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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope your half term was a happy one; we were so lucky with the weather! We want to use our field as often as possible, but would like to avoid parents complaining about mud if possible (we obviously close the field at playtime when the ground is waterlogged, but children are good at finding wet patches on otherwise dry days). If you are very concerned about school shoes getting dirty, you can provide a spare pair of plimsolls/trainers for your child to change into – we don't insist on this for pupils accessing the field, but you can, if this is important for you and your child.

Learning Platform and online Parents' Evening & Y6 FLC conference booking

We have parent consultations for children in The Orchard to Year 5 (10 minutes) and Family Learning Conferences for Y6 (15 minutes) coming up on the 12th and 14th March.

To log on please go to our website:

www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk and click on log on which can be found on the top right of the page.

Any existing parents/carers please contact Ms Brayne at datamanager@londonmeedprimary.co.uk if you have forgotten your log on details.

The online Parents' Evening booking window will open from 8am on Monday 4th March and closes at 8pm on Friday 8th March. During this time, you will be able to select which available appointment you would like to book and then generate printed confirmation of your booking.

Parent Consultations last for 10 minutes and the Y6 Family Learning conferences last for 15 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.

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

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

Online Safety

The following message and a wealth more information for parents about Whatsapp, Fortnite and MOMO (a poster is attached to this newsletter because children are reporting to us they have seen this on devices at home) and much more is available at:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/>

Online Safety: Grand Theft Auto

Warning about age restrictions; GTA includes content that is inappropriate for anyone under the age of 18, including sex, nudity, violence, profane language, and substance abuse. These are the main components that make up the game - you have to do certain things and witness certain things in order to move on in the game. Exposing your child to this type of content could affect their morals and understanding of right and wrong. Additionally, your child could become desensitised to similar situations, reinforcing the fact that they would find it hard to differentiate between right/wrong and good/bad. For more information, please follow the link above.

Parent and Carer Free Workshop

A free online safety workshop in partnership with NSPCC and Barnardo's called **Stay Safe** at Sackville School, Lewes Road, East Grinstead, RH19 3TY from 6pm – 8pm on **Thursday 14th March 2019**. The training is aimed at 7 – 12 year olds; however parents of younger and older children may also find it useful. Topics will include online safety, child sexual exploitation, the Prevent agenda and the warning signs of radicalisation.

Red Nose Day 15th March

Wear something - or everything - red and bring at least £1. All money will be donated directly to the charity.

Books! A Plea

We love books here at London Meed! However, our book areas can get disorganised. We are looking for parent helpers who will be willing to spare a couple of hours per week supporting us in maintaining the book areas in the school: organisation of books; return of books and tidying sections.

Tag Rugby Club

A plea for new members. Tag Rugby Club is held after school on Tuesday's from 3.15pm – 4pm for children in years 3-6 and is open to both boys and girls. If your child is interested in attending please speak to the school office to complete a permission slip.

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



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Other News

Big Battery hunt

The Big Battery Hunt is back for year two! We are now part of the UK's biggest school battery recycling programme. There are collection points in the reception area, outside 2D and the SSC classrooms. Pupils who are members of STEM club or Eco Warriors will receive a free battery collection box. Over 4 million batteries were recycled last year – help us to make year two even better!

For more details, please visit

<https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/big-batteryhunt/>

Plea for helpers

In the coming weeks we will be receiving some trees from The Woodlands Trust and will need some parent helpers to assist with planting. If you are able to help please email your name and availability to

office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

Governor Pupil Interviews

Next week our school governors will be coming into school to talk to some of our pupils from Years 1 to 6. Each discussion will last 15 minutes and will include asking our pupils to talk about their favourite pieces of work. This is the fifth year running that this exercise has taken place and our governors find it extremely useful as well as thoroughly enjoying talking to our very well behaved children.

Hockey Club

Due to Miss Griffiths attending an external course there will be no Hockey club on Friday 15th March.

Choir concert – 4th April

The choir will be performing a concert for parents/carers on Thursday 4th April in the large hall at 5pm. Further details will follow shortly. Mrs Walker

Book Review

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

By J K Rowling

My favourite moment is when Harry has his first Care of Magical Creatures class with Rubeus Hagrid where Hagrid introduces them to a magical creature called a Hippogriff. The Hippogriff is called Buckbeak and Harry is allowed to stroke him and ride him. I think that this is the best moment because the way it is



described makes it seem real and you can picture what is happening in detail. This moment also helps you understand what happens later on in the book.

Miranda 6B

Dates for your Diary

1 st March	Y6 Parents informed of their child's secondary school allocation by email
4 th March	8 am Online booking system opens for Parents Evening/ Y6 FLC
Week of the 4 th March	Governors visiting the school every afternoon to conduct a pupil questionnaire with six selected pupils from years 1-6.
5 th March	Special Pancake Day lunch menu LMA Pancake races
7 th March	World Book Day – come as your favourite book character
8 th March	8pm Online booking system closes for Parents Evening/Y6
11 th – 14 th March	Scholastic Book Fair taking place in the library from after school till 3.45pm.
12 th March	Parents Evening/FLC till 5.30pm Beekeeper visiting Y1 in the morning.
13 th March	Beekeeper visiting Y2 in the morning.
14 th March	Parents Evening/ FLC till 6.30pm
15 th March	Red Nose Day – wear something red No Hockey club
29 th March	The Orchard Fabulous Finish at 2pm. Letter to follow with more information but parents/carers are invited.
Week of the 11 th March	Scholastic Book Fair
4 th April	Choir Concert at 5pm in the large hall – further details to follow
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



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POP-UP

for Parent Carers of children (0-25) with special educational needs and/or disabilities

Would you like help navigating the wide range of services available in West Sussex?

10AM TILL NOON

- ▶ 1st of March - STARBUCKS COMMUNITY ROOM, QUEEN SQUARE, CRAWLEY, RH10 1DY
- ▶ 14th of May - ALDINGBOURNE COUNTY CENTRE, NEAR CHICHESTER, PO18 0JP
- ▶ 11th of June - CAFE NERO, HAYWARDS HEATH, HAYWARDS HEATH, GU12 7JY
- ▶ 7th of November - HASKINS GARDEN CENTRE, NEAR WORTHING BN16 4BD



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office@wspcf.org.uk 01903 726188





WSCC School Holidays 2018/2019

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







April 2nd is
World Autism
Awareness Day


To mark Autism Awareness Day, we are bringing together (all under one roof), over 40 Organisations, Providers, Charities and Professionals who can help support you and your family.



Date: 2nd April 2019


Time: 9.30 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Charmandean Centre,
Forest Road, Worthing, BN14 9HS




Workshops available on the day :

- ❑ On Line Gaming & Addiction - Delivered by Aspens (Formerly known as Autism Sussex)
- ❑ Autism & Anxiety - Delivered by Autism Social Communication Team
- ❑ Autism & Girls - Delivered by Aspie Trainers



Tickets are priced at £6.45, this includes refreshments and a sandwich lunch



1-1 behaviour clinics will be available to pre book with behaviour advisors. Tickets DO need to be purchased in advance. Please find link below:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-awareness-day-tickets-54822848616>

For more information please contact Lindsey@parentsforautism.org.uk