NEWSLETTER: 2nd July 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a quiet week... on Monday morning we received a phone call from one of Her Majesty's Inspectors announcing a one day monitoring visit

commencing on Tuesday.



On Monday evening we held an outdoor New Parents Evening and despite the rain and thunderstorms, we were delighted that they could see our lovely school and its leafy grounds. Here is a photo of Mrs Stalker leaving at the end of the evening

On Tuesday, our HMI, Frances
Nation, visited our school and spoke

to staff, governors, pupils and the Local Authority as well as observing lessons. Thank you for your continued support; it demonstrates our community value and is further evidence for Ofsted. A letter with their findings will be with you in due course.

On Wednesday evening we were informed of a positive COVID case in our school community. All close contacts were notified immediately and DFE guidance was sent to staff, parents and carers. The Year 3 bubble will be closed until Monday 12th July and the Year 3 teachers are busy planning Remote Learning. Unfortunately, this had a knock on effect on the rest of the school and left us without enough adults for the EYFS trip to go ahead safely. The children did, however, have a picnic and fun and games on the school field.

School was extremely quiet on Thursday and the children have behaved beautifully for the many supply teachers that are in school whilst their regular teachers are isolating. We are lucky that we have developed such good relationships with several of our supply teachers.

It has become clear to us that the transition morning on Wednesday 7th July will have to be postponed until Wednesday 21st July. We will still inform you of your child's class teacher for the next academic year along with our new staff structure on Wednesday 7th July as originally planned.

Do bear with us if we have not got back to you in our normal timely manner - it has been an extremely challenging week with all members of our workforce being affected by Track and Trace.

Thank you to those parents who have already completed the report reply slip. If you haven't done so already please confirm receipt of your child's report by the end of the day by clicking on the following link https://forms.gle/mpYR7rUB7BgTT6eX9 All your comments and feedback are very much appreciated.

Sports Days (For pupils only. No parents please) 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

Have a lovely weekend.

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

Our Yellow Certificate winners this week - congratulations!				
All children in	Cherries	For maintaining a positive attitude in the face of disappointment. Well done everybody.		
All children in	Apples	For maintaining a positive attitude in the face of disappointment. Well done everybody.		
Xaviera	1H	For editing and improving her writing by choosing interesting adjectives to make it more exciting to read.		
Aly M	1H	For showing bravery and always challenging himself to do his best in his maths learning time.		
Gaia	1D	For writing independently and sounding out the words.		
Bethany	1D	For a lovely deep sea diary.		
Jake	2R	For challenging himself to try his best in all of his work.		
Henry	2R	For using carefully chosen language to make his writing interesting to read.		
James	2B	For his constant kindness and enthusiasm in the classroom community.		
Amelie	2B	For always challenging herself in her writing.		
Theo	3Z	For brightening our class community with his kindness, his zest for life and his enthusiasm for learning.		
Amelia	3R	For reading aloud in class with great		

confidence

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Bow T		For completing maths challenges independently.
Charlie K		For being inclusive on the playground with others.
Olivia	4H	For always trying her best and using evidence to support her answers to comprehension questions.
Felix	4T	For always trying his best and challenging himself in every aspect of school life and for excellent reasoning when learning about equivalent fractions in maths.
Willow	5K	For referring to high quality texts to inspire her narrative writing about surviving the sinking of Titanic.
Brooke	5L	For consistently working hard throughout Year 5.
Molly .	6R	For overcoming her fear of heights when completing the Go Ape circuit. Well done, Molly, for showing courage and resilience!
Luke	6D	For showing the values of resilience, bravery and community spirit during our trip to Go Ape.

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.



Y2 trip to Lancing

We went to
Lancing beach on
Monday 28th June.
First we put on our
Hi Vis jackets and
waited for the
coach. It was quite
a bumpy ride but it
was fun.We got off
the coach and

walked to the beach. The first activity we did was the scavenger hunt and Hemish and I found all of the items apart from the crab shell. This was too hard to find! After a few minutes we finished and built a pebble tower and Henry, Hemish and mine was one of the tallest. It was then lunchtime and I had 2 chocolate spread sandwiches. After lunch we explored the beach and we went to the public toilets but I didn't really need to go. We went back to the beach and explored and played for a bit and then it was time to get back on the coach. My favourite part was the coach ride because it was fun and fast and we were really high up.

By Hugh M. 2R

On Monday we went on a school trip to Lancing Beach. To get there we went on a coach. Caragh made everyone laugh when Mrs. H. told us it was time to get in! On the way the coach was very noisy. When we got there we had a snack. After that we did a scavenger hunt. Pasha found a yucky pair of stinky socks and Isla found a crab leg. I was scared. Then we had a rock tower competition but me and Luke were too busy digging and digging for crab shells. Then we had lunch and after Luke, Tom and I made a giant hole and we all made patterns with stones on a blanket. Finally the day at the beach was done. When we were on the coach I played games with Isla and when we got back it was home time.

by Kitty 2B

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Y6 trip to Go Ape

It was an absolute delight to take our Year 6 pupils to Go Ape at Tilgate Park. This was the first part of their end of year 6 celebrations.



The children were so well behaved, kind and respectful to their peers and adventurous and willing to try new challenges.

London Meed Governor update

The Governing Body met last Friday and heard a presentation of one of the school values, Community, which was given by one of our valuable office staff and clerk to the governors, Katherine Brayne. It was so rewarding to hear how much the school has reached out to the community, especially during the recent lockdowns.

In addition we discussed how Reading was being strengthened, and heard about progress of the new library and received data about pupil attainment in this disrupted year. A governor had conducted a Health and Safety review and we adopted the updated policy. Governors also attended a Special Needs Review, and a Disadvantaged Review. In a very busy week for the school, governors were pleased to attend the meetings for new parents in EYFS, and followed the next day by meeting the Ofsted Inspector! We want to congratulate staff and pupils for their professional behaviour during the inspection.

This was our last meeting of the school year, but we look forward to the next academic year when we will see our wonderful school really flourish.

Tricia Eastley, Vice Chair of Governors.

Reporting Absence

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

nttps://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.

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Monday	Year 3 The Orchard		
Tuesday	Year 5		
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

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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 th April	w/c 31 st May	Friday 23 rd July
	Bank holiday: - Monday 3 rd May Inset Days: - Friday 28 th May Monday 7 th 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