

Long Mead Newsletter



Happy New Year!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Sadly all the decorations are gone and school is back to normal. Let's hope it is a good term with children making good progress and working hard.

Head Lice:

Could you please continue to check and treat your children's hair on a regular basis.

Unfortunately we have already had reports of some cases in school.



Attendance:

Please be aware that the school monitors pupil attendance on a regular basis.

The Government's attendance target for children of statutory school age in Primary School is 95%.

Letters will be sent home if we are concerned.

Data Collection:

We will be sending Data Collection forms home this term. Could you please amend any changes. Please return all forms signed even if all the information is correct.

Reporting absences:

Could we please ask parents to contact the school if their child is going to be absent. We need to have a reason and would like more than they are 'unwell' please.



Any absences where we are unable to contact parents, by text or telephone, will be recorded as unauthorised and if this happens regularly could incur a fine.

British Triple Jumper to visit Long Mead

The British Triple Jumper **Nathan Fox** will be visiting Long Mead on **Friday 23 January** to oversee a fundraising event for sports equipment for the school.

Year R – year 6 children will be taking part in a range of activities during the afternoon, and will be bringing sponsorship forms home this week (please help your child to get as much sponsorship as possible!). Sponsorship money will be collected during the week following Nathan's visit.

There will also be an assembly with Nathan Fox (note there will be no Feel Good Friday Assembly that day).



Uniform Reminders to Parents

Please make sure all uniform is labelled clearly with your child's name. Some items are going missing and unfortunately unlabelled items which are found cannot be returned.

PE Kits need to be in school every day. If taken home to wash please bring back on the next day of school.

School shoes should be black. No trainers or plimsolls.

Only stud earrings should be worn. Larger earrings are a health and safety risk as they could get ripped out.

We have noticed a number of boys with very short haircuts, please note this is against school policy. Hair should be no shorter than a grade 2 and definitely with no patterns.

Severe Weather

In the event of severe weather the school will make every effort to stay open, and there is an expectation that pupils who live within the locality WILL attend.

However, if the school does have to close a text will be sent to parents/carers and also a message will be placed on the school website and the KCC School Closures web site www.kentclosures.co.uk. There will also be announcements on local radio.



New Security Gate

The new security gate will become active at the end of January.

The gate will be left open at drop off and pick up, but otherwise you will need to use a buzzer to get in, which will be connected to the school office.

School diary:

Friday 16 January 2015 - Kite Class, swimming starts (cost £2.50 per lesson, £25.00 for all 10 lessons)

Friday 23 January 2015 – British Triple Jumper Nathan Fox visiting the school (there will be **no** Feel Good Friday Assembly)

School Clubs:

All Clubs will start back this week, **apart from ICT Club which is cancelled until further notice.**

Boxing is on Tuesday and Thursday (3.30pm-4.30pm).

KS2 Dance and Gym Club is on Wednesday (3.30pm-4.30pm).

Creative Club is on Wednesday (3.20pm-4.20pm).

Homework Club is on Wednesday (3.30pm-4.15pm).

Please ensure children are picked up promptly at the end of clubs.

Term Dates 2015

Term 3

First Day - Tuesday 6 January
Last Day - Friday 13 February

Term 4

First Day - Tuesday 24 February
Last Day - Wednesday 1 April

Term 5

First Day - Tuesday 21 April
Bank Holiday - Monday 4 May
Last Day - Friday 22 May

Term 6

First Day - Monday 1 June
Last Day - Friday 24 July

Letters home:

Please note that we will be putting a copy of all letters which are sent home on the school web site.