

Long Mead Newsletter



Term 5



With the days getting longer and the weather getting a bit better we hope the children are feeling good about term 5! There are lots of events coming up over the next two terms so please check diary dates.

Year 5 taster days and Kent Test

The year 5s will be applying for secondary school places at the beginning of the next school year.

There is an opportunity to talk to Mr Palmer about the Kent Test (11+) exam on Thursday 28 April at 3.30pm.

Information about school Taster Days will be sent home over the next few weeks as we receive it (see dates on the next page, Hadlow Rural dates to follow).



Improved text messaging system – and you can help the school save money

From time to time we send information to parents via text message to your mobile phone. A new, free, smartphone app for parents is now available for download called 'School Gateway' for Apple (iPhone 3GS or later, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android (2.3 / Gingerbread or later) devices.

Please could you download this new app to your phone (it's free) as it will help us improve communication with parents – and save the school money.



We will send an email home shortly giving instructions, else ask at the office.

School fete - Sat 2 July, 11am-2pm

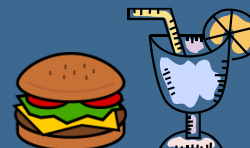


With summer now fast approaching, we are starting to organise this year's Summer Fete.

If you are able to help in any way (either on the day or with ideas/preparations) please could you let the school office know or email Mrs Palmer (cpalmer@tonbridgefederation.co.uk).

Also, if anyone is willing to have an estate agent's board outside their house advertising the fete we would be very grateful. Again, please contact the school office or Mrs Palmer.

This is one of the school's main fund raising events so please help the school make it a real success!



Unfortunately Miss Hobbs has had to postpone her London marathon until 2017 as she was ill over Easter. Thank you to all those who have supported her!

Street Party for the Queen's 90th Birthday

Long Mead are planning to join in the celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday by holding a 'street party' on Friday 10th June as part of the official celebrations.

More details will be given nearer the time.



New Parent Governor

Before Easter Mrs Swinchatt was appointed as the parent Governor for Long Mead, which is part of the Tonbridge Federation Governing Body. This is an important role for the school, but is also a voluntary role, so we hope you will join us in thanking her for agreeing to take on the role, and wish her well.

Parking

Unfortunately there have been some complaints recently that cars have been blocking entrances to local houses and garages. We understand parking can be difficult, but please remember to be considerate to local residents.



Diary Dates

Kites Class Assembly:	2.45pm Thurs 28 April
Kent Test meeting (Yr 5 parents):	3.30pm Thurs 28 April
Bank holiday:	Monday 2 May
Class photos:	Tuesday 3 May
Nursery cake sale:	Friday 6 May
SATs week:	9 – 13 May
Falcon Class Assembly:	2.45pm Thurs 19 May
Nursery savoury sale:	Friday 27 May
Last day of term 5:	Friday 27 May
First day of term 6:	Tuesday 7 June
Street Party for the Queen's 90 th :	Friday 10 June
Kwik Cricket Festival (Yr 6):	Tuesday 14 June
Kingfisher Class Assembly:	2.45pm Thurs 16 June
Hillview Taster Day (Yr 5):	Monday 20 June
Hayesbrook Taster Day (Yr 5):	Monday 20 June
Nursery Teddy Bear's picnic (morning nursery only):	Friday 24 June
Tonbridge Community Day (Yr 5/6):	Wednesday, 29 June
Shawfire (Yr 6 trip):	29 June – 1 July
Hugh Christie Taster Afternoon (Yr 5):	2-5pm, Friday 1 July
Summer fete:	11am, Saturday 2 July
Creative week (week 53):	4 – 8 July
Sports Day (new date):	9.45am, Wed 6 July
(NB. the Sports Day date has changed, & there is now no reserve date)	
Secondary School Induction Day (Yr 6s):	Thurs 7 July
Nursery Sports Day (morning nursery only):	10am, Friday 8 July
Leaver's Event:	Wednesday 20 July
Leaver's Assembly:	Friday 22 July
Last day of term 6:	Friday 22 July

TERM DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2015/2016

TERM 5

First Day Tuesday 12 April 2016
Bank Holiday Monday 2 May 2016
Last Day Friday 27 May 2016

TERM 6

First Day Tuesday 7 June 2016
Last Day Friday 22 July 2016

Terms dates for 2016/17 will be sent home shortly.

Letters home: Please note that we will be putting a copy of all letters sent home on the school web site and sending out via email. Please let us know of any changes to email addresses or contact numbers.