

# Long Meadow Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I had the pleasure of being on the Year 3 residential to Caldecotte this week. It was such great fun and the children had an amazing time. At LMS we value the opportunities that residential trips give children. The children get to see each other in a different light, get to experience some amazing things and also make memories. This is why we plan trips for every year group from 3-6. The Governors are also conscious that these trips do cost, so continually look for the best value options. As a school, we invite parents who may struggle to pay or meet deadlines just to speak to us and we can try to support you in allowing the children to go. If parents choose for their children not to go, the children who stay at school also have an amazing time filled with exciting activities. It is win win! I am also grateful to all the staff that give up their personal time to make these trips happen. It means a lot to me that they are willing to do this. Also thank you to all the parents for their kind words about the Year 3 trip as well as the updates on Twitter. Please, please, please join Twitter, if only to follow your child's class!

I have received some correspondence from parents regarding classes for next year. This year we have taken the decision to trial keeping the children in the same class groups for two consecutive years. We wish to see how the consistency of the same group impacts on a quicker start to the year, where the children do not have to build relationships firstly with a new teacher whilst also building or rebuilding with their peers. We will then review this for the following year. We will also inform you of the new class groups and class teachers as soon as this has been finalised. This will hopefully be in plenty of time for our Meet the Teacher day/Secondary Transfer day on the 1st July.

Tonight (weather permitting), LMS will be attending the Annual Athletics event at Stantonbury– we wish them all the best and know they will make us #proud. Next week then sees Year 5 off on their residential to The Frontier Centre. I know they will have an amazing time and can't wait to see what they get up to on Twitter!

Finally today, we are looking to recruit some more Midday Supervisors (some people may refer incorrectly to them as Dinner Ladies) to the school team. Please see the advert on the back of this week's newsletter. This role is vital in supporting the children of our school over the lunchtime period, both whilst eating and also outside when they are playing. Training will be given, but the main remit is to encourage them to play and behave appropriately. We look forward to hearing from you.

Have a great weekend and fingers crossed the rain stops!

Mr Gray



Congratulations to

**Tadpoles**

who achieved **99.1%**  
attendance this week!

**Well done  
everybody!**

## SCHOOL MEALS

Menus are available up to the end of the Summer term on ParentPay and feedback from parents on how easy and convenient it is to use has been very positive.

We are delighted that 75% of accounts have now been activated and this continues to rise. If you have not received your activation letter or would like some help setting up your account, please contact the School Office.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We have recently adopted a new Free School Meals application package which we hope will be much more user friendly for parents. If you think your child may be eligible, please visit <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/> for an instant decision. Alternatively, you may complete a form authorising us to complete the application on your behalf.

Children in Year 2 no longer receive school meals when they move to Year 3 so if you believe your child may qualify for free school meals, please contact the office for more information.



# VACANCIES

We are looking for Midday Supervisors to help the children at lunch times to start with us next term.

The post is for one hour per day  
Monday to Friday - term time only

Rate of Pay: £9.55 per hour

Would like you to join our existing team to help supervise our children during lunchtimes?

You will need to be energetic and have a good sense of humour. Personal warmth and a genuine love of children are essential qualities for this post.

No experience is necessary and training will be given, although you must be able to engage with children and encourage them to play and behave appropriately.

If you are interested please contact the School Office for further details and an application form.

This post requires an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service check.  
The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. We are an equal opportunities employer.