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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the last newsletter of the school year. We want to wish all of our school community – governors, staff, children and parents - a happy and safe summer. We send especially warm wishes to our Year Six pupils and parents, some of whom we will say a fond farewell to for a final time on Tuesday afternoon. We aim for children to leave us well-equipped for challenges which lie ahead, academically as well as socially and we do expect our pupils to maintain a high standard of conduct right up until they leave on the last day (hopefully, beyond that obviously). For those who are returning – see you on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Goodbye

As we wish everyone a safe and happy summer break, we also say a fond farewell to Mrs Holter and Ms Galetti who leave after long careers at London Meed. Mr Smyth will be continuing his career in an East Sussex school and Ms Noone will be continuing her career in another local West Sussex school. Mrs Elsey, Bursar will be leaving and continuing her career at a West Sussex school. We obviously wish them all the very best for the future.

Next term we welcome to our team; Mr Jake Terrill – Assistant Head teacher and SSC lead, Mr Sam Dalglish - Y4 Class teacher and Mrs Susan Stalker – School Business Manager who are all very excited about their new jobs.

### Do you volunteer at London Meed?

.... If you do, we would all like to say a huge **THANK YOU**. You may be a parent or grandparent past or present, who supports a class every week, in which case you may:

- Support children
- File, photocopy or otherwise offer administrative support to teaching staff
- Prepare resources for graphics or writing areas
- Provide props, backdrops or costumes for productions
- Participate in Forest Schools sessions....or 100 other things!

You may be a governor, in which case you attend meetings, staff a stall at the Fayres and assist with monitoring activities.

You may be on our LMA in which case you regularly come into school to sell tickets, ice creams, or organise events like the Fayres and Discos.

You may be a parent who washes and distributes the free school fruit scheme on a regular basis.

Please know that we really could not do without you and we really do appreciate your support – if you would like to assist us in any of the ways above please contact your child’s class teacher in the first instance, or the LMA of course, if you would like to join that energetic and creative group of stalwart supporters.

### Medication

Please collect all medication from the school office and your child’s classroom before the summer break. It is parental responsibility to ensure all medication is in date and that medication is returned on the 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### Sports Kit

Please return any sports kit to the school office before the summer break. Many thanks.

### Haircuts for Short Hair and School Shoes

Many parents consider haircuts prior to returning to school and we all appreciate this. We emulate secondary schools, who state nothing below a ‘number 2’ clippers and no extreme styles - dye, tramlines, Mohawks – which are also not suitable in a primary school. Footwear are school shoes suitable for active play in black, not trainers. Parents appreciate everyone sticking to an agreed code, because otherwise pester power starts. If your child says ‘so and so wears trainers/has tramlines in his hair’, you’ll know that is not permitted!

### Bikeability

We offer Bikeability in Year Six and this course is free at present, with specialist trainers running an approved course. Every year, we have a few disappointed children who are either not sufficiently proficient at riding a bike, or with a bike identified as unsafe. The sooner you can help your child ride a bike, the greater the benefit in terms of independence on transfer to secondary. The course is really valuable in teaching road sense and is essential for children wishing to cycle on the road without an adult.

### 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



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### Recent Events

#### Sports day 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018



The whole school enjoyed an active and engaging sports day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The children all got to take part in each activity with a range of throwing, jumping, track and novelty events throughout the afternoon in both KS1 and KS2.



Children scored points for their house by taking part in a variety of activities. Well done to Lewes who were the overall house winners of the afternoon.

Thank you to all the parents who attended and helped to make our day very special.

Here are some of the year 6 children's comments

about our new sports day format:

"I loved that we could all take part."

"There wasn't any waiting."

"We could all try everything and not just the ones who were good at



those events."

The children said that they liked all the activities and thought it was well organised.



#### The Orchard Graduation

On Thursday afternoon Apple and Cherry class graduated from Reception. Parents and carers joined us for the ceremony and we performed a sunflower poem. Thank you to everyone who helped set up. Mrs Denham and Miss Reason.

#### LMA

During Celebration assembly today, special thanks were given to Tracy N and Nichola D for their valuable contribution to our London Meed Parent Association and raising a vast amount of money for our school. Thank you!

### Other News

#### School Council

The School Council is a form of democracy. We take pupils' ideas, and see if we can use them to make a difference to our school. The pupils' ideas are very important to us and there wouldn't be a School Council without them. We keep ideas of past School Council alive, such as the Learning Characters.

The first event we planned as School Council was for Children in Need. We had a cake stall, which was very successful and a Pennies for Pudsey treasure hunt. In total we raised £837.38 for Children in Need.

