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Dear Parents/Carers,

At the start of the day...

Staff are busy preparing for the day ahead before school, so we have advised our administrative staff that while we are happy to make appointments for after school, we need to dissuade parents and carers from interrupting lessons which start very promptly first thing in the morning at 8.45am.

All other queries please leave a message with the school office or email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk. The office will then pass any message onto the relevant member of staff at break or lunchtime.

Safeguarding

After half term we will be introducing new safeguarding measures at drop off and pick up times.

- Main internal doors will be kept to one way at all times.
- **All visitors** to reception to report in first instance to small hatch. If you have a prior appointment/arrangement with a member of staff or for example collecting a sick child, you will be asked invited in and asked to sign in on our Inventory screen.
- No parents/carers are allowed to access the school via the playground doors or by another means.
- Any post/forms etc. to be put in post box outside main entrance doors or given to children to hand to their class teacher i.e. trip/club permissions slips.

Use of phones on the playground

Some schools are putting up posters on school sites: ‘greet your child with a hug, not a phone’. Sometimes our staff say that parents forget to say hello to the son or daughter they have collected because they are distracted by texts or calls happening at the same time.

UK Government and Parliament

Petition Increase funding for schools

Schools are having to make difficult choices on how to spend their limited funding as their income has not kept pace with the rise in costs since 2010. All schools are working very hard to “make ends meet” but this is becoming increasingly difficult and verging on almost impossible.

As funding has become tighter, some schools have had to cut back on services like:

- Teaching and non-teaching staff
- Support for more vulnerable pupils
- Small group work for children who are not thriving in school
- Teaching resources (parents being asked to pay for books and materials)
- Subject choices in secondary schools
- Range of activities for primary pupils
- Extra curricula activities provided free or subsidised
- Repairs to buildings
- Renewal of equipment

[Sign this petition](#)

BBC Radio 2 500 Words 2019

Zoe Ball today launched BBC Radio 2’s 500 Words 2019, the short-story writing competition for children aged between 5-13 years of age.

Zoe revealed that this year’s live final will take place at Windsor Castle on Friday 14 June.

The competition is now open and the closing date for entries is 7pm on Thursday 8 March.

<https://radiotoday.co.uk/2019/01/zoe-ball-takes-over-500-words-competition-at-radio-2/>

Online Safety

National Online Safety have published a What parents need to know about Fortnite: Battle Royale advice sheet.

Available here:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/fortnite-battle-royale-parents-guide/>

Do you have any questions, comments or suggestions for newsletter items or School Improvement?

Pop your question into an envelope and mark it for Ms Reece’s attention and I’ll either be in touch or include your item in the next Friday newsletter. Thank you.

Yours sincerely, Candida Reece, Head teacher

Other News

Indoor Cricket Tournament

On Monday 4th February 7 children from years 5&6 went to a Mid Sussex Indoor cricket tournament at the Triangle. We played 4 matches, winning 2 and narrowly losing the other 2.



We can 2nd in our group and 3rd overall. All the boys enjoyed this and played very well. Miss Griffiths.



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Plea for Volunteers

Calling all parents/carers and extended family! We are looking for volunteers to come and read a couple of times a week



Y4 Trip to Plumpton

On Tuesday 5th February, Year 4 went to visit Plumpton College Farm. We were lucky enough to see calves, cows and pigs and learned lots about how a farm works. We also learned about different plants and where our food comes from.

The children behaved excellently and asked lots of interesting questions. Thank you to our parent volunteers and parents for sending children in wearing suitable clothes and footwear!

Mr Jones and Mr Dalglish

National STEM Clubs week

STEM Clubs are a powerful and enjoyable way to engage young people with science, technology,



engineering and mathematics (STEM) subject. They ignite an interest in STEM subjects and provide a platform to extend young people's learning. Most importantly, they are fun and

exciting, allowing all involved to explore STEM subjects in innovative and inventive ways outside the curriculum.

To celebration STEM club week at London Meed, Mrs Denham set a challenge to make a domino rally with a prize for the most creative design and the most dominoes used.

Book Review

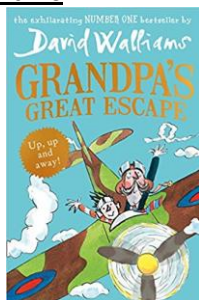
Grandpa's Great Escape by David Walliams

Having read all of David Walliams books and met him as well as seen him in a play I think you can officially call me a David Walliams fan, and this book didn't disappoint me!

This book is about a fantastic 12-year-old boy and his famous grandpa, an RAF fighter pilot. But grandpa has dementia (memory loss) and grandpa still think he's in World War 2 trying to defeat Hitler.

I'd recommend this book for 6+ years old.

Louie 60



Competition

Burgess Hill Town Council is inviting schools to submit name ideas for a new performance and community venue which is coming to the town.



The £5.5million project, which will see the old Royal British Legion building in Cyprus Road demolished and replaced by the brand new venue, has now reached a point where the town council is looking for a suitable name.

Councillor Richard Cherry ***“As the new centre is being developed for the town's future, it is of obvious importance that our younger citizens are especially involved in providing a name for it.”***

Schools have been asked to come up with suggestions which are appropriate, eye-catching, attractive, memorable and concise and have a unique quality that Burgess Hill residents can identify with and be proud of. Name proposals could take into consideration the history of the town, the form of the building and the activities it will support, the town council said.

