



Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of the day

Teaching staff dismiss children into their parent's care at 3.15pm (3pm in KS1). Children are told to return to teachers, or the main office if parents or carers are not in the playground (our younger pupils remain with staff until parents or carers arrive). Please be aware that teachers often have meetings which start at 3.30pm, so playgrounds are not supervised at that point. If parents or carers are enjoying talking to one another or children need to continue to play outside, do visit a local park because we cannot have meetings disturbed in order to sort out disputes over football or other games which happen at this point.

Online Parent evening booking

The online parents evening booking window will open from 8am on Monday 27th February to 9pm on Thursday 2nd March. During this time, you will be able to select which available appointment you would like to book and then generate a printable report if you wish to print confirmation of your booking. Parent Consultations last for 10 minutes and teachers will be guided by what parents wish to discuss – we do expect separated parents to attend together, because this is in your child's best interests. Please allow a ten minute gap between appointments if you have more than one child in our school. To log on please go to our website www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk and click on logon which can be found on the top right of the page. Please contact Mrs Chalmers at datamanager@londonmeedprimary.co.uk if you have forgotten your log on details.

If you experience any problems there is a really helpful youtube video that advises how to use the new system which can be found at;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1NJpWK9sffM>

The Orchard Night at the Museum Pyjama Party



There was a dinosaur invasion in The Orchard last night as we hosted our fabulous pyjama party for a 'Night at The Museum' lit by torchlight. After meeting in small hall we ventured down into the dark to our classrooms and looked at our Learning Journals and class books together. We all enjoyed a bed-time story together read by Mr Verner and atmospheric lighting provided

by all the children's torches. It was a roaaarriiing success! Mr Verner and Miss Owen

Y3 Roman Day



There were some fabulous handmade costumes worn by Y3 today. Thanks to parents/carers for all their efforts. They looked amazing!

Online Safety

Safer Internet Day teaching materials have been widely used in assembly and much has been made of the need to ask the subject of photographs permission before posting images online. Along with how easy it is to find clues to a person's identity from a photograph (candles on cakes tells the age of the subject, school uniform logo tells where to find that person during the school day, a front door can be easily identified as an address etc.) we have stressed the need to ask permission BEFORE a photograph is taken and shared. Do make sure that your son or daughter is practising e safety by respecting others' privacy in this way. It is entirely reasonable for parents to make themselves aware of online activity carried out and no devices should be in bedrooms overnight, but charging in a living area where parents can check history. Everyone (parents and children) should be fully aware that screen shots can be taken of unkind messages, or unsuitable images and widely shared with a large audience even when the original post has been deleted. Our pupils have been taught to use the 'report abuse' button when either of the two points above appear to have been disregarded.

Permission for Photographs

We ask for your permission to take photographs of your child once, before your child starts school. Photos are used in many different ways in school which can range from internal use such as; recording learning; reflecting special responsibilities like School Council; as illustration of School Values; as part of display etc. External use of photos might include; website; prospectus; sent with press releases to local papers and now, of course, our twitter feed. We only ever use positive and appropriate images and don't usually name children unless this is requested by local newspapers. If you have changed your mind and want to limit how we use photographic images of your child, please include any restrictions in a letter to us and this will form part of your child's school record. If you have



already let us know of any restrictions, these will remain in place of course.

E Safety

The following article has been provided by our Neighbourhood Police Officer. It is distressing and the link is not suitable for our pupils to read.

This article might be of use for parents talks on the internet.

Internet safety: A mother's story of how a paedophile groomed her 11-year-old daughter online

Tired of the endless rows, Hannah H finally gave in to the demands from her 11-year-old daughter to have a Facebook account. Little did she know that she had opened the door to a paedophile who lived in her town – and the events that followed were life-changing. <http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/internet-safety-day-hannah-h-mother-paedophile-online-grooming-11-year-old-daughter-facebook-webcam-a7560801.html#commentsDiv>

Kind regards *Theresa*

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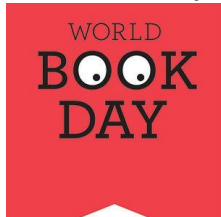
Y4 Roman Museum opening on 6th April

Y4 will be opening their Roman Museum from 2.45pm – 3.15pm on 6th April. We would like to invite you to come to look at your child's work. The children are invited to dress as a Roman that day. Mr Jones and Miss Oliver.

Book Week

Today as part of celebrating Book week every child will be sent home a Book Week Challenge sheet. Please encourage your child to complete 5 challenges and then return it, signed, to your child's class teacher after half term.

World Book Day – 2nd March



Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book to share with their reading buddies. Each child will receive a World Book token to spend at

participating book shops or our Scholastic Book Fair which is taking place the following week. There will be a prize given for best costume for pupils in The Orchard, KS1 and KS2.

If there are any grandparents or parents/carers who would like to share a book with children, please contact the school office to arrange a convenient time.

Scholastic Book Fair 6th -10th March



Our Scholastic Book Fair will be open after school from Monday 6th March to Thursday 10th March until 3.45pm in the school library. Cash or cheques are welcome; however, we are unable to take card payments.

Tissues

It is that time of year where there are a lot of coughs and colds. We would appreciate if you would kindly provide tissues for your child's use.



Sussex Cross Country Competition

Sam and Charlie ran at a regional Cross Country event on Saturday. It was extremely cold but they managed to secure 22nd and 26th place out of

about 115 boys, with our Mid Sussex team winning 1st place. The photo shows the winning boys team, wearing their gold medals.

Other News

U11 Chess Match

On Sunday 12th January, I went to Maidenhead to play Chess for the Sussex U11 mixed team with Joshua B Y5. I scored 2/3 on board 2 and beat a 120-graded player – a great personal achievement. Joshua was on board 18 and scored 2.5/3, so also did really well! Overall, our team came 1st or 2nd out of 4 counties (the result hasn't been clarified yet! By Ruby N Y6 Joshua was on board 20 and scored 2.5/3, so also did really well!

Lifts from strangers

This is a press release from Sussex Police.

Yesterday, Wednesday 15 February, a car stopped next to a school pupil who was walking home in Ditchling, Hassocks.

The driver, who was not known to the pupil, asked if they wanted a lift to which the pupil said no thanks and walked away. The car drove off.

This pupil did the right thing.

Sussex Police would just like to remind everyone that if a stranger ever asks you if you want a lift DO NOT get in the vehicle under any circumstances; say NO



THANKS and walk off in the opposite direction to which the car is facing.

- If there is a shop nearby go in and tell a member of staff what has happened.
- If you have a mobile phone call the police on 999.
- If you can remember what the car or person looked like - tell the police.
- If you can remember the car's registration number - tell the police.
- Tell your parents!

Above all walk away from the car immediately.

Burgess Hill Academy

Burgess Hill Academy will be holding open mornings for parents of students in years 5 and 6, information is on their website

<http://www.theburgesshillacademy.org.uk/> where parents can register for the first one which is Thursday 9th March.

Dates for your Diary for the Autumn Term.

(Further dates for the academic year can be found on the calendar on our website)



FEBRUARY

20th – 24th Half term
27th First day back after half term
Y1 and Y2 Pirate Training Day
Online book system opens online to book parents evening.

MARCH

2nd World Book Day
Week of 6th Scholastic Book Fair
14th Parent Consultations 3-5pm
16th Parent Consultations 3-7pm

APRIL

6th Y4 Roman Museum open from 2.45pm – 3.15pm. Children invited to dress up as a Roman
7th
10th -21st Last day of term
24th Easter break
First day back after Easter break