One of the most recent things we introduced in assembly is the Star Table. Students are awarded golden tickets for upholding the golden rules and school values. If you get a golden ticket you sit on the Star Table for the following week. The last thing we will be doing for the school is judging London Meed's Got Talent. We are looking forward to it and it will be a lovely way to end a successful year, for some of us our last year. The School Council.

#### A message from your Local Inspector, Pete Dommett



With the holidays coming up I am hoping for a memorable English summer, where everyone gets out and about enjoying themselves. We are blessed with a very rural area of South Eastern England with lots of public parks and open spaces. If we are to get the most out of our time and the countryside we need to be

considerate to everyone around us. Our parks are places to walk, sit and play. They shouldn't be places ruined by litter, damage or inappropriate noise. Sadly, I read reports of young people riding motorbikes and mopeds in our public areas, and that is very disappointing. There are places where off-roading is appropriate and our parks are not one of them. Not only is this use anti-social, it can be unsafe and frequently illegal. It is my intent to encourage the proper use of our parks, but if necessary my team will take action against those who are unwilling to share our spaces with respect. That way we should all enjoy our summer. #RecSpace



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**Interested in qualifying as a Teaching Assistant?**  
**\*NEW\* QCF Level 3 Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools**

A limited number of places are available for the programme commencing January 2019 taking place in East Sussex. Special offer price of £599 for applications received before Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Visit [www.castcpd.co.uk](http://www.castcpd.co.uk) or click on the link <http://www.castcpd.co.uk/cpd-leadership-development-2/qcf-level-3-supporting-teaching-learning-teaching-assistants/> for more information / to book a place.

**Dates for your Diary**

**JULY**

23<sup>rd</sup> Y6 Awards Ceremony 9-10am  
 Y6 Leavers event at 7pm

**SEPTEMBER**

3<sup>rd</sup> Inset Day  
 4<sup>th</sup> Children return to school  
 Stunning start – **Y3/4 children only** invited to dress up as explorers

**ACADEMIC YEAR: 2018-2019**

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Autumn Term 2018	Mon 3rd Sept 2018	w/c 22nd Oct 2018	Wed 19th Dec 2018
	<b>Inset Days: -</b> <b>Mon 3rd September 2018</b> <b>Fri 19th October 2018</b> <b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>		
Spring Term 2019	Thurs 3rd Jan 2019	w/c 18th Feb 2019	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
	<b>Inset Day:- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>		
Summer Term 2019	Tues 23rd April 2019	w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Tues 23rd July 2019
	<b>Inset Day: - Monday 3rd June 2019</b>		

**999 Day**  
**Community Event – Free Entry**  
**Saturday 28 July 2018**  
**11am- 4pm**  
**Crawley Fire Station, Ifield Ave, RH11 7AJ**

Come and join your three local emergency services at the Free Entry 999 Day. There will be live demonstrations, lots of different vehicles to get in and have a look around, crime prevention advice, neighbourhood watch, children’s entertainment and refreshments. It will be a fun day! Hope to see you there in support!

**POCKET SCIENCE FUNFAIR**

Learn science secrets of Harry Potter, Star Wars and The Hobbits, plus games to play, and things to make in the funfair with a twist. [www.BrightonScience.com](http://www.BrightonScience.com) 01273 777 628

**August**

**20** The Victory Hall, Stockcroft Rd, Balcombe, RH17 6HP

**21** Cyprus Hall, Cyprus Rd, Burgess Hill RH15 8DX

**23** Ashenground Centre, Southdown Cl, Haywards Heath, RH16 4JR

**24** Cuckfield Village Hall, London Lane, Cuckfield, RH17 5BD

**31** Lingfield Hall, Lingfield Rd, East Grinstead RH19 2HA

**11.00am - 4.00pm drop-in**

£4 all ages, Family of 4: £14 recommended age : 7 plus  
 Average stay - 2 hours Come along any time





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### SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS @ HURSTPIERPOINT

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



THE ONLY CAMPS



### THE ONLY MULTI SPORTS CAMPS

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| 30 <sup>th</sup> JULY - 3 <sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2018 | 20 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST - 24 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018 |
| 9.00AM - 3.30PM                                     | 9.00AM - 3.30PM  |
| 1-5 DAY CAMP  | 1-5 DAY CAMP   |
| HURSTPIERPOINT COLLEGE                              | HURSTPIERPOINT COLLEGE                                 |
| AGES 5-10 (UNISEX)                                  | AGES 5-10 (UNISEX)                                     |
| FROM £40 - £145 PER CHILD                           | FROM £40 - £145 PER CHILD                              |

Please let us know if you would like an EARLY DROP OFF (8am) and a LATE PICK UP (5pm) option - for an additional cost (Numbers Dependant).  
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