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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Ofsted Monitoring Visit**

You will find Sir Robin's report attached to this newsletter. As you can see there is much to celebrate here because he recognised the effective action being taken in order to make the biggest differences to pupils' outcomes. If you have any questions about his report, you can write them down, or come and see me.

### **...at the end of the day**

Please keep younger brothers and sisters within sight at the end of the day, because they can feel 'lost' really quickly. Our school is a safe environment for our pupils, but we do expect them to be under parent or carer supervision before children are in classrooms and once dismissed by the class teacher. The equipment on the Key Stage two playground is designed for use by over 7 year olds, so if you choose to allow younger children to use this area this is under your close supervision at all times.

### **Car Parking**

Always a controversial subject! Please make sure you communicate to EVERYONE who collects your child that our staff car park and the street outside the school entrance is not for use at drop-off or pick-up times. It places children in danger when vehicles move. This is often uncles/aunties/grandparents/family friends, so please let them know about the free parking at Queen's Crescent (the voucher is attached with the newsletter so you can pass this on to visitors). From 8.10.18, the car park gates will be locked between 8.30-9.10am and between 2.30-3.30pm in order to keep children safe on our site. Please enter via the main entrance and turn left for pedestrian access.

### **National Child Measurement Programme**

Parents are consulted prior to this national programme taking place – usually in the summer term. Although we have fewer parents who agree to their children participating (only 87.9% of London Meed parents agree to participation, as opposed to 96% of parents nationally), our outcomes in relation to height and weight are good. School staff are not made aware of individual pupil results. If you would like to encourage your child to be more active and/or eat more healthily, a good first place to start is the Change4life website. Miss Griffiths, in her capacity of Sports Lead, does much to ensure playtimes are active, but the government recommends that children have a further 30 minutes of vigorous activity after school too.

### **October is Black History Month**

Our focus is on recognising and knowing the contribution of people of colour, both now and in the past. If you would like to encourage your child research the achievements of people like Harriet Tubman; Mae Jemison or Katherine Johnson, that would be super.

### **Reporting absence**

At London Meed we use an efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school. Here's the link:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

### **Meet the Teacher**



My name is Claire Stacey and I've been working at London Meed for just over a year. I have been teaching for 15 years and have held various roles in local primary schools, as well as enjoying a stint as a Parent Governor here at London Meed.

I live in Burgess Hill with my husband, three children (all of whom attend London Meed) and my two cats!! We also have an adopted daughter who has just started her Teacher Training at Brighton University. In my spare time, I am the Bandmaster of the Burgess Hill Marching Youth where I have been a member for 30 years. As part of my role, I teach music and marching to people aged 7-50+, play the xylophone and work closely with children and teenagers to develop social/life skills. I have also organised many performance opportunities such as concerts, annual trips and a traditional military tattoo. I recently received the Mid Sussex District Council Chairman's Community Service Award in recognition of my work with BHMV. Mrs Claire Stacey, Y1 class teacher.



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### **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**

#### **After school clubs**

If a club does not start immediately at the end of the school day, it is parent's responsibility to ensure that their child is collected from their classroom and supervised until the club starts. Please note that Chess Club in particular does not start until 3.20pm and the club leader does not arrive until that time.

#### **Y3 & 4 Boys Football tournament**

On Friday 28th September 2018, ten Year 3 and 4 boys attended a football festival at St. Paul's school.

They took part in a selection of fun football related activities before playing a few matches against other schools. The children all had a fantastic time.  
Miss Griffiths.



#### **Y5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament**

Eight girls from Year 5 and 6 played in a local girls football tournament against 5 other schools at Manor Field primary school on 1st October

2018. They played incredibly well together as a team winning 3 of their matches and drawing 3. We were delighted to win the overall tournament which has secured us a place in the Mid Sussex finals. Well done girls. Miss Griffiths.



#### **Y3 & 4 Netball Tournament**



10 children from years 3 and 4 attended a netball festival at Downlands school on 3rd October 2018. They participated in lots of netball related activities before

going on to play some matches against other local schools. All the children had a fantastic time.

Miss Griffiths

#### **HOP visit**

On Wednesday 3rd October Key Stage Two children had a special visit from Emily O'Hara, an education officer from the Houses of Parliament. Emily explained to the children how Parliament works, what an MP's job involves and how the government passes new laws. The children really enjoyed it, with many of them remaining after the assembly to ask more questions of Emily. Mr Terrill

#### **Burgess Hill Procession**



Well done to Bonnie, from Apples class who showed care and community spirit last weekend. Bonnie helped carry the sheet for the charity collection during the Burgess Hill Procession that took place on Saturday.

As part of the event she also took part in a Remembrance Service at the war memorial and helped clear the field the next morning.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

Please visit our website and view key dates for the forthcoming academic year under the calendar tab at <https://www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk/website/calendar/>

Please click on this link to see school events coming up.  
Ms K Brayne, Data & Communications Manager



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**LMA NEW EVENTS SITE**



**WITH THE FIRST EVENT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR FAST APPROACHING, THE LMA ARE EXCITED TO LAUNCH THEIR NEW EVENTS SITE.**

IT GIVES:

- ★ Easy access to ticket purchasing 24hrs a day
- ★ Details of upcoming events
- ★ Latest LMA News
- ★ The opportunity to volunteer to help at events

Please visit:  
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You need to register & log-on before you make a purchase. Before you finalise your purchase there is the opportunity to add a small amount to cover fees, if you feel able, please consider adding this as it will maximise the funds the event will raise for the school.

**★ Tickets on sale now for the Disco on 18th October ★**

Thank you for your ongoing support, we look forward to a year of fantastic fundraising for our children! LMA

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