



London Meed Primary School Newsletter

2nd December 2024

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

What a busy week in the run up to Christmas. Last week saw Reception go on their first trip to Hove museum. They had a great time and going on the coach was as exciting a part of the trip as the museum. Thank you to those parents who helped. Our year 5 and 6 football team played in the final at St Paul's. They came 6th out of 40 teams which is really brilliant and they had great fun taking part. Well done Team London Meed.



Year 1 celebrated their Marvellous Middle with a fairytale party day. The children came dressed as their favourite fairy tale character and had a party in the afternoon. They looked amazing with some fantastic homemade costumes - it is amazing what you can do with a cardboard box and some felt tips!



It was so lovely to see so many of our school community at our Christmas Fair on Saturday. The school was buzzing with festive cheer! A huge thank you to our London Meed Association (LMA) for all their very hard work and dedication in making the event a huge success. It really was amazing how much they transformed the school into our very own winter wonderland. We know what a huge amount of work it took to put this on and how much our families and community enjoyed this. Thanks also goes to the volunteers who very kindly gave up their time to help run stalls and activities and for everyone who contributed to the day with donations, raffle prizes and support.



The LMA had such a busy week as they also ran a Wreath Workshop on Wednesday evening. Thanks go to Johanna G for organising the event and to Mrs Herlihy and Ms Smith for running the workshop.

This week we have another busy week. In Key Stage 2, they are undertaking their termly NFER tests as part of our ongoing assessment. Year 5 are having a Viking Day today with a specialist running workshops with them. The children have been having a great time so far. It is now full steam ahead with nativity rehearsals and the stage has gone up in the big hall. It is so lovely to hear so many Christmas songs being sung around the school. We cannot wait to watch both nativities next week - you are all in for a real treat.



Our Christmas Post box will be by the Christmas tree, outside the school office, from Monday 2nd December. If your child would like to use it for their Christmas cards please ensure that the envelope has the name and class of the recipient to ensure they are delivered to the right person.



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REMINDERS:

If your child comes in late please can we ask that you sign them in and then hand them to a member of staff who will take them down to their class. Please do not escort them around the school yourself.

If you have any issues or questions in the first instance please email your child's class teacher via their year group email address or alternatively email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk who will then forward your email onto the relevant member of staff. **Please do not send emails to individual members of staff as, if they are not in school, the email will not be read.**

Holmesdale gate - we have had quite a few parents coming into school via the Holmesdale gate. This is an exit only gate for safety reasons. We know that most parents respect this and abide by this. However, if we do have parents continuing to use this gate to come into school, we will have no choice but to look at closing it altogether.

Week commencing 2nd Dec Internal and External clubs finish for the term this week.

Chartwell Hot meal ordering cut off dates:

5th December for meals 16th-19th December.

Don't forget to order your child's Christmas Lunch!

Deadline is the 5th December

There will be Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast, with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Mini Sausages, Stuffing and Gravy, and for dessert a Festive Cupcake.

You can book directly on ParentPay.com or call Chartwells **01243 774175**

The Chartwells catering team would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and very much look forward to seeing all the children again in the dining hall in the New Year. **You can order now for January 2025 as we are sure you will all be very busy organising Christmas. The new number for Chartwells is 01243 774175**



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Our school is participating in the West Sussex Picture Books to Shout About! Award 2024-25. Run by West Sussex Schools Library Service, this countywide award aims to encourage reading for pleasure and booktalk. The shortlist is:



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Wild Walk to School by Rebecca Cobb

'The Boy, the Troll and the Chalk' by Anne Booth and David Litchfield

'Heavy Metal Badger' by Duncan Beedie

'Who ate Steve?' by Susannah Lloyd and Kate Hindley

Children in our school will be sharing and discussing the shortlisted books over the next few months until a whole school vote is submitted in February 2025.



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Christmas Countdown:

The next four weeks are really busy with Christmas events so please make a note of them in your diary.

Monday 9th December - Reception Dress Rehearsal at 9.30am

Tuesday 10th December - Key Stage 1 dress rehearsal at 9.30am

Wednesday 11th December - Reception Nativity at 10.00am

Thursday 12th December - Key Stage 1 Nativity at 2.00pm



Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day - please wear with school uniform on the bottom half.

