



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of members of our local community. This includes individuals who have laptops and the Burgess Hill District Lions Club who donated £2000 to our school to purchase equipment to help our children access Remote Learning. We are incredibly grateful to these people who truly embody our Community value.

You may have read in the news that primary schools have received Lateral Flow tests so that staff can test themselves twice a week. This will help us all feel a little safer at school. It does mean however, that should a positive result be received a "bubble" may need to close and you would be notified the night before.

Thank you all so much for working with us during a very challenging time in all our lives. We are really enjoying seeing the learning that teachers are providing and that children are completing.

Natalie Langtree, Acting Head teacher

Google Classroom

Our thanks to those families who joined in with their class Google Meet last night. The teachers really enjoyed seeing the children, and hopefully everyone had a chance to say hello to their classmates. We are aware that there were some technical issues with some of the calls, and we are looking at how to remedy this, ready for next time. If your child was in one of the classes who didn't have a meeting, please look out for details of your Google Meet on Google Classroom next week.



4th March 2021 World Book Day

We will still be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March and will be inviting all children to dress up as their favourite book character whether they are at home or at school. More details will follow.

School closure

The school will be closed to **all pupils** as normal for half term during the week commencing 15th February. The school will also be closed to all pupils on Friday 12th February as this is an INSET day and staff will be working on a new curriculum plan (virtually).

Encouraging a Love of Reading



If you need materials to help your child with their reading at home then please don't forget about the West Sussex Library Service. If you're not yet a member, it is free to join. Under current restrictions, you can

search for a title online and then have it delivered to your local library to collect. There is also a huge range of online materials such as ebooks, magazines and audio books which you can download to your phone, tablet, laptop or computer.

For more details go to:

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/web/arena>

As you may have seen in the news this week, Oak National Academy is launching an online library with lots of free reading and writing resources from well-known authors. Again, this might be of help to you when reading at home, and it can be found at

<https://library.thenational.academy>

West Sussex Youth Choirs

During the national lockdown, West Sussex Youth Choirs continue to meet online every Saturday. We remain open to applications from talented singers keen to keep singing during this time.

We have 2 choirs:

West Sussex Young Voices - 11-11.45am (Y5-Y8)

For more information and to apply, parents or staff can contact me - sarah.forbes@westsussexmusic.co.uk

Do forward the attached flier to all of your best singers. More information can also be found on our website:

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=west-sussex-youth-choirs>

WSCC Early Help

WSCC Early Help is currently not delivering face to face help from Youth or Children and Family Centres, self-service access remains for the delivery of health clinics and supervised contact only.

However, the Early Help Duty line remains open to respond to all requests for support from families and professionals, Monday to Friday between 9am-5pm, on 0330 222 8087

The duty line can provide provide:

- Information, Advice and Guidance - Families can access this through the duty line above.
- Crisis Support – Early Help can provide a same day response to those in crisis with crisis payment and Food Parcels.
- Healthy Start - Access to healthy start vitamins for new parents via the Early Help duty line.



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.

To apply please go

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

The Community Hub

The Community Hub, which was set up in March 2020, gives practical support and information to anyone adversely affected by COVID-19, which could include the provision of food and essential household supplies.

Contact is totally confidential and is available seven days a week, between 8am and 8pm when staff will be on hand to respond to enquiries.

You can find more information and request support online at

www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub or to speak to someone call: 033 022 27980.

Big Garden Bird Watch

If your child has an interest in nature, and you have access to a garden or outside space, the RSPB will be running their annual Big Garden Bird Watch between 29th and 31st January. You can register online, and then spend an hour keeping a tally of which birds visit your garden or space, which you can then submit online.

Details can be found at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

www.yourspacetherapies.org

Boost the Bond – Therapeutic Parenting Course



Many parents will have experienced extremes in their relationships with their children during the COVID-19 school closure period. This course provides support, information, hands on skills and activities to empower parents in managing tantrums, challenging



behaviour, anxiety and children's emotional needs in creative and loving ways. The essential skills parents learn on this course promote building strong bonds between parents and children.

Price £20 inc. VAT

6-8pm

Tuesday 3rd November 2020

4-6pm

Tuesday 2nd February 2021

Contact Details

Please email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk with any changes to your contact details. Many thanks.

Term Dates 2020-2021

For WSCC term dates please visit

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21_term_dates.pdf

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Spring Term 2021	Monday 4 th Jan	w/c 15 th Feb	Thursday 1 st April
	Inset Day:- Friday 12 th February Thursday 4 th March – World Book Day		
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		