



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Chinese New Year to our families. Look in next week's newsletter for photos of The Orchard children dressed up as animal characters from The Great Race.

Our community value is very evident and I would like to thank those parents who have donated books, school uniform, a keyboard, laptops and for their time helping to keep the library tidy, hearing readers or helping on school visits.

In Key Stage 2 assembly this week, I have discussed the role of the NHS with the children. Many of them have relatives who have roles within the organisation. They were absolutely astonished to learn that there are actually over 350 different jobs! There is an NHS competition to say thank you that they can enter by following this link [NHS competition](#).

We have had a number of families complaining to us about inconsiderate driving and parking and unsafe supervision of children in cars. Should you witness anything that worries you about pupil safety please report your safeguarding worries by notifying WSCC Integrated Front Door [Raise a Safeguarding concern](#) For unsafe driving and parking, please report to the police. You can do this online <https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/> or phone 101.

Our website is continually being updated. Do take a look as there is a wealth of information to support our families with concerns such as safeguarding, mental health and young carers.

Have a super weekend.  
Natalie Langtree  
Head teacher

#### London Meed Hero Award

Many congratulations to this week's London Meed Heroes.

Name	Class	Reason
William K.	6B	For effectively using his imagination and ability to integrate expanded noun phrases and technical language in his description of a creature from <i>The Land of Neverbelieve</i> . Well done, William!
Erin	6D	For showing enthusiasm, dedication and great creativity when creating a non-chronological report about her own made up creature and other organisms from the land of Neverbelieve. Keep up all your hard work, Erin!
Caitlin	5P	For a creative approach to designing her mythical creature in English this week.
Alfie	5S	For showing resilience by focussing on improving his writing, creating amazing ideas in his imaginary dragon profile.
Jack	4A	For developing your independence in everything you are doing. Keep it up!
Sebastian	4OD	For showing curiosity in his learning and for upholding our value of community by helping others in their work.
Lola	3WZ	For planning an excellent non-fiction text about an imaginary animal.
Mac	3C Dahl	For showing persistence and determination in everything he does at school.
Amelie	2DJ	For always trying her best and being a good role model for others in the class. Well done!
Isla	2M	For showing respect towards her own learning by always selecting the right challenge for her.
Harrison	1S	For showing the school value of community by helping Jack to settle into our class.
Louis	1DH	For being an incredibly kind, helpful and fun member of our school community.
Emma	Apple	For always trying her best in all that she does and being a kind and thoughtful friend.
Freddie	Cherry	For showing fantastic resilience in his writing.



#### **Book Review by Sebastian 40 Davies**

The Land of Roar is by an author called Jenny MacLachlan and is a story about a boy called Arthur and a girl called Rose. They go on a magical adventure through a made up world called Roar to save their Grandad, who has been kidnapped by Crowky. All this happens because they crawl through a mattress! This is a great book as it is very dramatic and always gets your adrenaline going. I recommend this book for people who like adventure stories, magic and dragons!

If you like this - there are other books in the series or you can read Crackle Dawn Dragon, which is about a boy called Zeb, who gets chased by police and who goes on adventure through a magical kingdom and faces magical creatures. Crackle Dawn Dragon is by best selling author Abi Elphinstone.

#### **Author visit - Thursday 17th February**

We are thrilled to announce that author, Sophy Henn, class 2DJ author, will be visiting the school on Thursday 17th February. Sophie will be conducting an assembly for Years 2 to 6. All year groups will be given the opportunity to purchase one of her books and get it signed. Further details will follow in a separate email.

#### **World Book Day Thursday 3rd March**

World Book Day is rapidly approaching so we wanted to take the opportunity to give you an idea of the key activities that will be happening during the week at London Meed.

- Rather than dressing up, this year all members of the London Meed school community will be asked to decorate an item to bring into school, showing an aspect of their favourite book or story. For example they could choose a paper plate, potato, pebble, wooden spoon, shoe box, lolly stick, paper lantern, pillowcase, t-shirt, or poster, decorating it with characters, themes, or parts of the story itself - the more imaginative the better! We will then have a competition with a prize for the best item per year group.
- There will be a Book Fair during the day and after school on Thursday 17th March. This will be run by the Book Nook (a fantastic children's book shop in Hove). Further details regarding this will be sent out nearer the time.
- Each class will conduct book battles during guided reading lessons starting during the week of World Book Day. The best battle for each class will be shown in key stage assemblies on the following Thursday. Children will be set this for home learning in advance to prepare for.

