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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Census Day

Thank you to those parents and carers who respected our need to have as many children taking their Universal Free School meals on Thursday. We only had three lunch boxes from 6 classes that day, which makes a positive difference to our budget from April. We need to conserve all our funding streams carefully, so this was very supportive.

### Inset Days 2019/2020

I confirm the following Inset Days for the next academic year 2019-2020.

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b>

### Arrival at School

The gates to the playgrounds open at 8.30am and the doors into school at 8.45am. Please ensure that your child has enough time to take off coats etc and be in their class promptly at 8.55am as lessons start immediately after registration. Late arrivals interrupt valuable lesson time.

### Bad weather

I would like to outline the procedures should the school need to be closed either outside or during normal school hours, for example as a result of adverse weather conditions.

### Closure outside of normal school hours

A decision on school closure will be made as early as possible and will be announced in the following ways:

- On the school website [www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk](http://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk).
- A single text message and email on each morning that the school is closed (based on the data held on SIMS to the main parental contact).
- On the following local radio stations: Heart (96-107) and Bright FM (106.4)

Updates would then be provided during the day as necessary on the school website.

### Closure during normal school hours

Staff and pupils will be informed and further information will be provided to a wider audience e.g. parent, locally community by similar means as those outlined above.

The procedure for pupils will be:

- All pupils will remain in school until released by a member of staff.

### Holmesdale Entrance

Please park responsibly, this includes not parking over people’s drives or covering the white lines which mark the footpath entrance to the school from Holmesdale Road. It is everyone’s responsibility to keep our school community safe.

### Phonics Workshops

Miss Griffiths provided 2 workshops for parents of children in The Orchard. This provided some theory on the teaching of phonics, as well as an opportunity to engage in learning alongside their children in classrooms. Feedback was really positive and parents now want the same experience for mathematics. A tiny minority of parents who attended said they wanted termly catch-ups on progress. We already provide this through parent consultation evenings in Autumn and Spring terms, with an annual report in the Summer term so you know how your child is doing, **and** an open door policy, so please do not hesitate to make an appointment if you’d like even more information about your child in school. Thank you very much to Miss Griffiths and Mrs Cobham for arranging this opportunity.

### Fundraising

Thanks to your generosity last term, we raised £189.61 for the Poppy Appeal through our Poppy sale. From the retiring collection at our KS2 carol service we raised £87.50 for St John’s church and £87.50 for the Auditory Verbal UK.

### Nits and Head-lice

Please check your child’s hair for head-lice and eggs this weekend. Head-lice are dark and show up more easily on blonde hair while eggs are white and show up better in dark hair. Look around the nape of neck as well as on the crown. You don’t necessarily need expensive lotions, just masses of cheap conditioner on wet hair and an adult thoroughly combing sections of hair from root to ends, with a nit comb. Metal nit combs are much better than plastic because the teeth are closer together. If you do find either nits or eggs,



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you need to repeat this process every day for 2 weeks in order to catch eggs hatching at every stage – and repeat the conditioner and combing with everyone in your household. It is good practice to comb in this way every two weeks anyway, just to ensure your son or daughter is not habitually inflicting nits on other children. If girls or boys have hair long enough to tie back it should always be tied back and plaits are the best anti -nit hairstyle. Nits do not usually jump from head to head, they simply crawl when the hair touches someone else’s head.

### **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**

#### **Office Post**

If you have any post for the school office, please use the secure post box on the wall outside the external sliding doors on the right hand side.

#### **Y5 & Y6 Residential Trip Payment Deadline**

Just a quick reminder that both the Y5 & Y6 residential trip deadlines for the final balance to be paid is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. You are welcome to make instalments of your choice up until this date via Scopay.

#### **Special lunch for Pancake day – 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Please find attached to this week’s newsletter, the special Pancake day menu for the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **Training Opportunities in West Sussex**

Please find the attached School Careers Recruitment Flyers. There will be representation from local universities who can offer advice regarding undergraduate and post graduate courses as well as Chichester and Crawley Colleges, Greater Brighton Metropolitan College and other organisations offering apprenticeships. There is more information at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobsinschools](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobsinschools) as well as info on who will be at both events.

### **LMA Forthcoming Events**



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

# LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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## Dates for your Diary

25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	LMA Tuckshop in KS2 playground
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y4 Trip to Plumpton College
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y3 Trip to Plumpton College
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	LMA Dis-glo KS1 and The Orchard 3-4pm KS2 4.30-6pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb to 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Half term
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Inset Day
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children return to school
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Y6 Parents informed of their child’s secondary school allocation by email
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Special Pancake Day lunch menu
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening/FLC till 5.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening/ FLC till 6.30pm
Week of the 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5 Trip to Bawdsey Manor final balance deadline Y6 Trip to Liddington final balance deadline Last day of the Spring term
8 <sup>th</sup> April to 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter holidays
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children return to school

## WSSC School Holidays 2018/2019

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

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	Starts	Ends
INSET DAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> SEPT		
Autumn Half Term Holidays	28 Oct 2019 (Mon)	1 Nov 2019 (Fri)
INSET DAY 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov		
Winter Holidays	23 Dec 2019 (Mon)	3 Jan 2020 (Fri)
Spring Half Term Holidays	17 Feb 2020 (Mon)	21 Feb 2020 (Fri)
INSET DAY 24 <sup>th</sup> FEB		
Spring Holidays	6 Apr 2020 (Mon)	17 Apr 2020 (Fri)
Summer Half Term Holidays	25 May 2020 (Mon)	29 May 2020 (Fri)
INSET DAY 1 <sup>st</sup> JUNE		
INSET DAY 20 <sup>th</sup> JULY		
Summer Holidays	21 Jul 2020 (Tue)	