

Long Mead Newsletter



Welcome back!

Welcome back to all our students, we hope you had a good summer. We would like to give an especially warm welcome to our new students, and hope they will be very happy at Long Mead. Also welcome to two new Teaching Assistants, Mrs Payne and Mrs Styles.



Reception class 2014

School photos:

Individual and family photos will be taking place on Friday 10th October. Please can we remind the children to come in **looking smart!**

Secondary School Applications:

Please can all Year 6 parents and carers be aware that secondary school applications are due in by **31st October**. You can apply online or by form. Please ask for help at the school office if you need it.

School Uniform:

Congratulations to all the children for looking so smart this term, and thanks to the parents/carers for their support during the uniform change! Uniform can be bought through the school office. The office also holds a small selection of items without the school logo. Please note that girls should wear skirts or trousers, and not shorts/culottes (except shorts for PE).

Consultations:

Parent consultations will be shortly after half term on the **11th and 12th November**. Letters to book appointments will be coming home. Please ensure that you book to see your child's class teacher who will update you on how well they are progressing and what they will need to target next.



School results:



We are again exceedingly pleased with our results this year in the National Tests. Key Stage 2 results improved again with 82% of pupils achieving a Level 4+ in reading, writing and maths. Key Stage 1 made huge progress with 75% of pupils achieving a Level 2+ in reading, writing and maths. The Phonics showed consistency with 81% of pupils achieving the expected standard. This was again above national standards this year. In Early Years Foundation Stage 75% of pupils achieved a "Good Level of Progress". We expect this to be above national averages when they are published later this year. All of these results are due to the hard work and dedication of the staff and pupils in the school, and I am sure you would extend your thanks to them all for making Long Mead such a successful school.

Free school meals:

All KS1 children are now eligible for free school meals.

However, please could we ask anyone who would have been eligible for free school meals last year to still apply. This will mean Long Mead receives additional funding, which can be used for extra tuition, staff or activities. As a thank you from us we are giving out free book bags and books if applications are successful.

You are welcome to apply through the school office.

The School Driveway:

We have had some problems with parents driving down the drive to drop off or pick up pupils. This is NOT allowed due to health and safety reasons.

Parents doing this will be challenged by members of staff and could be reported to the police for trespassing.

This may seem harsh but it CANNOT be allowed as a student could be injured or far worse.



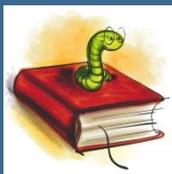
Good morning Britain 'just read' campaign:

Good Morning Britain's 'Just Read' campaign wants to encourage us to remember the importance of literacy to achieve the best for your child's future.

One in four children at age 11 is leaving primary school not able to read well. It has been predicted that if we don't act now, there will be a reading crisis by 2025, and a generation will be left behind.

Exclusive findings with The Sun newspaper have revealed that more than two thirds of children would actually like to read more.

Their message is to inspire you to read for at least ten minutes a day with your children.



Christmas Fair:

The Christmas Fair is taking place on 5th December, and plans are starting to be made.

A group of parents will be meeting on Wednesday 24th September at 2.30pm, here at Long Mead, for an informal coffee and chat about ideas for the fair (young children welcome).

It would be great for as many parents as possible to get involved, and a huge thanks to those of you who give up their time.



Events:

Fri 19th September – Eagle swimming lessons start
(please ensure consent forms are returned)

Wed 24th September – Christmas fair planning meeting

Fri 10th October – School photos

Wed 15th October – Harvest festival

27th – 31st October – Half term

Fri 31st October – Last day for secondary school applications

11th/12th November – Parent consultations

26th/27th November – Autumn showcase

Homework:

Please can we remind parents to encourage their children to do their homework, and to sign their planners.

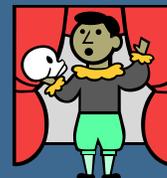
Autumn Showcase:

Our annual joint event with Hugh Christie is on 26th and 27th November. It is held at Hugh Christie and starts at 6.30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate pupil's diverse talents.

Tickets are available through the office.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays:

- Dancers at Long Mead 12.45 – 1.15pm
- Singers at Hugh Christie 3.30 – 4.30pm



Letters home:

Please note that we will be putting a copy of all letters which are sent home on the school web site.