

# Long Mead Newsletter



## Term 2



There are lots of things happening over the remainder of the term, especially as we approach Christmas. Please take time to read this newsletter and make a note of important dates so you don't miss out!

### Attendance

Please can we remind parents that it is your responsibility to let the school know if your child is going to be absent from school, and to bring your child to school on time.

Please note that if a child is continually late or absent from school then meetings will be arranged at school to discuss, and if there is no improvement could lead to a fine being requested.



### Children in Need - Fri 18 Nov

This year's theme is Spotacular! We are asking for a £1 donation for each spotty outfit.

There is a competition to make Pudsey Bear a perfect outfit - to enter it is 20p and you can collect your Pudsey sheet from Miss Barnett. Please hand them in by Thurs 17 Nov for judging.

In addition there will be a cake sale at break time on Fri 18 Nov. Pupils can bring **up to 50p** (in an envelope) for 2 cakes. We will also be selling festival style wristbands for £1. All proceeds will go to Children in Need. Please let the office know if you are able to make some cakes for the sale.

### Christmas Fair - Fri 2 Dec

The annual Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 2 December from 2.30pm until 4.30pm.

As in previous years, we are allowing the children to wear their own clothes to school on the following dates in exchange for donations (please note there are only two days this year due to Children in Need):

- Friday 25 November - Gifts (KS2), Sweets (in sealed bags please) (Nursery/Rec/KS1)
- Friday 2 December - Bottles

Donations should be handed in at the main school entrance. (Please note if any child arrives at school in own clothes but with no contribution, they will be unable to participate the following week).

This year the school will be having a White Elephant stall, so we would also be very grateful for any donations of nearly new items, such as clothes and toys.



## Boxing Club

Boxing Club has been free to children as Russet Homes have been generously covering the costs for us. Unfortunately this funding cannot continue next year. Although the school will fund part of the cost it will be necessary to charge £2 a session. Letters will go home next term, and we hope children will continue to enjoy the club!



### Friday Assembly

Friday Assembly will now start at **3pm** due to Friday Enrichment activities. Texts will still be sent out to parents of children receiving a certificate.

### OPEN MORNING (Reception class, September 17)

We have arranged an open morning for children starting Reception in September 2017 on Thursday 17 November 2016, 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!

### Dropping off

Following guidance from the local authority, parents of Year 1-6 need to drop children off at the door in the mornings leaving them to come into school on their own.

If you need to speak to a teacher or the office please enter the school via the main entrance and speak to the office staff to arrange appointments.

Thank you for your cooperation!

### Dates for your diary

Open Morning for September '17 Reception children	Thurs 17 Nov, 9.30am-12.00
Children in Need	Fri 18 Nov
Battle of Britain trip (Eagles)	Tues 22 Nov
Home clothes day (for gifts (KS2) and sweets (Rec/KS1))	Fri 25 Nov
Home clothes day (bottle donations)	Fri 2 Dec
Christmas Fair	Fri 2 Dec
Nursery am sessions only	5-9 Dec
Autumn Showcase at HCTC	7&8 Dec
Reception/Nursery Nativity	Fri 9 Dec
Kingfisher/Woodpecker theatre trip	Mon 12 Dec
Nativity (main school) at Tonbridge Baptist Church	Tues 13 Dec, 2.00pm
Last day of term 2	Fri 16 Dec
First day of term 3	Wed 4 Jan
Last day of term 3	Fri 10 Feb

Dates for next year, including full term dates, can be found on the school web site.



**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.