



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week in school and children and staff have been full of festive cheer. I have particularly enjoyed seeing children who want to share work they are proud of and this has included winter themed stories, handmade Christmas cards and posters about pollution. So much progress has been made since September.

Christmas Lunch was a huge success and each child wore a Christmas themed headband while eating their lunch to an accompaniment of Christmas songs. The class parties were great fun and a super way to end a very busy term. I have been so impressed with standards of behaviour and children have been polite and respectful throughout.



Our **community** value has been very much in evidence recently and extends beyond our school gates. I am delighted to tell you that, thanks to your generosity, we raised £456.22 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal and over £1,700 for St Peter's and St James' Hospice. Both of these charities rely on donations and we know that our contributions

will make a difference to other people.

We say goodbye to Mr Winchester who has done such a brilliant job of teaching 4A this term. We have already booked him to cover classes next term when teachers are on training courses so we will see him again soon. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Jagannath, who has worked in Year 2 and in the lunch hall. We wish her the best of luck for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff who have worked so hard this term and especially during periods when we have been short staffed.

I hope all of our children, families and staff have a wonderful Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 4th January**.

Natalie Langtree
Head teacher

Uniform update

Our uniform provider, Broadbridges have advised that they now have in stock a Green Logo hoody which can be worn by children **only on PE days**. This is optional.

School Contingency Plans

Following government advice, we have recently updated our school Covid action and contingency plans. They are available to read on the school website.

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19

As a result of the guidance below we would strongly recommend that families order rapid lateral flow tests.

From Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 is being introduced (including until the end of this term). All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19. Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect education settings by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.

If they are identified as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the Online Reporting System and to their setting. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting.

Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the Sunday 12 December press release. This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January. If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.



Guidance for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and keeping children safe online

The Children's Commissioner is today launching a guide for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and how they can support children to stay safe online

London Meed Hero Award

Many congratulations to this week's London Meed Heroes.

Name	Class	Reason
Keira	6B	Producing an informative and well-written mountaineering guide by including technical language, complex sentences and advanced punctuation. Well done, Keira!
Freddie P	6D	For having an excellent attitude towards his writing when independently creating a mountaineering handbook, which was full of: varied sentence structures, parenthesis and technical language. Keep up all your hard work, Freddie.
Livy	5P	For always being kind and supportive to everyone in the class and for always upholding school values.
Angus H	5 S	For showing resilience and motivation to do his best when publishing his work this week.
Oliver	4OD	For always being kind and supportive to all his peers and for always being willing to help - upholding our school value of community .
Prathik	4A	For consistently producing accurate work and always looking for a challenge in maths.
Aaron	3WZ	For writing an excellent narrative poem.
Hugh	3C	For showing resilience and imagination during the narrative poetry process.
Robin	2DJ	For trying really hard with his reading and using phonics to help him sound out challenging words. Well done!
Lacey	2M	For working really hard to use interesting vocabulary in her writing and showing curiosity in her attitude to learning.
Tej	1S	For working hard to write independently.
Harriet	1DH	For trying her best and showing resilience in all areas of her learning.
All of Apple class	Apple	For doing a fabulous job in their first school nativity, despite challenging circumstances. Well done everybody!
All of Cherry class	Cherry	For their brilliance in their first school nativity, and for all their hard work this term. Well done!

Year 4 Toy Making



As part of their DT this half term, our Year 4 children have made toys which they shared with the children in The Orchard on Monday.

Reading Raffle Winners

Many congratulations to this half term's Reading Raffle Winners: Jing, Alice, Annabelle, Harry, Esme, Amelia, Riley, Thomas, Noah, Leia, Guntaj, Isaac, Samuel and Oscar.



**WSCC - Support throughout winter, Christmas, and the festive holidays**

While Christmas is a time of celebration, we know that the festive season, the end of term and the start of a new year can also be a difficult time. This is especially so after another tough year for us all, the impact of Covid-19 on those who have lost loved-ones or have been affected in other ways, and the news of the Omicron variant.

Your school is committed to continuing to support you and our entire community during the holidays, especially while you might not be seeing friends and colleagues as you would do when in school.

If you are feeling worried or lonely, reach out and speak to someone close to you. Let them know how you're feeling, there is always someone who wants to listen and talk to you. Sometimes just sharing that thing on your mind can instantly ease some of your worry, you might find a solution to your problem is easier to find by simply sharing it.

