



Dear Parents and Carers,

The staff at London Meed would like to thank you all for your support during this term. It has certainly been a challenge for all of us but we have found new ways of working and communicating. We have all been so impressed with how resilient the children have been. As always, their curiosity and appetite for learning is evident. It is particularly lovely to see our youngest children running into the playground each morning excited to see their friends and teachers. They have settled so well into our school community.

I would like to thank all the staff for their commitment to our school. They have worked tirelessly to make learning fun and to keep the children safe. They really deserve a well-earned break.

Thanks to your generous donations, our school raised over £825 for St Peter and St James Hospice. This really embodies our community value.

Earlier this week we emailed information about what to do and who to contact should your child receive a positive test result during the holidays.



Elvis enjoyed a fishing trip in Year 5 and the fish were "all shook up"!



Elvis has

officially 'left the building' and gone back into isolation until next year. His last visit was to Year 6.

Please click on the links below which take you to our YouTube channel where you can see the 2020 alternatives to our usual Christmas offerings. We hope you enjoy seeing all the children enjoying performing a Christmas Nativity and the whole school performing "Twas the night before Christmas."

<https://youtu.be/49p09KcY9Ck>

We think Mr Blake should start his own show!

The children in the Orchard showed such bravery as they performed "Higgledy Piggledy" Nativity using Makton sign language. <https://youtu.be/LLJ8PbNKCel>

To see the Orchard singing songs from their Nativity please go to <https://youtu.be/DbkijENThU4>

For a bit of Christmas fun please find attached a tongue in cheek Word Search.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Natalie Langtree, Acting Head teacher

### **Many congratulations to our pupils who have been awarded this week's Yellow Certificate!**

**Spencer - Apples**

for trying really hard in all his learning. Well done!

**Lorenzo - Apples**

for trying really hard to learn how to write his name. Well done!

**Bonnie - Cherries**

for using her independent time to practise her skills and share her knowledge with her peers.

**Isaac - Cherries**

for always making the right choices and being a wonderful friend to the class.

**Elsie S - 1 Donaldson**

for always making the right choices and being a wonderful friend to the class.

**Erina - 1 Donaldson**

for very good reading.

**Olivia - 1 Hendra**

for applying her phonics knowledge to gain more confidence in reading.

**Brooke - 1 Hendra**

for taking pride over her work and improving the presentation of her writing.

**Om - 2 Blackman**

for settling so well into his new class.

**Henry - 2 Riddell**

for challenging himself and showing resilience to improve his writing.

**Hemish - 2 Riddell**

for being curious about the world around him and always being happy to share his ideas

**James D - 3 Rosen**

for consistently setting an example of wonderful behaviour in the classroom

**Mia - 3 Zephaniah**

for her kindness and hard-working approach this week.

Also, for making a fantastic Advent Calendar for this week's Home Learning.

**Joseph - 4 Thomson**

for displaying curiosity when discussing the good and bad reasons to bring back an extinct animal.

**Alice T - 4 Hardy**

for an improved attitude towards her learning and cooperating well with others throughout the week. Well done!

**Rebecca - 5 Kipling**

for her detailed and creative design for the Year 5 wall displays.

**Radley - 5 Leonard**

for supporting others, with patience, during our DT project.

**Chris - 6 Davies**

for excellent work in English, showing curiosity in learning and enthusiasm and knowledge in our soup making.

**Akira - 6 Rundell**

for always maintaining excellent behaviour for learning, which has been reflected in the high quality work completed in school and at home. Keep it up Akira! You have been an absolute pleasure to teach.



#### LMA

"Thank you so much to everyone who visited the virtual fair last week - we are still working out final figures but we have exceeded our target of £1000 which is amazing - we can't say how much we appreciate your support!

Winners were announced via Facebook – but for those of you who have not seen....we are delighted to announce that the winner of our lovely sloth was Charlotte from 5K who named him "Frederick". The answer was chosen using the random online spinning wheel – to see the video of this please visit our Facebook page @londonmeedassociation.

The winner of the sweet jar was Annabelle G (Darcy G's sister from Apple Class) who guessed 87 only one away from the actual number of 86!

Chloe, Amelia and Olivia B were the winners of the whole stocking full of presents with their guess of 92, again only one away from the actual number which was 91!

