



Dear Parents/Carers,

Easter Holidays

We can hardly believe this is here! Wishing our school community a happy and healthy spring break with the hope that you are able to enjoy some quality family time. We want to see everyone refreshed and back at school on Monday 24th April, ready for the excitement and challenges of the summer term. See you then.

Attendance at School

The Department for Education has an expectation that children will attend school 95%+ of the time. Head teachers have very little leeway to authorised absence and now have a duty to report to the local authority when a child misses more than 5 days of school, unauthorised, in a ten-day period which means a Fixed Penalty Notice can be applied. There is a leaflet about this Fine, which is administered by the Local Authority (and does not benefit our school), which is available online <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-attendance-behaviour-and-performance/school-absences/#fixed-penalty-notices> or through our school office. In more positive news, 100% attendance certificates will be issued at the beginning of next term as usual. Thank you for promoting good attendance.

Y4 Roman Museum



Y4 invited parents/carers into visit their Roman Museum on Thursday 6th April. Parents/Carers were able to view the work the children have produced as part of their topic this term "Swords and Sandals". Parents/Carers said "lots of effort has gone into the work," "very informative," "fantastic tour guides."

The Orchard



9 Baby Chicks arrived in the Orchard last week. The chicks stagger about weakly when they first hatch out of the egg. Their feathers are wet and they look skinny, but once they dry out and fluff up, they look adorable. They cheep a lot! Mr Verner and Miss Owen

Online Bullying

Bullying can take many forms and, as part of an anti-bullying assembly, children occasionally refer to incidents out of school, online. This can be receiving unpleasant or upsetting messages or images and we want children to report these to an adult at home straight away, then to use the 'report abuse' button, then to block or mute the sender. Remember though, that bullying can involve being purposefully blocked, ignored, or excluded from online games. Parents should ensure that all devices remain in a family room overnight, never in the child's bedroom and it is entirely reasonable to check online activity to ensure your child is safe. Your child should know all the people in an online group they are part of – these should never be 'friends of friends', because individuals may not be who they say they are.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The equipment provided through this scheme allows us to replace small playground equipment like balls and skipping ropes. We are really grateful for all vouchers received, so please encourage grandparents, friends etc to give you theirs! Thank you.

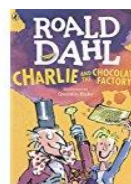
School shoes

Just a reminder to parents and carers regarding suitable footwear for school (in case you notice your son or daughter needs new shoes). Shoes need to be suitable for active play, so a supportive shoe with a covered toe is essential. Even when the weather is warm, socks should always be worn to school because blisters can quickly develop during the course of the day. Strappy sandals, crocs and trainers are not appropriate but dark shoes are. Thank you for supporting our school uniform.

Other News

Book Review

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl



This book is about a boy named Charlie and he lives in a wooden house with his family who are very poor. All Charlie wants to do is eat chocolate. When he finds 50p he goes to spend it on a chocolate bar and finds the last gold ticket to visit Mr Willy Wonka's factory. I would recommend this book for ages 6 and over. **Oliver 3F**



LMA NEWS

LMA 5p challenge

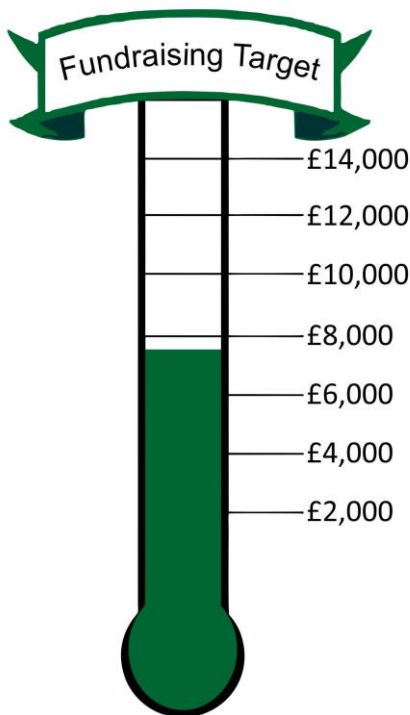
£270 has been collected by the LMA from the 5p challenge. 6S and 5P won by collecting the greatest value and have received a new Maths game as a reward. This scheme is now over, so thank you very much for your donations.

D.I.S.C.O

A fantastic sum of £960 was raised from the two discos last night. The discos were super and you will be delighted to know how beautifully behaved everyone was. Thank you to all the volunteers, who made this sooo much fun!

A huge thankyou goes to James White (JW Sounds – jameswhite357@btinternet.com), a London Meed parent who very kindly provided the disco free of charge.

LMA Funds raised so far;



Dates for your Diary

(Dates for the academic year

can be found on the calendar on our website)



APRIL

7 th	Last day of term
10 th -21 st	Easter break
24 th	First day back after Easter break
	Y3 Swimming starts

MAY

1 st	Bank Holiday
4 th	LMA Movie Night
Week of 8 th	Y6 SATS week
18 th	LMA Quiz Night 7.30m for 8pm start
22 nd	Class and Group photos
26 th	Inset Day
29 th May to 2 nd June	Half term

JUNE

5 th	Inset Day
	New Parents Evening for children starting reception in Sept 2017, 7pm in the Large Hall.
6 th	Infant Music Making Day
12 th – 16 th	Y6 residential trip to Liddington
24 th	Summer Fayre
27 th	Junior Music Making Day
28 th	Y5 Trip to Big Bang at Ardingly

JULY

5 th	Transition Day
	KS2 Production 5.30pm
6 th	KS2 Production 6pm
10-14 th	Y6 Bikeability
11th-12 th	Y5 Residential Trip to Lodge Hill
14 th	LMA Fun Run from 3.30pm
21 st	Sports Day from 1pm
24 th	Y6 Awards Assembly 9am – parents/carers welcome
25 th	Y6 Leavers Event 7-9pm – children only
	Last day of term