- A 'Shelfie' competition will be held with the winning entries being put on display in the entrance foyer. A 'shelfie' is a photo taken of a child with their favourite books from their book shelf. The books can be arranged in imaginative ways, or the photo can be taken in an unusual place. The last time we ran this competition we had photos ranging from children sitting on thrones made of books to a child in their bathtub, bathing in books. Again, the more imaginative the better!
- Each class will visit the library for a story time during the day.
- During the day of 3rd March all learning will focus around book talk and learning linking to one particular book.
- We will send out reminders about these events nearer the time, but please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.

#### **Sporting events**

Please can we remind parents that Sporting events are invite only and an email will be sent directly from the School Office if your child has been selected to attend. Time is taken to ensure ratios are correct and there are enough spaces to transport children. We really want to avoid disappointing any child. We will try to ensure that children get to take part in an outside event over the course of the school year.

#### **Indoor Cricket**



On the 31st of January London Meed took a team of 8 cricketers to play in a mid sussex indoor cricket tournament at the triangle.

We played 4 games against other schools, improving with each game we played. Well done to all the children who took part.

#### **Y3 Quicksticks Hockey**



On Wednesday 2nd February, Mr Smith and Mrs Stalker, took 8 children from Year 3 to Downlands Community School to take part in a Quicksticks Hockey Festival. The children went round different stations where the Downlands Sports crew took them through various drills to help with their hockey skills.



#### **Y4 Netball Festival**



On Wednesday 2nd February, we were very lucky to represent our school in a netball festival. Year 9 children from Downlands put on the event. We had a great morning learning new skills.

Amelia 40 Davies

#### **Congratulations Darcy!**



Many congratulations to Darcy 1DH who showed two of our school values; Resilience and Bravery when she took her very first Primary Ballet Exam last Saturday 29/01/22. Darcy said she really enjoyed it and is awaiting the results. We are very

proud.

#### **School Nursing Team Parentline text service**

Launch of Parentline text service - 07312 277011  
We have recently launched Parentline, a confidential text service which parents can use to contact the service about problems with their children's health, such as: sleep issues, continence, poor school attendance, emotional health, low self-esteem, low mood, low level anxiety, and lifestyle concerns such as weight loss or gain.

#### **Young Carers**

You can find out if your child is a young carer and what support they could get from WSCC by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/young-carers#contact-us-about-a-young-carer>

Other things you can do are: contact Ms Brayne by emailing [datamanager@londonmeedprimary.co.uk](mailto:datamanager@londonmeedprimary.co.uk) or telephone 01444 232336.

# YOUNG CARERS FUN day

A young carer is someone living with a person who has an illness, disability, mental health issues, or drug and alcohol problems

**10.30 - 2.30 Thurs 24 Feb**

Fairfield Community Centre, Western Road

**FOR AGES 6 - 11 YEARS**

Games, fun activities, craft,  
lunch and refreshments and more

**ALL FREE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

To book your place or get more information contact Jen on  
01444 238207 (9am - 4pm) or email [jennifer@burgesshill.gov.uk](mailto:jennifer@burgesshill.gov.uk)

Burgess Hill Youth lead events in the town that provide fun activities and are a break for the young carers away from their home situations.



#### Reaching Families



**Reaching Families Training Workshops**

**Spring 2022**  
(2nd half-term)

**MARCH**

Understanding Autism in Girls	Weds 2nd	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Making Sense of Masking	Thurs 3rd	10.30 am	via Zoom
Making Sense of Anxiety (primary aged children)	Mon 7th	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Making Sense of Challenging Behaviour in Adolescence	Thurs 10th	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Fri 11th	10.30 am	via Zoom
Understanding Autism	Weds 16th	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Understanding Autism in Girls	Mon 21st	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Making Sense of EHC Needs Assessments and Plans	Thurs 24th	10.30 am	via Zoom
Understanding ADHD	Mon 28th	7.30 pm	via Zoom

**APRIL**

Understanding Sensory Processing Difficulties	Tues 5th	10.30 am	via Zoom
Making Sense of Sleep (children aged 2-11 yrs)	Thurs 7th	10.30 am	via Zoom

Find out more about our training at:  
[www.reachingfamilies.org.uk](http://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk)

All of our workshops are free of charge, to book a place please visit:  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/reaching-families-8261724058](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/reaching-families-8261724058)

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Above is a flyer promoting a number of training workshops for parents/carers provided by Reaching Families.