Thank you for all those who entered the Christmas Decoration and Pet competition which was judged by

Mrs Langtree.

Congratulations to the winner of the Pet competition and the winners of the Christmas Decoration.



The virtual raffle was drawn earlier on in the week. Congratulations to Claire S, the winner of the £100. Thank you from Team LMA

**A huge thank you to all members of the LMA who have worked so hard to think of creative ways to fund raise safely when we are not able to meet in person. The money raised helps the school in so many ways that benefits every child.**

#### Encouraging a Love of Reading



We are really grateful to all of those Parents and Carers who have been reading at least four times a week with their child at home – your hard work is really paying off!

When we come back in January we are putting in an added incentive to read regularly at home: a *Reading Raffle*. Every time a child submits a picture of their Reading Record showing that they have read at home at least four times in a week, they will receive a raffle ticket with their name on which will go into a pot in their classroom. At the end of each half term one name will be drawn out in each class and that child will get to choose a new book to take home and keep. In addition to this, children who read regularly will also continue to receive house-points, and children in EYFS and Year One will also have sticker charts. We are really looking forward to starting the Reading Raffle in January, and helping our pupils to become fluent, wide-ranging readers who show a real love of books and reading.

#### Year 6



As part of our D&T lessons, we have been practising a range of techniques such as peeling, chopping and slicing to make a vegetable soup. We have thoroughly enjoyed the activity and learnt a lot of cooking skills, whilst ensuring good food hygiene and safety in the kitchen.' Year 6 pupils

Please find below the menu for our first day back after the Christmas break, Monday 4th January. **This is for children in The Orchard, Year 1 and Year 2 only.**

Jacket potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Peas & sweetcorn.

Dessert: Peaches & Custard

***Children with special diets will have:***

Jacket potato with baked beans

Peas and sweetcorn

Dessert: Peaches ONLY- no custard.

**The menu will return to normal on Tuesday 5th January.**



There are some events coming up recommended by West Sussex Parent Carer Forum including

- ✦ Autism and Girls
- ✦ Communication on the Autistic Spectrum
- ✦ Coping with Meltdowns and Shutdowns
- ✦ Social Anxiety in Young People
- ✦ Understanding Friendships and Other Social Relationships

Book on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/west-sussex-mind-8288439768>

Chartwells would like to wish you a Super Yummy Christmas by sharing our 2020 Super Yummy Kitchen Recipe Book! Please find at copy attached.

With veg to peel, jokes to tell and memories to make, we wanted to make sure our engaging resources are super quick to find!

We have a Santa-certified stash of recipes & cook-a-long videos, activities, foodie facts and top tips on health, food waste, sustainability and loads more! All *entirely free*, just for your families.

We hope you will join us for a ferociously festive, fun-filled Christmas in The Super Yummy Kitchen, but if you can't make it, we have some absolute crackers lined up for the New Year.

Merry Christmas to one and all, and as always, happy cooking!

With Merry regards,

Your friends at The Super Yummy Kitchen

#### WSCC Travel survey

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, West Sussex County Council is looking at how people travel to and from school, college and university. We have launched this online survey as an opportunity for parents, carers and students (who travel independently) in West Sussex to share your views and let us know about any issues you may be experiencing. Your responses will help the council's transport team to build a better picture of school travel across the county and develop a Travel Demand Management (TDM) scheme, which is aimed at making improvements and creating safer and more environmentally-friendly travel.

Please complete one survey per child/student.

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/91d6124f684f48a3a302a709cb93a663/>

Thank you for taking part, the survey will take around 5-10 minutes to complete and will close midnight on Sunday 20th December 2020.

#### PE Days

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below.

Monday	Year 3
Tuesday	Year 5
Wednesday	Year 6      Year 1
Thursday	Year 4      The Orchard
Friday	Year 2

#### 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

You can 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>

#### Term Dates 2020-2021

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)

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Autumn Term 2020	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	w/c 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec
	<b>Inset Days: -</b> <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>		
Spring Term 2021	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
	<b>Inset Day:- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
Summer Term 2021	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	w/c 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
	<b>Bank holiday: - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <b>Inset Days: - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>		