If you think someone you know might be feeling this way, get in touch with them. A simple message or call to say 'Hello, how are you feeling?' can make all the difference.

There is a huge amount of guidance and resources available on a range of subjects for young people, parents, carers and school staff. Professional help and support with your mental health and wellbeing continues to be available over the school holidays and beyond for those who need it.

You can find lots of information, support and links to further help online at

www.westsussex.gov.uk/YourMindMatters

Getting out and about can also be a great way to keep fit and boost your emotional wellbeing. Visit the Experience West Sussex website for some great West Sussex walks, cycle rides, things to do and places to explore.

Census Day - 20th January 2022

Twice a year, once in the Autumn and once in the Spring term, we request that all children in The Orchard and Years 1 and 2 take up a free hot school meal which will be ordered for them. The Census day for the Spring term is on Thursday 20th January.

The reason for this request is that for each child recorded as having a hot school meal on this day, the school will receive vital funding that is required to support your child's development. If your child is a fussy eater we will do our best to encourage your child to eat their hot lunch. If your child will only eat a packed lunch, then they may bring in a packed lunch as usual.

We would like to thank all parents for supporting the school and encouraging their child to have a hot school meal on Thursday 20th January.



TASTE OF AMERICA

20/01/2022

Choose a Main **£2.33**

BBQ Chicken Fillet Sandwich & Chips
or
Quorn nuggets & Chips

On the Side

Peas or
Salad

For Dessert

Chocolate Fudge Brownie

To Drink

Blackcurrant Squash,
Milk or Water

Orders must be placed by 9th January 2022.
Special Diet requests must be registered
by 17th December 2021 at:
westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk
www.mealselector.co.uk / 01243 836130

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

WIN CHRISTMAS!

25 WIN

HUGE FOOD HAMPER

LUXURY CHRISTMAS TREE

TABLE & TREE DECORATIONS

FESTIVE DOOR WREATH

BUBBLY & CHOCOLATE

LIGHTS, CANDLES & STOCKINGS

Give a little back by supporting our lottery

Help boost school fundraising

Tickets cost just £1 a week

Weekly cash prizes, up to £25,000

Buy A Ticket

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Closing date 11th Dec 2021. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below. Please note there has been a change in days for Apples and Cherries.

Apples	Tuesday and Thursday
Cherries	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3W Zephaniah	Monday and Friday
Year 3C Dahl	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Monday and Thursday

Contact Details

Please email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk with any changes to your contact details. Many thanks.

Email addresses to contact teachers

Please only contact teachers via their year group email addresses listed below.

The Orchard	theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 1	year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 2	year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 3	year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 4	year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 5	year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 6	year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

Key dates

For up and coming key dates for this academic year please visit our website

<https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/calendar/52708>

LMA Lottery

Help boost school fundraising by purchasing a lottery ticket - weekly cash prizes up to £25,000! To buy a ticket for £1 click on the link below

[Support London Meed Community Primary School when you play Your School Lottery](#)

Thank you to our parents below who have very kindly donated their lottery winnings to the school.





Term Dates 2021-2022

For WSCC term dates please visit

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21_term_dates.pdf

Autumn Term 2021	Thursday 2nd September(INSET DAY) Children return Friday 3rd September INSET DAY - Friday 22nd October Half term 25th October to Friday 29th October Children return Monday 1st November Last day of term Friday 17th December
Spring term 2022	Starts Tuesday 4th January INSET DAY - Friday 18th February Half term 21st February to 25th February Children return Monday 28th February Last day of term Friday 8th April
Summer term	Starts Monday 25th April INSET DAY - Friday 27th May Half term 30th May to 3rd June INSET DAY Monday 6th June Last day of term Thursday 21st July

Plea from Mid Sussex Scouts

My name is Mark Scholfield, I am District Commissioner for Mid Sussex Scouts.

As a voluntary organisation, we are always in need of more adult helpers to assist with Scouting in Mid Sussex and I wanted to reach out and ask if you would mind publicising Scouting in your educational newsletter. We have massively long waiting lists for young people, but not enough adults to allow us to reduce those waiting lists. So if you could help us by promoting the fact that we're looking for adult helpers, that would be amazing. No experience is necessary as full training can be provided. All the information about how to join can be found on our website here:-

<https://midsussexdistrictscouts.com/become-a-volunteer>

Or anyone can just email me at dc@midsussexdistrictscouts.com to find out more information.