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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

We were so pleased to see children after the summer break and delighted they appeared so eager to see each other again. Nine children joined our school in classes other than Reception and our 60 youngest pupils have begun the huge step of starting school. Our staff have done a magnificent job of helping children feel welcomed and happy in their new class, but we know there can be ‘wobbles’, especially after a weekend or holidays. Don’t hesitate to make an appointment to see the staff member best suited to your query (Mrs Brayne in our school office can help to direct you to the right person) and you’d like some advice.

INSET

Fifty staff members received training on keeping children safe in school. This covered anti-bullying, physical and emotional safety and child protection and how to report any concerns. We also had medical training from our School Nurse on treatment of allergies and asthma. If any parent has any concerns about the safety of a child in the local community (not just at our school) you can telephone the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on 01403 229900 on weekdays between 9-5pm and 0330 2226664 weekdays 5pm-9am and weekends.

Welcome to new team members!

We have new staff members to get to know: Mr Alfonso is class teacher to 3A; Mrs Corr is class teacher to 1H on a Thursday. We have 3 new Learning Support Assistants; Mr Russell (SSC/Y2), Mrs Islam (Y4) and Mrs Coxon (Y6). All new staff joined us for INSET on Monday and we were delighted to welcome them to our team.

Questions and Queries

Senior staff are available on the playground before and after school and we are proud that our open door policy means parents and carers can easily have their questions answered. Please do be aware that London Meed staff do not monitor social media (other than our twitter feed), so Facebook groups are not a good place to post questions – come and talk to us instead.

Good Behaviour in School

Part of our INSET day was spent reviewing our Good Behaviour Policy (this can be found on our website under Policies). If you have read the policy and have any queries, please contact the School office.

Class teachers have developed Class Charters with their own class, so that children have a sense of ownership and see any sanctions as fair. Each class in KS1 uses a sun and cloud symbols, with KS2 using a traffic light system, so every child knows how they are doing in terms of behaviour expectations. If children regularly reach the ‘thunder cloud’ or are placed on ‘red’ (this is quite rare in our school), teachers will get in touch with parents, because we really do appreciate your support to overcome distractions from learning. For more serious incidents parents may be called by a member of the school Leadership team.

Mr J Viinikka, Assistant Headteacher

Could your children be entitled to Free School Meals?

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you’re in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- ☑ Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than **£7,400**.
 - ☑ Child Tax Credit (**with no Working Tax Credit**) with an annual income of no more than **£16,190**
 - ☑ Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you **stop qualifying** for Working Tax Credit)
 - ☑ Income Support
 - ☑ **Income-based** Jobseeker’s Allowance
 - ☑ **Income-related** Employment and Support Allowance
 - ☑ Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - ☑ The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Registering for free meals could also raise an extra **£1,320** for our school which can be used to fund valuable support like extra support or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

To check if your child is eligible, the government needs information about you and your child. Please contact Katherine Brayne in the school office between 10am and 2pm and she can help you get started.

School Games Gold Mark



We are delighted to announce that we, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust



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to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Leavers Disco

....was at the end of the summer term. This was a fantastic experience for our Year Six pupils – the disco was run by *JW Sounds disco 07889 633758*, James is a real friend and staunch supporter of our school and he knows how to get a party started, so do consider him for your party bookings. A huge thank you also goes to our LMA who made sure everyone had enough to drink (it was BOILING) and provided fish and chips. Staff also turned out in numbers, which was much appreciated at 9pm on a Monday night!

Lost Property

I found scores of coats, fleeces and shoes (including a pair of Nike trainers) around school on the last day of term. If they could belong to your child, please look in the KS2 lost property area. Named items do find their way back to their owners, so don't forget to label absolutely everything brought into school. Lunch boxes, shoes and coats are usually forgotten, rather than deliberately taken by anyone else.

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

Reporting absence



If your child is too unwell to attend school, we have to know why. Please report your child's absent by 9.20am using StudyBugs App -new parents can sign up via <https://studybugs.com/about/parents> or alternatively please leave a message on our absence line 01444 232336 and inform us why your child is absent. If for any reason you do not notify the school, you will receive a call to ask you why your child is absent. We ask that if your child has had a sickness or an upset tummy bug, you keep him / her at home for 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting and/or diarrhoea. If your child has a rash, we request that you seek medical advice prior to attending school.

If your child is taken ill at school, you will be informed. It is, therefore, very important that we have an up to date contact number for you, at home or at work, and for someone who will come and collect your child if we cannot make contact with you.

Inhalers for asthmatic children are kept in the classroom and a spare in the school office. Please make sure your child knows exactly how to use it. It is parental responsibility to ensure inhalers that are in school are in date.