The winning school will receive £200 and a free slot at the venue to arrange an event of their choice e.g. prize giving, concert or a banquet.

Read more at:

<https://www.midsussextimes.co.uk/news/burgess-hill-schools-invited-to-submit-name-ideas-for-new-arts-venue-1-8797843>

Pupils wishing to submit a proposal should email their suggestion with a short motivation to council@burgesshill.gov.uk quoting that they are from London Meed Primary School



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Dates for your Diary

12 th Feb	Y3 Trip to Plumpton College
12 th Feb	Y6 SAT's parents meeting in the large hall from 2.30pm
14 th Feb	LMA Dis-glo KS1 and The Orchard 3-4pm KS2 4.30-6pm
18 th Feb to 22 nd Feb	Half term
25 th Feb	Inset Day
26 th Feb	Children return to school
1 st March	Y6 Parents informed of their child's secondary school allocation by email
5 th March	Special Pancake Day lunch menu
7 th March	World Book Day
12 th March	Parents Evening/FLC till 5.30pm
14 th March	Parents Evening/ FLC till 6.30pm
Week of the 11 th March	Scholastic Book Fair
5 th April	Y5 & 6 Residential Trips final balance deadline Last day of the Spring term
8 th April to 22 nd April	Easter holidays
23 rd April	Children return to school

LMA Forthcoming Events

Dis-glo ticket sales will be online at www.pta-events.co.uk/londonmeed as normal and sales will close at 7pm on 12th Feb.

LMA PRESENTS
dis-glo
london meed school - 14th february 2019
ks1 3-4pm ks2 4.30-6pm
Tickets £3.75
Includes free glow stick

KS1 DISCO (RECEPTION, YR 1, YR 2). PLEASE SEND CHILDREN IN WITH A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, THEY WILL BE TAKEN TO THE HALL STRAIGHT FROM SCHOOL BY THEIR TEACHER. A DRINK, BISCUIT AND BAG OF CRISPS IS INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE.

KS2 DISCO (YR 3 - 6) - CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BE COLLECTED AS NORMAL AND BROUGHT BACK TO SCHOOL FOR 4.30. THERE WILL BE A TUCK SHOP & UN FACE PAINTING. WE SUGGEST A MAXIMUM OF £3.50

IF YOUR CHILD IS UNDER 5 OR REQUIRES ONE TO ONE SUPPORT, THEY WILL NEED A PARENT OR CAREER PRESENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE DISCO

tickets on sale now. only available online at www.pta-events.co.uk/londonmeed
TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND ARE SOLD ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

WSCC School Holidays 2018/2019

	Starts	Ends
Spring Half Term Holidays	18 Feb 2019 (Mon)	22 Feb 2019 (Fri)
INSET DAY 25 th Feb		
Spring Holidays	8 Apr 2019 (Mon)	22 Apr 2019 (Mon)
Summer Half Term Holidays	27 May 2019 (Mon)	31 May 2019 (Fri)
INSET DAY 3 rd June		
Summer Holidays	24 Jul 2019 (Wed)	30 Aug 2019 (Fri)

We have a fun-packed half-term holiday club planned for primary aged children (5-11). Including sports, games, craft, songs, friendship, bible stories, and other fun activities.

Centre Church,
180 Leyland Road,
Burgess Hill, RH15 8HS
Maeva@centrechurch.uk

£5 Per Day

FEBRUARY HALF TERM
Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th
10AM - 4PM

Please bring a labelled packed lunch and comfy clothes / shoes (snacks will be provided)

signup: centrechurch.uk/seahc



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STARTING IN MARCH
 Downlands Community School,
 Hassocks
 Starting Thurs, 14th March 2019
 9:30am - 12:30pm

STARTING IN APRIL
 Drill Hall,
 Horsham
 Starting Thurs, 25th April 2019
 9:30am - 12:30pm

**Eastbrook Primary Academy,
 Southwick**
 Starting Mon, 18th March 2019
 12:00pm - 3:00pm

**Ifield Community College,
 Crawley**
 Starting Fri, 26th April 2019
 10:00am - 1:00pm

For more information or to enrol
 visit www.aspiresussex.org.uk or call **0345 601 0161**
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April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day

To mark Autism Awareness Day, we are bringing together (all under one roof), over 40 Organisations, Providers, Charities and Professionals who can help support you and your family.

Date: 2nd April 2019
Time: 9.30 am - 3:00 pm
Location: Charmandean Centre, Forest Road, Worthing, BN14 9HS

Workshops available on the day :

- On Line Gaming & Addiction - Delivered by Aspens (Formerly known as Autism Sussex)
- Autism & Anxiety - Delivered by Autism Social Communication Team
- Autism & Girls - Delivered by Aspie Trainers

Tickets are priced at £6.45, this includes refreshments and a sandwich lunch

1-1 behaviour clinics will be available to pre book with behaviour advisors.
 Tickets **DO** need to be purchased in advance. Please find link below:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-awareness-day-tickets-54822848616>

For more information please contact Lindsey@parentsforautism.org.uk

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 see www.BrightonScience.com