## LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER: 9th July 2021** 

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#### Dear Parents/Carers,

You will all have seen which class your child is in next year and our new staffing structure. I would like to thank Mr Viinikka for all his support and hard work as Acting Deputy Head for the last year and a half. I really could not have managed without him. It has been incredibly difficult to do two jobs at once and he is now looking forward to working with Ms Palethorpe to enhance our SEND provision.

Huge congratulations to Mr Terrill on his appointment as our permanent Deputy Head teacher following a rigorous interview day where he gave a presentation to Governors, led an assembly on one of our values, completed a data task and was interviewed by a panel of children, and later Governors. He will be in charge of Curriculum Development, Disadvantaged pupils and Assessment. He is looking forward to spending time in classes and will still be visible on the KS1 gates in the morning and the afternoon.

We warmly welcome Mr Lee Smith and Mrs Maya Jagannath to our lovely school. They will be Learning Support Assistants in Reception and Year 1 classes.

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Debbie Bryant, LSA, and Mrs Nikki Marples, Receptionist. Between them they have been at London Meed for many, many years. We wish them all the best in their new adventures and hope they take with them many warm memories.

You will be aware of the planned changes to restrictions on the 19th July. We will be continuing our present arrangements until the end of term and request that you still wear masks coming in and out of school. There are several members of our community who are currently affected by a positive COVID test result and we want to minimise the risk of infection to everybody.

Next week we will detail arrangements for arriving and departing school in September. I would just like to remind you that from September we will be reverting back to our previous high standards for uniform including black school shoes rather than trainers (apart from a P.E day).

One of our Year 5 pupils, Finn B, is going to be a mascot at the Euro2020 Final on Sunday. We wish him all the best and we cannot wait to hear all about it and hopefully see some photos. Well done, Finn!

Have a lovely weekend.

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

Our Yellow Certificate winners this week - congratulations!				
Lara	Cherries	For showing independence and resilience in the environment.		
Thea	Cherries	For clear and well thought out sentences when writing about the jungle.		
Lilly-Ann	Apples	For being a kind friend.		
Emily	Apples	For having an excellent week both in school and at home.		
Cadi	1H	For challenging herself to use alliteration to make her writing exciting for a reader.		
Drake	1H	For ensuring he tries his best and shows all our school values in everything he does.		
Lacey	1D	For challenging herself in P.E.		
Pavit	1D	For having impeccable manners.		
Layton-John	2R	For challenging himself to do his best writing in science.		
Sopie	2R	For sharing her excellent vocabulary with the class to help their learning.		
Caragh	2B	For always challenging herself to do her best writing.		
Seth	2B	For working really hard and doing his best work in English and science.		
Zoe	3Z	For being a delightful member of our class community.		
Charlie	3R	For completing remote learning from home to a fantastic standard!		
Henry P	4H	For being hugely supportive of other children, as well as making sure the classroom was always tidy.		
Billy	4T	For showing curiosity in Science and showing scientific knowledge with his peers.		
Charlotte	5K	For a beautifully written and presented narrative about the Titanic.		
Daniel	5L	For working so hard on his narrative about the Titanic.		
Finn	6R	For writing a powerful introduction to his speech by using persuasive language, modal verbs and short sentences for effect. Well done, Finn!		
Noah	6D	For some brilliant ideas and for a great introduction to his speech on protecting the ocean.		

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## Encouraging a Love of Reading



#### **WSCC Summer Library Challenge**

As the summer holidays are fast approaching now is the ideal time to register for Wild World Heroes, the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

This year children can join the heroes of Wilderville, and their trusted animal companions, in saving the natural world. It's fun and free to take part - keep an eye out for a special bookmark invitation with more information coming home with your child soon.

Get ahead of the game and sign up today online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/src then head to your local library from Saturday 10th July to collect a special goodie bag. Inside you will find everything you need to take part in the challenge, including the ever-popular scratch & sniff smelly stickers, plus rewards and activities to help keep children amused over the holidays. Don't forget to borrow some library books and start reading!

Children have all summer to read their chosen books but once completed come back to the library from Monday 2 August to collect a gold medal and certificate. Want to learn more about the Summer Reading Challenge? Watch our **Summer Reading Challenge** assembly video (we had great fun making this!!) For reading inspiration why not explore the official Wild World Heroes book list? Children can choose to read any library books and there are books of all kinds to choose from at their local library. Don't forget, eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines all count too! We have more fun resources and information on reading and the environment on our own Wild World Heroes webpage, where we'll be sharing more activities to join in with at home throughout the summer.

#### **Sports Days (For pupils only)**

#### **KS1** and The Orchard Sports Day

Please could all children in The Orchard and KS1 wear their PE kit on Thursday 15th July.

#### **KS2 Sports Day**

Please could all children in Years 3 to 6 wear their PE kit with a t-shirt in their house colours on Friday 16th July: Bramber- Green Lewes- Blue Hastings- Yellow Arundel - Red

**Bookmark winner!** 

Many congratulations to Deeksha 3Z, whose bookmark entry came third in the recent Libresoft competition. Deeksha has won 50 handmade bookmarks of her design for our school. Libresoft said "we absolutely loved seeing all the talent in the students who made their creative pieces".

#### Reporting Absence

Please remember to report your child's absence by 9.20am **every day** via Studybugs

https://studybugs.com/signin or via our absence voicemail on 01444 232336. Should your child develop COVID symptoms and receive a positive test result over a weekend, please continue to email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk as we will need to take immediate action.

#### **NHS COVID-19 GUIDANCE**

This is just a quick reminder that if anyone in your household has any of the COVID symptoms then they must take a PCR test even if they have taken a lateral flow test (these tests are for asymptomatics). The whole household will need to self-isolate until a negative result has been received or for the full 10 days. For more information please go to

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/gettested-for-coronavirus/

## **Digital Volunteers - Parent Support**

With children spending more time online than ever before, it can be a huge challenge for parents & carers to keep up to date and know how to implement parental controls and privacy settings to help keep their children safe.

On hand to offer friendly help and support, a team of Library Digital Volunteers are now offering remote support for basic digital safety enquiries and can talk you through how to set up privacy settings and parental controls on a range of apps and devices.

To get in touch with this FREE service, please phone 0330 222 3455 or email your name, phone number and a brief description of the help needed to

library.digital.support@westsussex.gov.uk.

For regular information about how to stay safe online sign up to the staying safe online e-newsletter, please visit the WSCC Staying Safe Online webpage to register.

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

Monday	Year 3 The Orchard
Tuesday	Year 5







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Wednesday	Year 6 Year 1	
Thursday	Year 4	
Friday	Year 2	

## **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.

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

#### Term Dates 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21\_term\_dates.

pdf

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Summer Term 2021	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	w/c 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
	Bank holiday: - Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Inset Days: - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June		

#### Inset days 2021-2022

Autumn Term	Thursday 2nd September 2021, Friday 22nd October 2021
Spring Term	Friday 18th February 2022
Summer Term	Friday 27th May 2022 Monday 6th June 2022