



Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun has shone brightly all week and the children are loving being able to work and play in our generous outside spaces. We are so lucky!

Years 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 teachers have held their "Meet the Teacher" sessions this week and hopefully, you can now put faces to names. We will arrange a new date for families of children in Year 4 to meet the class teacher soon.

We have welcomed a family of stick insects into our community following a very eloquent request from one of our animal loving Year 6 pupils. He initially campaigned for a reptile but is happy with the compromise.

We have had a number of new children starting our school in years other than EYFS. I have been so proud of our children's welcoming and friendly attitude to these newcomers. They truly embody our school values.

There are a number of families in our community with children attending our school or Woodlands Meed who have a blue badge and are entitled to park in the layby between the two schools. Please show respect for these families by ensuring you do not park there unless you have a blue badge. Everybody is entitled to free parking at Queens Park Crescent car park so must not park on school grounds.

Have a lovely weekend.

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

### Woodland Masks



Here are two photos of some of our Year 1 children enjoying the beautiful woodland animal masks made by parent Connie Hughes for our role play area. Thank you very much.

### London Meed Hero Award

Many congratulations to this week's London Meed Heroes.

Name	Class	Reason
Liam	6B	For effectively portraying a character's feelings and emotions by using a range of sentence structures and ambitious vocabulary. Well done, Liam!
Finley	6D	For displaying curiosity and creativity this week when writing short narratives, where he considered his character's thoughts and emotions and used show not tell to portray this.
Joshua	5P	For showing curiosity and asking insightful questions when learning about space.
Harry S	5S	For showing bravery, settling into our school so well and having a great attitude to learning.
Jon	4O	For sharing his knowledge with the class community
Harry	4A	For showing resilience in his work this week.
James.W	3WZ	For displaying resilience, bravery and for being a most delightful member of our school community.
Elliot	3C	For showing curiosity in every aspect of his learning.
Levi	2M	For showing resilience in his learning and always trying to do his best.
Holly	2DJ	For trying very hard with her sentences and using phonics to help her spell words.
Bethany	1DH	For being a shining example of all our school values.
Lorenzo	1S	For showing curiosity in class and perseverance in his learning.
The Orchard		For a fabulous first week in school!

### Holmesdale Road Exit

We like to remind parents and carers that the Holmesdale Road gate is only to be used as an exit.



### Encouraging a Love of Reading

#### Our official library opening



Excitement is growing ahead of our official library opening on Monday 27th September by celebrated local author, Vashti Hardy. The photographer from the Mid Sussex

Times has been booked and so make sure you look out for the article. Please remember to complete the online Google permission form that was emailed again yesterday to enable your child to borrow a book from the library starting the week commencing the 4th October.

### Census Day - Thursday 7th October

Twice a year, once in the Autumn and once in the Spring term, we request that all children in The Orchard and Years 1 and 2 take up a free hot school meal. The Census day for this term is on Thursday 7th October.

The reason for this request is that for each child recorded as having a hot school meal on this day, the school will receive vital funding that is required to support your child's development. If your child is a fussy eater we will do our best to encourage your child to eat their hot lunch. If your child will only eat a packed lunch, then they may bring in a packed lunch as usual.

We would like to thank all parents for supporting the school and encouraging their child to have a hot school meal on Thursday 7th October.

### West Sussex Parent Carer

Forum has a parent's course coming up. If you think that your child may have traits of Autism or of ADHD, then this could be for you.

*The Expert Parent Programme: For Parent Carers of Children and Young People with ADHD/ASD*

(although your child does need to have a diagnosis for you to attend this workshop!).

First session: Tuesday 5th October, 10 - 12.30pm, via Zoom

Second session: Tuesday 19th October, 10 - 12.30, via Zoom

To Book SEARCH 'Expert Parent Programme: Free for Parent Carers of Children and Young People with ADHD/ASD' or click on the link.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vLNOM-38Uky3cMU\\_3g-NZrmJlwfcqDpOkAZb-GOPFg1UNzNZWUD0OUtLSTYwRlpGVU9URzdMOFhLTi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vLNOM-38Uky3cMU_3g-NZrmJlwfcqDpOkAZb-GOPFg1UNzNZWUD0OUtLSTYwRlpGVU9URzdMOFhLTi4u)

£2.33

## Lunch Menu

Thursday 7th OCTOBER

Choose a main

Cottage Pie

Chickpea & Butternut Squash Curry & Rice

on the side...

Mixed Vegetables or Salad

for dessert...

**\*\*Chocolate Fudge Brownie\*\***

for drink....

Blackcurrant Squash, Milk or Water

Orders must be placed by SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2021

[www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk)

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**Free School Meals**

Is my child eligible?

From 1 April 2018, free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- **Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)**
- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)**
- **Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.**

A number of pupils will also be protected against losing their current free school meals. You can find more information on GOV.UK. If you are not eligible for benefits-related, free school meals, but your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals and you need not apply. Contact your school for details.

If you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, please continue to register. This will enable your child's school to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding.

To apply for Free School Meals please visit

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>

**PE Days**

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

Apples	Monday and Thursday
Cherries	Tuesday and Friday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3W Zephaniah	Monday and Friday
Year 3C Dahl	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Monday and Thursday

**Contact Details**

Please email [office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk) 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	<a href="mailto:theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 1	<a href="mailto:year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 2	<a href="mailto:year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 3	<a href="mailto:year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 4	<a href="mailto:year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 5	<a href="mailto:year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 6	<a href="mailto:year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>

**Key dates**

For up and coming key dates for this academic year please visit our website

<https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/calendar/52708>



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#### 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)

Autumn Term 2021	<p>Thursday 2nd September( INSET DAY)</p> <p>Children return Friday 3rd September</p> <p>INSET DAY - Friday 22nd October</p> <p>Half term 25th October to Friday 29th October</p> <p>Children return Monday 1st November</p> <p>Last day of term Friday 17th December</p>
Spring term 2022	<p>Starts Tuesday 4th January</p> <p>INSET DAY - Friday 18th February</p> <p>Half term 21st February to 25th February</p> <p>Children return Monday 28th February</p> <p>Last day of term Friday 8th April</p>
Summer term	<p>Starts Monday 25th April</p> <p>INSET DAY - Friday 27th May</p> <p>Half term 30th May to 3rd June</p> <p>INSET DAY Monday 6th June</p> <p>Last day of term Thursday 21st July</p>