

Long Mead Newsletter



Term 1



Welcome back to all the students, parents and carers - we hope you had a fantastic summer holiday. We are in our fourth week already of this new term and everyone has settled back into school life very well.

TERM DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2016/2017

TERM 1

MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2016

FRIDAY 21st OCTOBER 2016

TERM 2

MONDAY 31st OCTOBER 2016

FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER 2016

Magnetic term dates will be going home today – one per family

Secondary School Applications

Please can all Year 6 parents and carers be aware that secondary school applications are due in by **Monday 31 October**.

You can apply online or by form. Please ask for help at the school office if you need it.

Permission Slips

Could we please ask parents to send permission slips (and money where appropriate) back to the school office if a letter has been sent home.

Trips and Clubs are organised by the school, but if we do not have the correct permission slips returned in time children may have to miss out.

The office staff do not have the time to spend chasing and phoning parents if permission slips have not been received.

However, if you pay for school trips via School Gateway you can click on Consent and that is also acceptable.



Dates for your diary

Monday 3 October – Y6 to Hever Castle

Wednesday 5 October – Year 5 Viking Day

Friday 7 October – Cross Country Event

Thursday 13 October, 9.30am – Harvest Festival

Tuesday 18 October – Individual and Family Photos

Tuesday 8 November – Parents Consultation

Wednesday 9 November – Parents Consultation

Friday 2 December – Christmas Fair

Friday 9 December, 10.30 – Nativity (Rec and Nursery)

Tuesday 13 December, 2pm – Nativity at TBC

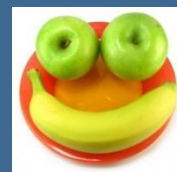
Please can we remind parents not to bring their cars down the driveway. This will help to ensure the safety of the children coming to and from school.



 Dogs are also not allowed on the school premises.

School Meals

The cost of a school meal is still £2.25 per day for Y3 upwards. If you would like a new school menu, please ask at the school office. **On Thursday 6 October there is a change to the regular menu. It is a Poetry Day menu based on the story of the Gruffalo.**



Please note if balances owed for school meals exceed £20.00, a packed lunch will be required until the debt is paid. This will be checked regularly and parents will be contacted.



Ofsted Parents View - gives parents the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about their child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

We would be grateful if you would leave your comments about what is good at Long Mead using the link through the school website. Once on the website, you need to follow: Our School - Ofsted Report - Ofsted Parents View - Give your view now. You then need to register using your email address.

Harvest Festival Assembly

Please could each child bring in a small gift to contribute towards this e.g. a tin of soup or packet of biscuits/cake (in date please), or fresh produce such as vegetables or fruit. The gifts will be going to Frome Court - supported living for the elderly.



Payments online

You can pay online for dinners, uniforms, trips, swimming and breakfast club. To use this facility please go to 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.



OPEN MORNING – Thursday 17 November 2016

We have arranged an open morning for children starting Reception in September 2017.

9.30am – 12pm

If you have a child starting school and would like to come and have a look with them or know of anyone with children due to start school, please let them know – it would be great to see you!

Christmas Fair on Friday 2 December – if you are happy to have a board outside your home to promote the Christmas Fair, please contact the school office.

School Clubs:

School clubs have started - if your child no longer wishes to participate, please let the school office know. We do have a waiting list for some clubs.

Tuesday - Boxing Club Y1-3 (3.30-4.30)

-Choir (3.30-4pm)

Wednesday - Homework Club (3.30-4.15)

Thursday - Boxing Club Y4-6 (3.30 -4.30)



Nits/Headlice

With the new term started, we have already had reports of nits being back in school.

We would be grateful if you could continue to go through your child's hair on a regular basis.

Unfortunately headlice are constantly going from head to head unless everybody is doing their part with regular family checks.

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.