

# Long Mead Newsletter



## Term 3



**Belated Happy New Year!!**

**We hope you have all had a restful but fun Christmas.**

**January is always a tough term to come back to, but we hope the children are ready and willing to start their learning again.**

**Warning:** It has been brought to our attention that children are accessing a new facebook style internet forum called 'www.KIK.com' both by computer and mobile phone. We have been advised of some very dangerous activity on this site, please be extra vigilant. Tips on internet safety for parents can be found on [www.thinkyouknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk) E-Safety talk on Monday 18 January in school hall, see letter coming home today.

## Clubs

Clubs start again this week except Homework Club which starts on Wednesday 20 January.

Letters have been sent home about clubs in terms 3 and 4. Please do not assume your child can continue in a club as some have waiting lists. A text message will be sent to confirm your child's place.

If you would like your child to attend any of the clubs, please return a completed and signed consent form.

**The last little bit of Christmas, before we put it all away for another year!**



### Christmas Fair

**Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Christmas Fair. It was a great afternoon, with lots of fun! We raised over £1200.00.**

### Nativities

**What budding actors and actresses we have here at Long Mead! Both Reception and Nursery's performance and the Nativity at Tonbridge Baptist Church were fantastic performances and greatly enjoyed by all.**

**Well done to all the children and staff!**

With the new term started can we please remind parents to be considerate to local residents when parking to drop off or pick up children. Also, please do not bring your cars down the driveway.



Data Collection Sheets - will be sent out this term. Please take time to read through and amend any changes, adding email addresses to enable us to forward information to you. Could we also ask that you return the forms signed and dated even if you have no changes. All returned forms help us keep our records up to date.





## NACE Photogaphy Competition

You have another week to send in your photographs as the deadline has been extended to Friday 15 January - The subject is 'Energy'. Photos can be sent in as prints, by email to the school or on a memory stick.

Miss Alexander will be judging the competition in time to send our school entry to NACE by Friday 29 January.

If you would like another copy of the letter, please come into the school office to collect one.

### Reminder to Year 6 Parents Shawfire

Wednesday 29 June – Friday 1 July

The next instalment for the Shawfire Trip is due at the end of January. Please pay via School Gateway or bring into the school office.



### Nits

Can we please ask you to continue going through your child/ren's hair this term. It would be good to keep things going and hopefully succeed with tackling this constant issue.

### Payments online

You can pay online for dinners, uniforms, trips, swimming and breakfast club.

To use this facility please go to [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com).

In order to pay online you must use the same email address and mobile phone number that is stored in the school database. When you first register you will be sent a PIN number by a text message to your phone.

**Schoolgateway**

### Uniform

Please remember to clearly label all your child's clothing and possessions! Items are often found around the school, and it is difficult to return to the correct child if unlabeled – especially uniform which all looks very similar.



### Diary Dates

Friday 8 January – Kite Class start Swimming

Monday 18 January – Parent talk on Internet Safety –  
3.30pm -4.20pm

Thursday 21 January - Bingo (KS1&2 excluding Reception Class) 3.30-4.30pm

### TERM DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2015/2016

#### TERM 3

First Day Monday 4 January 2016  
Last Day Friday 12 February 2016

#### TERM 4

First Day Monday 22 February 2016  
Last Day Thursday 24 March 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 22nd July 2016

**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.