



Dear Parents and Carers,

In contrast to last week, this week we have had almost a full staff team and children have been delighted to welcome back their teachers and Learning Support Assistants. The Department for Education have issued guidance for the "next steps for living with COVID-19":

1. Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
2. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
3. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

As you are probably aware, this week has been Test Week in Years 2 - 6 and I have been very impressed with the positive attitudes shown by so many of our children. The purpose of Test Week is to equip children with the skills they need as they progress through our education system which uses testing to measure progress and attainment. Importantly for us, it highlights gaps in teaching and learning which teachers can then plan to address. Our staff are very sensitive to the needs of individual children and lots of discussions take place before the tests to ensure that they are all supported to achieve their best. The resilience of the children has really impressed me.

Have a super weekend and stay warm.  
Natalie Langtree Head teacher

### London Meed Hero Award

Many congratulations to this week's London Meed Heroes.

Name	Class	Reason
Radley T.	6B	For a successful test week during which you have shown resilience and determination. Keep it up, Radley!
Joe S.	6D	For having a positive test week, where he demonstrated the school values of bravery and resilience. Well done, Joe.
James	5P	For having confidence and actively participating in the choral event at Christ's Hospital.
Josh	5S	For always showing passion and effective teamwork during PE.
Ella	4A	For growing in confidence every day and taking on this week's tests with enthusiasm and positivity.
Albert	4O	For resilience and bravery when completing tests and for good progress in reading.
Poppy	3W	For being such a cheerful and enthusiastic member of our class community.
Tom	3C	For being a fantastic role model and showing resilience in all areas of your learning.
Beau	2DJ	For showing resilience and working really well during test week.
Zachary	2M	For showing curiosity in his learning and always being ready to share his ideas with the class community.
Alex	1S	For showing bravery when joining in on the carpet. Well done!
Darcy	1DH	For showing great resilience and working very hard at home whilst suffering from Chicken Pox and Covid.
Whole Class	Apple	For being fantastic on their first school trip, and showing our school values of respect and community. Well done!
Whole Class	Cherry	For being fantastic on their first school trip, and showing our school values of respect and community. Well done!



### Music Club

Children in KS2 have enjoyed learning to read music and play glockenspiels this term. During the

last session of term, the children composed short pieces of music that included tuned percussion and untuned percussion and performed their compositions to the rest of the group. Mrs Stacey



#### Waterstones Best Book for Young Readers and overall winner 2022

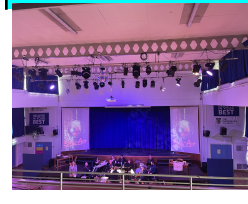
We will be adding to our school library Waterstones Best Book for young readers - The Last Bear, by Hannah Gold.

Waterstones said this

week that "Our booksellers have expertly chosen a winner that provides a symbol of hope to the next generation; part battle cry, part love letter to our planet, April and Bear's unique bond will teach every young reader how to roar."

FLORENTYNA MARTIN, HEAD OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

#### Sister Act



On Wednesday some of our Year 6 children transitioning to The Burgess Hill Academy were very lucky to see a preview of their forthcoming show - Sister Act.

The children, Mr Dagleish and Ms Brayne were very impressed with the performance and were delighted to see a number of ex pupils in lead roles including Izzy B who was Sister Mary Clarence.

Here are a couple of quotes from pupils:

*"The performers were very talented and were seen as almost professional."*

*"We really enjoyed the show and appreciated having the opportunity to be invited to our future secondary school."*

#### Hove Toy Museum



On Thursday, children from Apples and Cherries classes went on their first ever school trip. They had a fantastic time at Hove Museum learning about what toys were like in the past: making 'spoon dolls', winding up mechanical toys and playing

games such as skittles and hopscotch. The children behaved impeccably, embodying our school value of 'Respect'. A big thank you goes out to those parents who helped on the trip.

#### Fantastic Sporting Achievement!



Two of our talented Year 5 pupils, Finn J and Jack B were part of the Burgess Hill Town Football Club Under 10 football team that won the Mid-Sussex Youth League Cup last Sunday. They beat the All-Stars Eastbourne team in a close final. Well done!

#### Choirs Open Day 7 May 2022

Come and try our choirs for FREE!

On 7 May we will be at The College of Richard Collyer in Horsham, RH12 2EJ.

West Sussex Young Voices:  
11:00 am – 12.30pm (ages 9-12 years)

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/choir/>

#### Year 5 Choral Day



Ms Smith and Mrs Hedley took 7 of our Year 5 pupils to a Choral Day at Christ's Hospital. The children had an amazing time.



**Term Dates 2021-2022**

For WSCC term dates please visit

[https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21\\_term\\_dates.pdf](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21_term_dates.pdf)

Spring term 2022	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

**Academic Year 2022-2023 term dates including INSET**

**Days**

Please see below the term dates for the next academic year including our INSET days.

**Autumn Term 2022**

INSET DAY - Thursday 1st September

Children return Friday 2nd September

INSET DAY - Friday 21st October

Half term 24th October to Friday 28th October

Children return Monday 31st October

Last day of term Friday 16th December

**Spring term 2023**

Starts Tuesday 3rd January

INSET DAY - Friday 10th February

Half term 13th February to 17th February

Children return Monday 20th February

Last day of term Friday 31st March

**Summer term 2023**

Starts Monday 17th April

INSET DAY - Friday 26th May

Half term 29th May to 2nd June

INSET DAY Monday 5th June

Last day of term Friday 21st July

