

# Long Mead Newsletter



## Term 1



Welcome back to the new school term, we are already into our fifth week and the children have settled in well to the structure of school life.



### Harvest Festival Assembly Thurs 19 Oct, 2.30pm

Please come and join our Harvest Assembly!  
We are asking each child to bring in a small gift to contribute towards the Harvest Festival Assembly (please bring in on Wed or Thurs mornings so we can make a display).

The gifts will be going to Tonbridge Baptist Church's food bank. The food needed is:

Breakfast cereal	Pasta
Tea and Coffee	Tinned vegetable
Life-long milk	Tinned/cartons of custard
Tinned soup	Tinned rice pudding
Baked beans	Tinned fruit
Tinned pasta	Small pack of rice
Tinned meat meals	Packet of biscuits
Jar of pasta sauce	

### Secondary School Places

Please can all Year 6 parents, Grandparents and carers be aware that secondary school applications are due in by **Tuesday 31 October**. You can apply online or by form.

Please ask for help at the school office if you need it.

### Uniform

Unfortunately our supplier has increased the price of uniforms.

New price lists are available from the school office.



### Term dates:

#### Term 1

Last day: Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October

#### Term 2

First day: Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October

Last day: Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December

Term dates for the full year are available on the website or from the office.

### Breakfast Club

Is your child entitled to free school meals?

If they are they can now attend Breakfast club free of charge.

Please speak to Mrs Dodd or Mrs Barden if you are interested as places are limited.



### Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property. Please check and see if anything belongs to your child. If lost property is left unclaimed then it will be used for spare or second hand.

Please remember to name your child's clothing so it can be returned if found!

## Payments online

You can pay online for dinners, uniforms, trips, swimming and breakfast club. To use this facility please go to [www.schoolgateway.com](http://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.



## Dates for your diary



Y5 - Oliver Twist	Tue 3 Oct
YR Kent Messenger photo	Fri 6 Oct
School Photos	Mon 9 Oct
Cross Country - Somerhill	Fri 13 Oct
Flu Immunisation (YR-Y4)	Thurs 19 Oct
Harvest Festival - 2.30pm	Thurs 19 Oct
Consultations Evenings	Tues 14/Wed 15 Nov

## Christmas Card Competition

The school has received a letter from our local MP Tom Tugendhat. He would like children to design a Christmas card that he can then send to people he has met during the year.

If your child would like to enter the competition, they need to design a Christmas themed picture using pencils, paints or anything else you can think of on A4 paper (portrait or landscape). The winner will receive 100 copies of their own card and a tour of the Houses of Parliament with their parents.

Entrances need to be in school by **Friday 13 October**, to give us plenty of time to send them back to MP Tom Tugendhat.

Children who attend Creative Club on a Monday will be designing Christmas cards for this competition.



**Have fun with your design!!**



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Could we please ask for your children to be in full uniform on Monday 9 October 2017 for their individual (and siblings) school photo.

## Things to remember

**School start and finishing times:** The gate will be opened at 8.30am and the children will need to be in the playground for 8.55am when the bell will be rung. Children will line up in their classes and be taken into class by their teacher.

School finishes at 3.20pm. Could all parents please collect their children promptly, unless the school have been informed of any delays.



**School Absences:** Could we also remind parents, grandparents and carers to contact the school if their children are going to be absent from school. Please remember if they travel on the school minibus to text Mrs Palmer, so she is not waiting for anyone unnecessarily.

**Cars on the drive:** Cars are not to be driven down the school drive. This was an ongoing problem last year, and we ask that all cars are parked on the road. This is for the safety of children and parents walking down the school drive. Please also be considerate when parking near to the local residents homes (not blocking driveways).

Thank you

**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.