



Dear Parents/Carers,

ESafety

Please find below a really helpful age guide for specific apps. Remember that if your child falsifies their date of birth in order to gain access to apps; their details can be sold to other companies and adverts targeted towards them assuming they are of an age. Do actively encourage your son or daughter to be aware of age guides for films, games and apps and explain why these are important.



Universal Free School Meals

Every child in Reception, Year One and Year Two is entitled to a free school meal, the cost of these meals is now charged to the school. On 19th January we have a Census Day and Universal Free School Meals numbers - and the grant we receive to pay for meals - are fixed from this date. We would like to have **no** packed lunches on this date (the menu is for meat or veggie sausage in a bun served with jacket wedges and beans, or jacket potato with cheese and beans. Chocolate shortbread or fruit are the pudding options). If your child never takes a hot meal and you have no intention of them doing so for the remainder of the year, please put that in writing for Mrs Elsey's attention. We also want every child who is entitled to a Free School Meal from Y3-Y6 to take a school lunch on this date too. Thank you for supporting our finances and reducing waste at our school by encouraging your child to eat a school lunch.

Year Six SATs tests

There is a short guide for parents which can be accessed by clicking on the link below. It is vital that all children are present for all tests and lateness causes us enormous administrative difficulty. The dates for the tests in May are included in the guide. The best way to support your Year Six child is to watch the guide yourself (this is **not** a guide for children) and make sure that your son or daughter regularly completes pages in the revision booklets we have provided you with. If your son or daughter experiences difficulty with specific pages or areas during revision, just note this on

the page and send it in with your child because the class teacher will happily re-visit this. Do send revision books in to school when requested, but encourage your child to complete at least one piece of work every day from one of the SATS Practice books.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fC2yhtEtk4o&feature=youtu.be>

Emergency Closure

There may be times when the school needs to close due to a particular emergency. Emergencies could include closures as a result of adverse weather conditions, flooding, problems associated with buildings/property and in extreme cases such as insufficient staffing due to illness. The responsibility for making the decision to close a school is ultimately the Head teacher's in consultation with the Chair of Governors. The following procedures happen if there is a school closure;

- At 7.00am we make the decision whether or not to close the school. We try to keep the school open if we possibly can, but sometimes weather conditions make it too dangerous for children and staff to get to school safely.
- If school is closed, we will: Contact WSCC who will update the school closure section of their website. We will contact the following local radio stations - Bright FM 106.4, BBC Sussex FM 95.3, 104.5, 104.8 & DAB
- Update the website, as soon as we possibly can.
- Send an email and text to all parents/carers whose contact details we hold.

If there is sustained snowy weather over several days, we may need to delay the start of school until 10.00am, in order to ensure there is enough staff to supervise the children. Should this happen, we will email those of you whose email addresses we have, and update local radio and the local authority. We always try to post information onto our school website, but as you probably know, volumes of internet traffic can make the site inaccessible at such times.

Curriculum Information

Class teachers and the SSC have all provided curriculum information for parents. Many parents have shown how strongly they support learning, by planning family days to museums, galleries and the like during school holidays and weekends. Thank you! This shows how useful this information, prepared by teachers in year groups, is.



Choir and Band

Choir and Band will not recommence until the week beginning 16th January. Please note there will be no choir on Wednesday 25th January and there will be no band on Tuesday 31st January due to Mrs Walker being out of school those dates.

Governor Vacancies

We have two vacancies, a parent governor who will be a current parent at the school and a community governor who could be a non-parent relative or associate.

To be a governor you need to be willing to see the school as a whole (rather than solely drawing only on your experience in your child's classes). You need to be able to attend one evening Full Governing body meeting between 6-8pm and one daytime 10am-12pm meeting as a minimum per term, these are published 12 months in advance. You also need to be able to attend other daytime meetings, these may be to see the school in action; to meet with school staff; to attend training or to meet with other governors. You should aim to attend one training event per term as well as be able to be available for at least one or two other activities taking place during the weekday. If you work for a large organisation, they should be willing to provide you with paid time to discharge your voluntary duties effectively (please discuss this with your employer or HR).

Governors have identified the need to recruit someone with some existing Health and Safety expertise. This is preferable but not essential.

If you would like to know more about what being a governor means, please contact Jane Davey at chair@londonmeedprimary.co.uk or please speak to Ms Reece.

A letter has sent home today, if you are interested in the parent governor role please complete and return the nomination form by 27th January.

If you or a friend/relative would like to apply to be a Community Governor please send an email to Jane Davey at chair@londonmeedprimary.co.uk.

Bag2School

Bags are being sent home with your child today. Please note that the correct date for the collection as advised last week is Thursday 26th January. Please feel free to use other bags as well as this will raise much needed funds for our school.

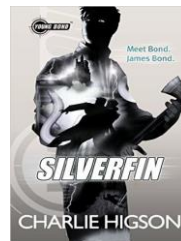
Please drop your bags to the small hall only between 8.30am – 9.00am on the day only as we do not have storage space. Thank you The LMA

Other News

Anonymous Donation

Thank you so much to the very kind person who donated a generous amount to our Special Support Centre on Tuesday 10th January. If you are aware of who this was please do give them our thanks.

Book Review



Silverfin (Young Bond) by Charlie Higson

It's a good book and scary in ways. There's a bully but Bond soon sorts him out. I think you need to be over 6 to read this great book.
Henry C Y5

Free Parent/Carer Workshop – Making sense of Children's sleep difficulties

The workshop is taking place on Friday 27th January at Woodlands Meed, Chanctonbury Road from 9.45am till 12. The workshop is to help parents/carers identify types of sleep difficulty and look at ways you can help improve your child's sleep. If you would like to attend please email Mrs Chalmers @ datamanager@londonmeedprimary.co.uk who will then book you a place via the SEND alliance.

Dates for your Diary for the Autumn Term.
(Further dates for the academic year
can be found on the calendar on our website)
(More information to follow)



JANUARY

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| 19 th | No packed lunch day for EYFS, Y1, Y2 |
| 20 th | Drama4all EYFS, Y1 and Y2 |
| 25 th | No choir |
| 26 th | LMA Bags2school |
| 31 st | No band |

FEBRUARY

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| 16 th | The Orchard Night in the Museum Pyjama Party at 5pm |
| 17 th | Last day of half term |
| 20 th – | Half term |
| 24 th | First day back after half term |
| 27 th | |

MARCH

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| 14 th | Parent Consultations 3-5pm |
| 16 th | Parent Consultations 3-7pm |

APRIL

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| 7 th | Last day of term |
| 10 th -21 st | Easter break |
| 24 th | First day back after Easter break |