

Drama workshop for 7-11 year olds  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 1.30-3pm  
At Mabel's Emporium, Burgess Hill  
£8.00 for 90 minute workshop

For more details, or to book a place, e-mail  
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