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Dear Parents/Carers,

Calling all Parents!

We have received ‘withdrawal from learning’ requests from a small minority of parents of children in Y6. While I understand that holidays can be once in a lifetime opportunity, teachers do have to compensate for learning experiences missed in order to help children prepare for national tests in May. We also noticed last year, that (again a tiny, but important, minority), wanted to ‘treat’ children to a holiday straight after the tests finish in May – please do not because teachers then place their focus on Writing, which is teacher assessed at the end of June, rather than tested. We were proud of standards in our pupils’ writing last year, and we are optimistic again this year, but only provided all children have the best attendance possible. This means coming to school in every session, unless they are too unwell. Please remember the children in Y6 have the Liddington trip to look forward to in June.

I’d like every London Meed parent to support teachers in their accountability for the outcomes of every child in the class, by understanding that January to July (all time from September to July in fact) are key in terms of academic success.

Interventions

There has been recent concern expressed to teachers by some parents whose children have talked about ‘interventions’. Every teacher – and learning support assistant - runs intervention groups, to help children with either building blocks to learning, or because children show that they are ready to deepen their learning further than others in the class. Interventions might be: one-off, a set of lessons, included within lessons, or before school. If you remember, our Ofsted Inspector said during his monitoring visit in September that we should:

“Improve the quality of assessment across all key stages so that teachers and leaders identify and support effectively those pupils who start to fall behind and intervene quickly to help them to improve their learning.”

Thank you, Mr Blake

...for using 175kg of rock salt on our playgrounds in an attempt to keep ice-free, as well as finding a supplier for further stocks.

Safeguarding Advice

The following advice comes from a very useful website, called Childnet. Please take a look at

A simple and effective way to get involved with your children and their lives online is through discussion. By maintaining an open dialogue with your child and encouraging them to talk to you about their internet use parents can help children access the amazing resources the internet has to offer whilst keeping them safe online.

Conversation starter ideas:

- 1 Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.
- 2 Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
- 3 Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and **how to report** or block on the services they use.
- 4 Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.
- 5 Think about how you use the internet as a family. What could you do to get more out of the internet together and further enjoy your lives online?

For more information, please look at:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-andcarers/have-a-conversation>

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

Other News

Y6 SATs meeting for parents

Parents and Carers are invited to an informative meeting regarding SAT’s on the 12th February 2019. The meeting will take place in the Large Hall with Mrs Balan and Miss Oliver and their classes.

Netball Club

Netball club will restart after half term once the weather has improved. A sign up letter will be sent home next week.

Book Review –The Truth Pixie by Matt Haig



The Truth Pixie is a story of love and friendship. To begin with, TP’s Aunt Julia casts a spell, stating. “From now on, only the truth you shall tell” and sure enough, from then on, her

whole world is flipped upside down. This curse causes TP’s family to leave her because she can sometimes seem rude by telling the truth.



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Illustrations by Chris Mould make this a short but meaningful read and therefore, I would recommend this book to ages 7-10.

Here are my favourite lines in this book – they all rhyme:

‘You will find that bad stuff has good bits too,
The bad days are the days that make you you.’
Lara 60

Congratulations from The Immunisation Service

Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust!

London Meed Primary School
Are Fantastic Flu Fighters!
The national target for 2018/19 uptake of the flu nasal spray at school in West Sussex was 65%.
Your school achieved 81%

Dates for your Diary

5 th Feb	Y4 Trip to Plumpton College
12 th Feb	Y3 Trip to Plumpton College
12 th Feb	Y6 SAT's parents meeting in the large hall from 2.30pm
14 th Feb	LMA Dis-glo KS1 and The Orchard 3-4pm KS2 4.30-6pm
18 th Feb to 22 nd Feb	Half term
25 th Feb	Inset Day
26 th Feb	Children return to school
1 st March	Y6 Parents informed of their child's secondary school allocation by email
5 th March	Special Pancake Day lunch menu
7 th March	World Book Day
12 th March	Parents Evening/FLC till 5.30pm
14 th March	Parents Evening/ FLC till 6.30pm
Week of the 11 th March	Scholastic Book Fair
5 th April	Y5 & 6 Residential Trips final balance deadline Last day of the Spring term
8 th April to 22 nd April	Easter holidays
23 rd April	Children return to school

LMA Forthcoming Events

Dis-glo ticket sales will be online at www.pta-events.co.uk/londonmeed as normal and sales will close at 7pm on 12th Feb.



LMA PRESENTS
dis-glo
london meed school - 14th february 2019
ks1 3-4pm ks2 4.30-6pm
Tickets £3.75
Includes free glow stick

KS1 DISCO (RECEPTION, YR 1, YR 2). PLEASE SEND CHILDREN IN WITH A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, THEY WILL BE TAKEN TO THE HALL STRAIGHT FROM SCHOOL BY THEIR TEACHER. A DRINK, BISCUIT AND BAG OF CRISPS IS INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE.

KS2 DISCO (YR 3 - 6) - CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BE COLLECTED AS NORMAL AND BROUGHT BACK TO SCHOOL FOR 4.30. THERE WILL BE A TUCK SHOP & UN FACE PAINTING. WE SUGGEST A MAXIMUM OF £3.50

IF YOUR CHILD IS UNDER 5 OR REQUIRES ONE TO ONE SUPPORT, THEY WILL NEED A PARENT OR CAREER PRESENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE DISCO

tickets on sale now. only available online at www.pta-events.co.uk/londonmeed
TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND ARE SOLD ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

WSSC School Holidays 2018/2019

	Starts	Ends
Spring Half Term Holidays	18 Feb 2019 (Mon)	22 Feb 2019 (Fri)
INSET DAY 25th Feb		
Spring Holidays	8 Apr 2019 (Mon)	22 Apr 2019 (Mon)
Summer Half Term Holidays	27 May 2019 (Mon)	31 May 2019 (Fri)
INSET DAY 3rd June		
Summer Holidays	24 Jul 2019 (Wed)	30 Aug 2019 (Fri)