Reaching Families is a West Sussex-based organisation which aims to empower, inform and support parents and families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex.

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#### Message from WSCC regarding E-scooters

In recent months, it has been brought to our attention that there is an increasing number of individuals riding e-scooters on the public highway, pavements and in public open spaces, often causing a nuisance to other road and pavement users.

E-scooters are a relatively new mode of transport and as such the Government is trialling various schemes and developing the guidance around their safe use.

However, (at the time of writing this letter) many are still unaware e-scooters are classed as 'Personal Light Electric Vehicles' (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- Driving licence
- Insurance
- Number plates
- Lighting
- Brakes
- Type approval
- Road tax
- Crash helmets etc.

Without these, e-scooters cannot be used legally on the road and certainly not until legislation has been put in place. In no circumstances is it legal to ride on an e-scooter with a passenger(s) and is considered extremely dangerous. The illegal use of an e-scooter, on the public highway or pavement, is considered a criminal offence and can potentially bring about criminal proceedings. The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK (find out more here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users>).

Only approved rental e-scooters may be used in the Government-led trial areas, in line with specific terms of use. For the rest of the country, under current law, e-scooters can only be used on private land. The police are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances, the police have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act. There will be more and more police presence in the coming weeks and months specifically targeting e-scooter users in West Sussex.

**For further detailed information regarding e-scooters please visit GOV.UK:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/power-ed-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

**WSCC County Road Safety Team**





**FEB HALF TERM 2022**

**What's on?**

Monday: Curious Coders, Tuesday: Ingenious Inventors, Wednesday: Virtual Reality, Thursday: Expert Engineers, Friday: Model Machines

14TH - 18TH FEBRUARY **LIMITED SPACES**

AGES 5 - 11 MULTI DAY BOOKING DISCOUNTS!

**Covid-19 Safety Procedures**  
Ensuring safe, fun, educational and successful holidays

★★★★★  
"My 9 year old son was totally absorbed and loved his day at camp from beginning to end. He still raves about it and has his 'St David's' badge from the weekend!"  
C. French (Parent)

**How to book**

**STEP 1** SCAN THE QR CODE  
**STEP 2** FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP  
**STEP 3** USE OUR COUPON TO GET £5 OFF (5FEB)

**FEBRUARY HALF -TERM**

HANDCROSS PARK SCHOOL, HAYWARDS HEATH, RH17 6HF  
£194 FOR FULL WEEK, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY  
FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE  
[www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)

W: [WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION](http://WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION)  
E: [INFO@NEXTTHING.EDUCATION](mailto:INFO@NEXTTHING.EDUCATION) T: 01442 873150

#### Key dates

For up and coming key dates for this academic year please visit our website

<https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/calendar/52708>

**Term Dates 2021-2022** 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)

Spring term 2022	INSET DAY - Friday 18th February Half term 21st February to 25th February Children return Monday 28th February Last day of term Friday 8th April
Summer term	Starts Monday 25th April INSET DAY - Friday 27th May Half term 30th May to 3rd June INSET DAY Monday 6th June Last day of term Thursday 21st July

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below. Please note there has been a change in days for Apples and Cherries.

Apples	Tuesday and Thursday
Cherries	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3W Zephaniah	Monday and Friday
Year 3C Dahl	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Monday and Thursday

#### 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>

#### Academic Year 2022-2023 term dates including INSET Days

Please see below the term dates for the next academic year including our INSET days.

##### Autumn Term 2022

INSET DAY - Thursday 1st September

Children return Friday 2nd September

INSET DAY - Friday 21st October

Half term 24th October to Friday 28th October

Children return Monday 31st October

Last day of term Friday 16th December

##### Spring term 2023

Starts Tuesday 3rd January

INSET DAY - Friday 10th February

Half term 13th February to 17th February

Children return Monday 20th February

Last day of term Friday 31st March

##### Summer term 2023

Starts Monday 17th April

INSET DAY - Friday 26th May

Half term 29th May to 2nd June

INSET DAY Monday 5th June

Last day of term Friday 21st July