



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Welcome to the start of a year packed with excitement and great learning!

Yes! It's the start of a new and exciting school year at Lowther. This year promises to be one of exciting change as we not only watch your wonderful children grow and develop but also our fantastic new building too. We hope you like the changes that have already been made over the summer holidays. There are some changes to everyday school life this year because of the building work. I have detailed these on the reverse of this letter.

Seeing the children come into today they look ready! Their teachers have been busy planning a challenging, stimulating and exciting curriculum for them to get stuck into.

Our brand new Year 1 classes have matured over the holidays and look very at home in Key stage 1.

Our new Year 3 climbed the stairs effortlessly as they moved into Key stage 2.

As for the new Year 6, I'm looking forward to them being outstanding role models for our school family with Mr Pritchard leading and challenging them. Our new Reception children take their BIG step on Monday 13th September. The Nursery children start from the 14th. We look forward to welcoming them all to BIG school and the Lowther School family.

Changes to the School Site

You can't fail to notice the changes that have happened to the school site over the summer. The canteen and old Nursery are no longer with us (hoorah!) We have worked hard to maximise play space for the children and minimise disruption. I hope you like the changes we've already made. We have a building schedule of 1 year where we see "Phase 2" of the development at Lowther really take shape. It's all very exciting. We will try to ensure you have regular updates on the progress and development of the school site. So watch this space!

Parent Survey

Thank you to all of you that took the trouble to complete the survey at the end of last year. A summary of some of the results are below. We want to deliver the very best for the Lowther School Family and so your feedback is vital.

Summary of some of the positive feedback

- 98% said Lowther had a happy atmosphere
- 99% said the school was welcoming
- 99% of parents said their child(ren) enjoyed coming to Lowther
- 92% of parents said children achieved a good standard of work
- 99% said they felt they could approach the school easily

Areas we will action

- We will look carefully at site security as 18% of responses were "not sure" that the site was secure
- We will re-evaluate our Parent consultation format as 33% of parents were not sure our current format works well for them
- We will make sure we communicate school information clearly and with sufficient notice (as 15% of parents were not completely satisfied with current systems)

Confirmed dates for your diary for this half term

More details to follow

Weds 14/9 am

Rec/Y1/Y2

"Micro Pigs"

Thurs 22/9

9-1130 KS1 "Perform"

drama workshops

Fri 23/9

9-1130 KS1 "Perform"

drama workshops

Tues 27/9

Y1 to Kew Gardens

Weds 28/9

Y6 to Britain at War

Experience

Tues 4/10

Y2 to Tower of London

Weds 12/10

KS2—Primary proms at the RAH 1.50pm start

Thurs 20/10

Music Workshops (whole school)

Fri 21/10 Music workshops

(whole school) including parent event

Welcome to our new staff team

Welcome back to the school adults who bring a huge range of talent, commitment, energy and excellence to the education and care of all your children. Please check the website and the Lobby TV for all the details of the staff team this year.

All the staff in the Lowther School Family have the same commitment to ensuring that excellent learning and pastoral care remains at the heart of our work.



The year ahead....

This year is one of much change to the school site. We have already started by having a well planned and prepared school building, grounds and curriculum. Our team of adults have been busy planning exciting, imaginative and challenging work for every child and I am sure you have prepared your child for achievement. the fun and discipline of learning and school work.

All the Lowther School adults promise you and your children a school year of excellent learning, discovery, confidence and progress.

New arrangements for before and after school—if you would like a map of the school site which details the changes there are copies available in the lobby. Below is a summary.

Before School				
Children may arrive from 8.45am Bell goes at 8.55am	All children should be in class and working at 9am	Parents should not go into the cloakroom where possible please.	2 staff will be on duty in the playground (8.45 – 9) and 2 will supervise the cloakroom (8.55 – 9.05)	Y1 – 6 should wait in the main playground (not stay and play in the FS play area – where Reception children can wait)
After School				
KS1 will exit through their own garden door Y3 and 4 use the 3/4 stairs collect their coats and go out along bottom corridor. Y5/6 leave down 5/6 stairs	Staff will be out and about in the playground when possible after school.	Children should be supervised after school by parents/carers. Please feel free to play and chat however for safety •No ball games •No scooting/cycling on school grounds •No use of the swing	Fit for Sport will collect children from class for after school club and walk them over to the Community centre for After School provision..	After school clubs run from 3.15 – 4.15 in most cases (see separate schedule for details)

Open House

We are delighted to again be part of Open House weekend. This is a London wide opportunity for the public to see buildings they wouldn't normally be able to. Our wonderful Foundation Stage will be on show from 10-1 on Saturday,



A quote from a pupil on day 1 at Lowther 2011.

“I have had an interesting day today. It was fun!”

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Don't forget you can visit us (and read all the whole school newsletters) on the web at:

www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk

We are working hard to make the website up to date and a useful tool for parents and children. Do let us know what else you'd like from the site

Lunchtimes at Lowther

Lunches at Lowther are staggered to ensure happy, healthy lunchtimes.



Reception 11.45—12.45

Key stage 1 12– 1

Year 3 and 4 12.35—1.30

Year 5 and 6 12.45—1.40

Through the whole of lunchtime Fit for Sport will be offering a great range of fun, exciting and energetic games to make lunch times at Lowther even better. We have also increased the number of SMSA's working at lunchtime to ensure the whole breadth of the site is covered and is safe.

After School at Lowther

This year Fit for Sport will continue to offer after school facilities from 3.15 –6pm. However, this will now be at the COMMUNITY CENTRE on Stillingfleet Road. Please enquire at the welcome lobby for further details.

After-School Clubs

Look out for the after-school clubs such as Football and Basketball that will be on offer this year.

A full list of clubs will be available in the next couple of weeks.



Need uniform?

As you know at the end of last year we made some small changes to the uniform policy. The details are on the website.

For your convenience the Lowther school uniform can now be bought online .

Just go to

www.onlineschooluniform.co.uk

