



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are now happily settled back into school routines and are engaged with their learning. We are continuing to ensure that there are lots of opportunities to talk about feelings and emotions. Through class assemblies, children have been reminded that they should have five trusted adults that they can talk to and three of these should be in school. I have been so impressed with their resilience and bravery during this very unsettling period.

Google Classroom continues to be the platform for setting and uploading weekly Home Learning.

In my letter last week, I mentioned that we were going to have a new library. I am delighted to confirm that West Sussex have approved our plans and initial works will begin during the Easter holidays. This is a very exciting time for us and will really help to promote a love of reading in our children.

Our “drop off” and “collection” arrangements are working well and there is a steady flow during the time slots which is helping to reduce congestion.

We are very aware that parents and carers have not been able to meet with their child’s teacher face to face this year. It is our intention to send out the annual school report by the end of June and offer a meeting with your child’s teacher, either virtually or in person, in July. In the meantime, do remember that teachers can always be contacted via their year group email addresses.

Have a lovely weekend.

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

Cadi, 1 Hendra	for being brave and challenging herself, both when working with an adult or independently.
Drake, 1 Hendra	for showing curiosity and excitement for learning.
Fernando,2 Blackman	for showing curiosity in his maths this week, and helping others in his class understand shape.
Kitty ,2 Blackman	for showing imagination and creativity in her story planning this week.
Daisy, 2 Riddell	for always having high expectations for herself and those around her.
Aden, 2 Riddell	for showing resilience in his learning and attitude to school.
Bea, 3 Zephaniah	for her excellent contributions when working collaboratively to plan a play script.
Harry, 3 Rosen	for bringing others into lunchtime games and being supportive!
Felix, 4 Thomson	for showing resilience in maths when learning how to tell the time using digital and analogue clocks as well as being able to convert between 24 and 12 hour time.
Rio,4 Hardy	for showing resilience and trying hard in science this week with his writing about the digestive system. Well done!
Emily,5 Leonard	for putting in 100% effort to every lesson and for being such a delightful student.
Sadia, 5 Kipling	for a beautiful and brave singing performance during RE.
Ruby, 6 Davies	<i>for excellent attitudes to learning and for a fantastic Viking Saga.</i>
Hannah,6 Riddell	for her admirable work ethic shown in all the subjects and for always being a thoughtful member of our class. Well done, Hannah!

Our Yellow Certificate winners this week - congratulations!

Vihaan,Apples	for super reading and phonics work this week. Well done!
Aden,Apples	for being engaged and excited when doing our shape Maths lessons this well done!
Isaac,Cherries	for trying really hard to think of and write his speech bubble about “Jack and the Beanstalk”.
Rhys,Cherries	for describing 2D and 3D shapes well and helping his peers to identify them too. Well done!
Elliot, 1 Donaldson	for always engaging in lessons and sharing his ideas.
Sophia,1 Donaldson	for always being kind and showing impeccable manners.



Encouraging a Love of Reading

Author of the week – 4 Hardy



I chose Vashti Hardy as our class author as I had read her first book and really enjoyed it.

Vashti Hardy is a writer of children's books. She spends her time between Lancashire and Sussex. She was a primary school teacher for several years, and has a special interest in

children’s writing, especially free-writing and the use of journals and creating fantasy worlds.



Her book, 'Wildspark,' won the Blue Peter Book Award 'Best Story' in 2020 and the FCBG Children's Book Awards and 'Brightstorm' was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, Books are My Bag Awards, among others. 'Brightstorm' was also selected for Independent Booksellers Book of the Season and both 'Brightstorm' and 'Wildspark' were selected as Primary School Book Club Reads.

We are currently making our way through 'Brightstorm' and were excited to watch Vashti Hardy live on World Book Day this year where she gave tips for creating your own fantasy world to use in stories. She suggested writing about things that interest you, to merge your interests to create exciting combinations (such as dinosaur riding Romans!) to gather inspiration from images, to use movie soundtracks to help set the mood or atmosphere, and to create a map for your world.

I have contacted Vashti and we eagerly await a response! Mr Davies-Jones, 4 Hardy Class Teacher

- home schooling and remote education
- support for children and young people

PE Days

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

Monday	Year 3 The Orchard
Tuesday	Year 5
Wednesday	Year 6 Year 1
Thursday	Year 4
Friday	Year 2

Contact Details

Please email 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	theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 1	year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 2	year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 3	year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 4	year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 5	year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
Year 6	year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

Reporting Absence

Please remember to report your child's absence by 9.20am **every day** via Studybugs <https://studybugs.com/signin> or via our absence voicemail on 01444 232336.

Should your child develop COVID symptoms and receive a positive test result over a weekend, please continue to email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk as we will need to take immediate action.

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
Summer Term 2021	Monday 19 th April	w/c 31 st May	Friday 23 rd July
Bank holiday: - Monday 3rd May Inset Days: - Friday 28th May Monday 7th June			

Term Dates 2021-2022

For WSCC term dates please visit <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/school-term-dates-202122/>

Inset days 2021-2022

Autumn Term	Thursday 2nd September 2021, Friday 22nd October 2021
Spring Term	Friday 18th February 2022
Summer Term	Friday 27th May 2022 Monday 6th June 2022

DFE update to guidance for parents

We have updated our guidance on what parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

The guidance now includes information on returning to boarding school from overseas, including arrangements for pupils to quarantine on arrival in the UK. It also provides additional information to support parents considering elective home education for their child. We have also published a collection of guidance providing information for parents and carers of children attending early years settings, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This collection brings together information and guidance for parents on:

- essential information for the spring term
- coronavirus (COVID-19) testing
- clubs and out-of-school settings

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