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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another eventful week at London Meed. Our new Reception intake have all been in and experienced school lunch as well as many other exciting opportunities. We are so proud of the team effort to ensure a smooth start to school life.

Everyone else is settling into new classroom routines and getting to know their teachers. I was very amused to hear some misconceptions about what happens on Inset Day - some of our Year 4 pupils thought it was Insect Day! It has been truly lovely to see older KS2 pupils making friends with younger children out on the playground.

On Wednesday, Ms Brayne, myself and three delightful Year 6 pupils were invited to St Peter and St James Hospice to see how the monies we raised from the Elf Run is being used. Our Community value extends beyond our school and we hope to develop the relationship further over the coming year.

One of my favourite things this term is seeing children coming to school in their home clothes to celebrate their birthday. They are visible to everyone and have loved talking about cakes, gifts and celebrations. If a birthday is on the same day as a PE day it is absolutely fine to wear home clothes the next day.

Please remember to park considerably outside the school grounds. We have had neighbours and staff who have needed to leave promptly for appointments and have been blocked in by parents collecting children. Unfortunately, COVID has not magically disappeared and we have had to invoke our Contingency Plan due to an outbreak in Year 4 and potential cases in other year groups. Hopefully, this will be lifted at our next review on the 27th September but we expect that this will be a pattern over the coming year.

Have a lovely weekend.

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

Year 5	21st Sept 2.55pm - 3.15pm
Year 1	22nd Sept 2.40pm-3pm
Year 3	23rd Sept 2.55-3.15pm

London Meed Hero Award

Many congratulations to this week's London Meed Heroes.

Name	Class	Reason
Olivia.	6B	For settling really well; confidently contributing to class discussions and making new friends. Well done, Olivia!
Poppy	6D	For always trying her best with her work this week, particularly English where she wrote a detailed description full of expanded noun phrases.
Amelia	5P	For having a diligent approach to editing her writing and for using these skills to support her peers.
Melissa	5S	For using descriptive language to enhance meaning in her writing.
William	4O	For showing bravery in demonstrating footwork skills in front of the class and for showing community spirit when being kind to a friend.
Sami	4A	For having a stunning first week by challenging himself in Maths lessons.
Isla	3WZ	For an excellent hard working week, full of resilience and curiosities.
Aoife	3C	For engaging well with all her learning this week and showing determination to complete it to her best ability.
Alex	2M	For learning facts about our topic and helping our class community learn.
Noah	2DJ	For fully engaging with our learning and showing bravery by answering questions in class.
Seb	1DH	For showing creativity in geography whilst sketching the woodland area.
Mariam	1S	For being a respectful member of our school community, especially at 'tidy-up time.'

Meet the Teacher

The week commencing 20th September our teachers will meet with parents/carers for a brief meeting outside their classroom. They will introduce themselves and outline plans for the year ahead. Gates will be open for parents/carers to access the playground five minutes before the meeting.

Please see the dates below. Please note the **Year 4 Meet the Teacher sessions have been postponed - a new date will be advised in due course.**

Year group	Date
Year 2	20th Sept 2.40pm - 3pm
Year 6	20th Sept 2.55pm - 3.15pm



Encouraging a Love of Reading

Our official library opening



As per our email sent this week, the library will be officially opened on Monday 27th September by Vashti Hardy a local author.

Census Day - Thursday 7th October

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. The Census day for this term is on Thursday 7th October.

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 7th October.

St Peter and St James Hospice visit



We visited St Peter and St James Hospice and met some friendly ladies who work there. They showed us the 12 acres of land surrounding the hospice; a beautiful zen garden that was created by students and teachers from Plumpton College; the pretty building where they look after sick patients and the two donkeys- Dylan and Dudley, lambs, a horse and Shetland pony. Our favourite part of the afternoon was the Woodland walk; spotting squirrels, the "V" shaped tree forest and hearing about the help they give the people who are very ill.

The ladies were so kind to us and we were so happy that the London Meed Elf Run raised enough money for the Hospice to run and provide care. We were awarded a certificate for our fundraising efforts.

We really want to go back there!

William K, Millie K and Rebecca P





Free School Meals

Is my child eligible?

From 1 April 2018, free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- **Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)**
- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)**
- **Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.**

A number of pupils will also be protected against losing their current free school meals. You can find more information on GOV.UK. If you are not eligible for benefits-related, free school meals, but your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals and you need not apply. Contact your school for details.

If you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, please continue to register. This will enable your child's school to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding.

To apply for Free School Meals please visit

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>

PE Days

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

Apples	Monday and Thursday
Cherries	Tuesday and Friday
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

FREE Gardening Equipment for your school!

Become a Morrisons Growing School and get FREE gardening equipment for your school!

At Morrisons we want to get the next generation growing, because the more kids know about how food is grown and made, the better they'll eat, now and in the future.

That's why we've created It's Good to Grow, a collector scheme where you can exchange Grow Tokens for gardening equipment for your school.

For more information visit

<https://my.morrisons.com/blog/community/good-to-grow/>

Contact Details

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



Plea for Lego

We are running two Lego clubs this term. If you have any spare lego we would really welcome any donations via the School Office. **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>

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