

# Long Mead Newsletter



## Term 2



Christmas is fast approaching and there are lots of things happening! Please take a moment to read this newsletter so that you don't miss out!

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

The School Christmas Fair will be held on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun between 3pm - 5pm!

Please note the fair will be open to the Long Mead children from 2.30pm, so you may like to send your child(ren) in with some spending money.

Thank you to all those who have offered to help, it makes such a difference! If you feel you can help, either on the day (setting up or running a stall) or on one of the own clothes days (to sort out donations), then please contact the school.



Raffle tickets are now available from the office.

Please can we 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.



### Children in Need

Thank you to all those who dressed up as a Superhero, or helped someone else to, on Friday 13 November.

The School had lots of fun, as well as raising over £270, which will be split between Children in Need and Barnardos.



### Christmas Nativities

The Nursery and Reception children will be rehearsing every day during the week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no afternoon nursery all week and all children should attend in the morning at 8.45am - 11.45am.

They will be performing 'A Miracle in Town' on **Friday 11 December, 10.30am**, in the school hall. Family and friends are very welcome.



The School Nativity (Rec-Yr 6) will be held on **Tuesday 15 December, 2pm** (it will last about 1 hour), at Tonbridge Baptist church. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Children will return to school for collection as usual.

## Nursery Places

If you are thinking about starting your child at nursery this school year, then please could you let the office or nursery staff know so that the school can plan for numbers.

Long Mead supports the Free for Two (FF2) scheme, which means that a child can start at the beginning of the term they turn three. FF2 is available to parents/carers who meet certain criteria. Please ask if you would like to find out more.



### 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.

### Nits

There have been several cases of nits in the school this term. Please can we remind families to keep checking hair regularly.

### Clubs and Swimming

Kite class will be having swimming lessons during terms 3 and 4, starting on Friday 8 January. Please return the consent form if you have not yet done so.

There will be no clubs during the last week of term 2 or the first week of term 3.

A letter will be sent home in the first week of term 3 about clubs in terms 3 and 4. Please do not assume your child can continue in a club as some have waiting lists.

### Diary Dates

Kite trip (Rochester Cathedral):	27 November
Own Clothes Day (sweets):	27 November
Autumn Showcase:	2&3 December, 6.00pm
Own Clothes Day (bottles):	4 December
Christmas Fair:	4 December, 3.00pm
Carol Singing at Tonbridge Angels:	5 December, 2.00pm
Ukulele concert (Yr 5):	8 December. 2.50pm
Morning nursery only:	7-11 December
Early Years Nativity (Nursery, Rec):	11 December, 10.30am
Santa's Little Helper (Yrs 1&2):	14 December
School Nativity (Rec – Yr 6):	15 December, 2.00pm
School Christmas lunch:	16 December
Christmas Parties (Nursery, Rec, KS1):	17 December
Afternoon nursery only:	17 December
Christmas Jumpers for Text Santa:	18 December
Last day of term 2:	18 December
First day of term 3:	4 January

### Consultation on Admission Arrangements for Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys

Kent County Council is consulting on the proposed changes to admissions arrangements for Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys for intake in September 2017. The proposal is to provide priority to Pupil Premium children assessed suitable for grammar school.

The consultation of the proposed changes will run until 21 December 2015. The consultation documents can be found at [www.kent.gov.uk/admissionscriteria](http://www.kent.gov.uk/admissionscriteria) along with any other own admission authority school consultations. Responses should be made to [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk). If paper copies are required, respondents should contact 03000 41 21 21 and ask to speak to primary admissions.

**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.