Friday 13th December - Key Stage 1 Nativity at 10.00am

Friday 13th December - Year 5 to Marten House at 1.15pm

Tuesday 17th December - Key Stage 2 Carol concert dress rehearsal

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas party Day - children can come in own clothes

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas lunch - please make sure you have booked this for your child

Thursday 19th December - Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at 10.00am. We will need help with this so please fill in google form if you can help.

Thursday 19th December - Elf run day - Key Stage 1 and Reception in the morning and Key Stage 2 in the afternoon



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Many congratulations to our pupils who have been awarded this week's London Meed Hero Award.

<i>Name of child</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Harvey J.	6B	For working independently, confidently and carefully when adding fractions and mixed numbers. Keep it up, Harvey!
Noah	6H	For showing bravery and community when demonstrating the actions and steps to the whole of Year 6 during line dancing in PE this week. Fantastic effort Noah!
Andria	5D	For showing curiosity when writing her own Viking saga set in her own fantasy kingdom. In her writing, she was able to create a rich and engaging atmosphere that was full of descriptive devices, action, speech and show not tell. Keep up all your amazing work, Andria!
Elliot	5A	For his positive attitude towards learning by listening carefully and demonstrating curiosity across all areas of the curriculum . Elliot is taking such care with his descriptive writing in his Viking Saga story and is eager to share his work with our class community . We are so pleased at the progress you've made. Well done Elliot! Keep it up.
Seb	4N	For being such a respectful, kind and caring young man. Seb seeks out opportunities to challenge himself and extend his learning in every lesson. If he comes in early, he even helps the adults set up! We are so proud of him - not just for the progress he is making academically, but because of his wonderful character and personality. He is an absolute pleasure to work with! Well done, Seb!
Freddie	3T	For always displaying community values with how helpful you are around the school and classroom. You have also shown resilience when practising making your handwriting bigger, well done for sticking to your goal!
Adam	3M	For always trying your best and being curious in lessons. You have also shown great resilience when multiplying by 3, 4 and 8. Very well done, Adam!
Naya	2S	For doing a brilliant job learning her lines for our KS1 Nativity. Naya is using a clear, loud voice so the audience can hear her. Well done Naya!
Noah	2O	For being super helpful in class and for a wonderful set of clear instructions to teach someone to play Snakes and Ladders.



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Isla	1C	For showing community, resilience and bravery when reading the end of the day story. You used your phonic knowledge and expression absolutely wonderfully. Very well done, Isla!
Jasmine T	1M	For always doing the right thing. Jasmine has dazzled the Year 1 team this week with her respect, curiosity and sense of community. We are super proud of you Jasmine!



Plea from Year 1 Staff

Year 1 teachers are looking for donations of any dolls, clothes and accessories.

Plea from EYFS Staff

We are looking for parents/carers who are police, firefighters, any medical such as nurse, Dr, paramedic, midwife etc, dentist, librarian, etc who might be happy to come and talk to EYFS about their job in the spring term. If you are able to please email theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk and the teachers will then sort out specific details nearer the time. Many thanks.

Amazon Wish Lists - Thank you so much for your overwhelming support with this.

It is important that when you order, you put a message inside with the delivery saying which year group it is for and who it is from so the children can say thank you to that child. Please also ensure you order through the list as this will then remove the item so it is not purchased again.

EYFS

<https://amzn.eu/i9G1rlm>

Year 1

<https://amzn.eu/9mk2jpx>

Year 2

<https://amzn.eu/2kD7gYv>

Year 3

<https://amzn.eu/iGSxtVp>

Year 4

<https://amzn.eu/84lbWMY>

Year 5

<https://amzn.eu/dYucRra>

Year 6

<https://amzn.eu/9JiNJVo>

SEN Support

<https://amzn.eu/7Lor7mH>

London Meed New Nurture Room and Sensory room

<https://amzn.eu/37ZfDXi>



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School Community News:

New Mental Health and Well-being Website via West Sussex County Council:

West Sussex County Council have launched a new website to help children, families and schools with mental health and well-being. The link is below so please do have a look to see if there is anything that you might find supportive.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/childrens-mental-health-and-emotional-wellbeing/>



Winner of the Burgess Hill Major competition

Many congratulations to Avyukt from Y4 who was one of the three winners of the Christmas Card competition run by our Burgess Hill Major. We are extremely proud - well done!!



Congratulations to Marlowe!

Last week, Marlowe received this term's Star Gymnast award at the gymnastics club she goes to in Hurstpierpoint. The award is for the gymnast showing incredible effort and improvement. She's been going less than a year so her family were all very proud and happy.