Internal clubs

We attach a copy of the clubs that will be running in the Autumn term or please visit the website https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/clubs_timetable_/56350

We are pleased to advise that we are trialling a new online booking system for Internal clubs. Online booking forms can be found via the website under the Parents section

https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/club_booking_forms/416341

As in previous years, each club will have a maximum number of pupils that can sign up and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Once this limit is reached the system will not accept any more responses as the club is full. A successful submission means that your child has secured a place.

External clubs please follow the instructions to register your child on the club timetable attached. Please note registration for external clubs may not be open until the start of the new term.

Nut Free School

We would like to remind parents that we are a nut free school.

Several of our pupils have severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts, peanuts and nut products including peanut butter.

Therefore, it is very important that pupils do not bring food containing nut products to school including things like; Nutella and cereal bars in their packed lunch.



School Council

We have a School Council representative in each class from Y2 to Y6. We discuss school issues with our classes, raise money for charity, lead assemblies and help wherever we can.

If your child would like to be a School Councillor, they are asked to please write a speech for Home Learning



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explaining what you think makes a good School Council and why they would be suitable for the role.

Written Speeches need to be completed by Friday 20th September. Speeches will be presented to classes by Friday 27th September.

Improvements in School

We had extensive work during the school holiday which included new playground equipment in The Orchard. There have been new external lights fitted and Mr Blake has been extremely busy tidying and painting various areas of the school.

Summer Reading Challenge



Congratulations to Nakshatra Y6 and all our pupils who completed this year's WSCC library service Summer Reading Challenge.

Fundraising for Great Ormond Street Hospital

Congratulations to Erica W-G 5PR who showed three of our school values over the school holidays; creativity, respect and care. Please find her report below;



In the summer holidays I wanted to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. I decided I could sell apples from the tree in my back garden.

I made posters and on Monday 2nd September Chloe P helped me set up a stall outside my house. We picked fresh apples and sat outside with the stall all day. We asked for donation for the apples, we raised £30 for the children's hospital. Erica W-G 5PR

Mount Snowden

Many congratulations to Oscar W who demonstrated three of our school values; creativity, respect and care. During the summer holidays, Oscar climbed Mount Snowden with his family and raised over £300 for a turtle charity (of his choosing).

Dates for your Diary

Please visit our website and view key dates for the forthcoming academic year under the calendar tab at <https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/calendar/52708>

Please click on this link to see school events coming up.
Ms K Brayne, Data & Communications Manager

Term dates for your Diary

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| 11 th Oct | LMA Tea Party in the Owl room 2-3pm |
| 18 th Oct | LMA Festive Glitter Disco (full details to follow) |
| 24 th Oct | Open Day for children starting school in Sept 2020 |
| 25 th Oct | INSET DAY |
| 4 th Nov | Individual photos and photos with siblings that attend London Meed only |
| 5 th Nov | Locality Football Tournament 1-5pm here |
| 7 th Nov | Flu Vaccinations for children in years Reception to Year 5 (details to follow) |
| 7 th Nov | LMA AGM in the Owl room 7pm |
| 8 th Nov | LMA Quiz Night (full details to follow) |
| 13 th Nov | Family Learning Conferences 1-5.30pm for children in years 5-6 Parent Consultations for children in all other year groups 3-5.30pm |
| 14 th Nov | Family Learning Conferences 3-6.30pm for children in years 5-6 Parent Consultations for children in all other year groups 3-6.30pm |
| 30 th Nov | LMA Christmas Fayre |
| 19 th Dec | KS2 Carol Service 10am at St John's Church Burgess Hill for children in years 3-6 |
| 19 th Dec | School Christmas Lunch |
| 20 th Dec | Christmas Party Day for the whole school |

Term Dates 2019-2020

| | First Day of Term | Half Term | Last Day of Term |
|------------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Autumn Term 2019 | Mon 2nd Sept 2019 | w/c 28th Oct 2019 | Fri 1st Dec 2019 |
| | Inset Days: - Mon 2nd September 2019 Fri 25th October 2019 | | |
| Spring Term 2020 | Mon 6th Jan 2020 | w/c 17th Feb 2020 | Friday 3 rd April 2020 |
| | Inset Day:- Friday 24th February 2020 | | |
| Summer Term 2020 | Mon 20th April 2020 | w/c 25 th May 2020 | Mon 20th July 2020 |
| | Bank holiday: - Friday 8th May Inset Days: - Monday 1st June 2020 Monday 20th July 2020 | | |



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FUN
DAY**

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