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Dear Parents and Carers,



There has been such buzz around school this week. Children appear to be really settled and enjoying school life. As you are all aware, school run clubs have restarted after nearly 18 months. Children have begun learning Mandarin, started planting Spring bulbs, played netball, built lego, played chess and joined the choir amongst other activities. We are so lucky to have such willing staff who gladly give up their time during lunch breaks and before and after school so that children get as many opportunities as possible to try new things. Mr Blake, our Premises Manager, is currently on a course training to be a Forest School Leader. This will mean that he is able to support children's learning in our Forest School area once he has completed the course.

Our new Reception pupils have settled beautifully and it already feels as if they have been part of our school community for a long time. Details of the "6 weeks in" meetings have been sent to Reception parents so they can sign up for one of the sessions that will be held in the last week of this half term.

This year, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Friday 5th November and will be collecting donations for The Burgess Hill Pantry; further information will follow.

Have a lovely weekend.

Natalie Langtree

Head teacher

Many congratulations to this week's London Meed Heroes.

Name	Class	Reason
Finn	6B	For his ability to infer from the text and make valuable contributions to our class discussions. Keep it up, Finn!
Oliver	6D	For always taking an active role during class discussions and for always being a kind and helpful talk partner. Well done, Oliver!
Henry	5P	For showing a mature approach to his learning, by asking questions to improve his understanding. Well done, Henry!
Louie	5S	For showing amazing curiosity and scientific reasoning when learning about our solar system.
Koray	40	For improved attitudes to learning and participating well in lessons showing resilience and challenging himself.
Esme	4A	For an excellent explanation text using the success criteria to edit and improve.
Pasha	3Z	For making excellent vocabulary choices to create a setting.
Tom	3C	For showing curiosity and determination during Maths lessons.
Connall	2M	For showing boundless curiosity when learning about our topic and willingly sharing this with our class community.
Tom	2DJ	For showing an eagerness to be involved with our learning and contributing well in class.
Amy	1DH	For creating a happy community with a beautiful smile.
Lucas	15	For showing resilience in phonics and always trying his best.
Leo	Apples	For always making the best choices and being fabulous at looking after our classroom environment.
Alice	Cherries	For being a caring and supportive friend to everyone!

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## Open Day - 25th November 2021

Was your child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018? If so they are eligible to start school in September 2022. You can apply online from Monday 4th October 2021 via

www. westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

The deadline to apply is Saturday 15th January 2022.



We will be holding an Open Day on Thursday 25th November for parents and carers of children starting school in September 2022. Please see the information above.. To book a place at one of the sessions, please visit https://forms.gle/TCeycFbBcULPRTEm6

## **Encouraging a love of Reading**



1S Donaldson were the first class to enjoy a trip to our brand new library. We were very excited!

It was lovely to have a beautiful space to sit and read books - someone even found one of our key texts from English to take home. Mrs Stacey. 1S Donaldson

### **DLD Awareness Week 11th -15th October**

London Meed will be having a 'wear something purple' day (with school uniform/PE day) on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct to raise awareness of DLD.



Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) is a significant difficulty with learning, understanding and using spoken language for no obvious reason. It emerges in childhood but persists into adulthood, and is described as a hidden disability. People with DLD may find it hard to follow what is being said to them, make more errors with their talking, use simple sentences or have trouble organising a conversation. It affects people all around the world, in all languages. DLD matters- it can affect social and emotional well-being, success at school and success at work, so the sooner it is recognised, the sooner those people can be supported. DLD Awareness Day, now in its fifth year, is celebrated annually around the world with more than 40 countries involved last year.

#### Helpful strategies we can use with people with DLD:

- Slow your talking down.
- Use less language- simplify long sentences into smaller chunks.
- · Repeat words.
- · Use natural gestures to support your spoken words.

Support DLD Awareness Day by sharing #ThinkLanguage #ThinkDLD. Visit www.RADLD.org to find out more information.

We look forward to seeing your children in something purple next week!

#### **Bike Goodies**

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Thank you to Mr Mawer for alerting us to some free bike related goodies. If your child rides their bike to school and would like some free chain oil or bike cleaner, please pop into the school office and help yourself. Supplies are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

#### **Inspiring our children**

A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who have contacted us regarding coming in and speaking about their jobs and careers to the children. We are really excited to have such an interesting and varied group of people come and inspire our pupils.



#### **Burgess Hill Pantry**

Burgess Hill Pantry was set up as part of the Town Council's 'No Cupboard Empty' project, to help residents struggling on low incomes stretch their household

budgets a little further. The pantry is a community group, run by volunteers to help people living in Mid Sussex.

For a weekly membership of £4, residents can choose a selection of food to the value of around £20, helping budgets stretch further. There's a variety of food available including fresh fruit and veg, store cupboard favourites, bread and dairy products.

The Pantry is now open Tuesday & Thursday 10.00 am -12.30 pm and 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm.

You can find more details and sign up on the Burgess Hill Pantry webpage or the Burgess Hill Pantry Facebook page.



#### Plea for old wellington boots!

Do you have any unwanted wellington boots? Mrs Cobham is looking for boots

in any size and any condition for her Gardening club. They will be used as planters around the school.



**HELP US POWER CHANGE - SIGN THE WORLD'S** LARGEST **OFFSHORE** WIND FARM

It's code red for

humanity - we must limit global warming to 1.5 degrees. Join us in sending a message to world leaders that we need ambitious climate action at COP26. Pledge your support by adding your name to what will be the world's largest offshore wind farm at Dogger Bank in a poignant symbol of the need for urgent action.

https://www.sse.com/cop26/sign-the-turbine/



Young Carers are children and young people who help look after a member of the family who is sick, disabled or has mental health problems, or is misusing drugs or alcohol. They may be someone who has direct caring responsibilities or they may be someone whose life is affected as a result of living with someone who has these conditions.

Burgess Hill Youth provide these additional fun activities free of charge with the administrative support from the Town Council. Details of our activities can be found here.

http://www.burgesshill.gov.uk/town-community/youngcarers/

Please note there are two events – one for 6-11 years and then one for ages 10 plus. To book a place for your child please contact jennifer@burgesshill.gov.uk

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#### 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

## **Contact Details**

Please email <u>office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</u> 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.

444.0000.0000		
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	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	Starts Tuesday 4th January
2022	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