

Long Mead Newsletter



Term 2



We hope you all had a good break and are ready to get into the Christmas term. It is always a fun term, so please take time to read this newsletter and make a note of important dates so you don't miss out!

Children in Need – Fri 17 Nov 2017

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 16 Nov for judging.

In addition there will be a cake sale at break time on Fri 17 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.

Term dates:

Term 2

Last day: Fri 15 December 2017

Term 3

First day: Thurs 4 January 2018

Last day: Fri 9 February 2018

A list of 2017/18 school events are attached to this Newsletter

Coffee mornings

Mrs Dodd and Miss Alexander would like to invite parents for a chance to have a cuppa and chat. The first coffee morning is on Tuesday 21 November at 9am. Please look at the attached date list for future events.



Christmas Fair

We have been offered the opportunity of being part of the Baptist Church Christmas fair, on **Saturday 2nd December**, and having some stalls to raise money towards replacing some of our aging electronic devices! However, we do need some helpers to do this.

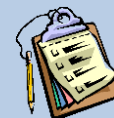
If you have any good ideas for stalls and /or would like to help, please come and see Nicky Wilson in Nursery.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November 2017.

Signing up sheets are currently being put out underneath the bike shelters before and after school. Please sign up to speak to your child's teacher. There is a separate sheet if you need to speak to Mrs Humphrey (SEN).

Please note there will be **no after school clubs** on these two evenings.



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.



Nursery and Reception Nativity will be held at school on Thursday 7 December 10.30am

Carol Service and Nativity will be held at Tonbridge Baptist Church on Thursday 14 December at 2pm.

Clubs



There are currently spaces at Boxing club. Please ask at the office for a form.

New Club letters will be sent home next term, for clubs up to Easter. If you have been on a reserve list you will be contacted first. There will be no clubs during the last week of term 2 or the first full week of term 3. **There will also be no clubs on the Parent Consultation evenings.**

PE Kit

Now the weather is getting colder please can you ensure your child has suitable clothing for outside (e.g. sweatshirt / tracksuit trousers) and a full PE kit in school at all times.

Poppies are being sold for Remembrance Day at the school gate. Additional items are available from the office, and can be worn up until Remembrance Day.

Christmas Cards

This year we are using a company called Cauliflower Cards to produce the children's Christmas cards.

If you would like to order cards please return the order form to school, with payment, by **Wednesday 8 November**. The cards will then take 2-3 weeks to be returned, so should be back by the beginning of December.



Open Sessions for Reception class, Sep '18

We have arranged two open sessions for parents interested in a Reception place in September 2018. These are on Thursday 23 November, 9.30-10.30am, and Wednesday 29 November, 1.30-2.30pm. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend.

Applications for children due to start primary school in September 2018 open on 6 November 2017 and close on 15 January 2018. These can be made online via the KCC website (www.kent.gov.uk) or ask at the office for help.

Secondhand Uniform Sale

During this term we will have a secondhand table in the mornings up on the playground. Please give a donation of £2.00 for each item taken. **Please remember to name your child's clothing so it can be returned if found!**

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.