BLACK FRIDAY DEAL - DON'T MISS OUT!

**Sign up now for next term and swim December
for free!!**

We teach at 4 different pools with a variety of levels - the spaces are limited so please do contact us as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment.

Don't miss out - it's our biggest offer yet!

To redeem this offer please call the office on 01444 246800 or email office@finnsswimschool.co.uk

Terms & Conditions Apply! - Offer ends: 04/12/2024

VOUCHER CODE: SCHOOLBFS



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London Meed Association

Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Event
Week commencing 2nd Dec	External and Internal clubs finish for the term
11th Dec	Reception Nativity to parents and carers at 10am
12th Dec	Infants Nativity (Year 1 and Year 2) to parents and carers at 2pm
13th Dec	Infants Nativity (Year 1 and Year 2) to parents and carers at 10am
13th Dec	Christmas Jumper day
18th Dec	Christmas Party Day & Christmas lunch
18th Dec - Cancelled	Biscuit and Banter with Miss Dowley at 2.30pm
19th Dec	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at 10am
20th Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm

Term Dates 2024-2025

For WSCC term dates please visit

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/>

London Meed Academic Year 2024-2025 term dates including INSET Days

Autumn Term 2024

Last day of term Friday 20th December

Spring term 2025

Starts Monday 6th January

INSET DAY - Friday 14th February

Half term 17th February to 21st February

Children return Monday 24th February

Last day of term Friday 4th April

Easter Holidays 7th to 21st April

Summer term 2025

Starts Tuesday 22nd April

Bank Holiday - 5th May

INSET DAY - Friday 23rd May Half term 26th May to 30th May

INSET DAY Monday 2nd June

Last day of term Tuesday 22nd July



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Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. For more guidance please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to notify the school on the first day before 9.20am to let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. You can leave a message on the absence line 01444 232336 or report their absence on the [Study Bugs App](#)

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, please let their teacher know via their year group email address.



Swim with Crest Swim school till Xmas for £35.00 – selected classes only – Whilst Spaces Last

Great Walstead:

Monday – Adult Beginner and improver Classes Wednesday - 6pm

Beginner class age 4+ Saturday – Beginner classes age 4+ 8am and

11.30 Sunday – Beginner Class age 4+ 12.30pm, confident beginner class 10am and 12.00pm

Chailey Heritage

Thursday – Confident beginners class 5.30pm Friday – Beginner Class age 4 + 5.00pm, Confident beginners class 4.30pm

St Lawrence School

Saturday – Beginner age 3+ 9am and 11.00am, Confident beginner 10.30am.

Sunday - Beginner age 3+ 9am

Wednesday – Confident beginner class 3.45pm

Woodlands Meed College

Thursday – All Level Classes

Sunday – Baby lessons age 3 months – 14 months new to swimming 12.00pm

Swim in our group classes below for just £35.00 until the end of the term – a saving of up to £30.00. book by 01.12.24 to be eligible for the savings.

Not able to be used in conjunction with any other offer – new swimmers only

Email hello@crestswimschool.co.uk or call 01825 790896 for more information

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23rd December, 2nd & 3rd January

MID SUSSEX HOLIDAY CAMPS

Book online at www.pioneerchildcare.co.uk

FREE HAF Places Available

Book online at <https://bit.ly/free-haf-pioneer>

For children in receipt of Free School Meals. Funded by the Department of Education





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 *GD Gymnastics and Dance Academy*

Christmas and New Year Gymnastics Camp!

 

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BURGESS HILL RH15 9YQ

 **FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 9-3PM**
(EARLY DROP OFF 8:30AM/ LATE PICK UP 4PM FOR EXTRA £5 EACH)

 

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

BOOK NOW TO SECURE A SPOT!

 

Contact us:
 georgiesgym@gmail.com
 07594 305424
 or DM us on Facebook and Instagram!



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KIDS BOOT CAMP....

Calling all 7-14 year olds who want to improve their overall fitness and increase their strength, confidence and agility whilst having fun!!

Next Gen Kids is on every Wednesday from 4pm-4.45pm during term time. We would LOVE to see you at our new home:- Unit 2, Sovereign Business Centre, Victoria Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 9LR

Just £7 per session with fully qualified coaches every step of the way. **For more information or to book please call Nicky on 07591 596160 or email info@theultimatetraining.co.uk**

