



LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Thinking of others

At Lowther, we truly want children to develop as well rounded young people. A wonderful example of that recently was seeing Robyn from Year 3 selflessly have her hair cut for charity—with her 12 inches of cut hair being sent off to be made into a wig for a child who has lost their hair. To add to this Robyn was so determined to share this important message of helping others that she even wanted to have the hair cut in assembly in front of the whole school! Wow! What a fantastic thing to do.

As we build up to Christmas I very much hope you and your child enjoy this magical time of year at school — it's really very special to be part of.



The Lowther Spirit!

I have to say I absolutely love the way our school community buys in to all the different events we have at Lowther. Year 1 recently had fairy-tale day and the range of costumes and the enthusiasm from the children was simply wonderful to see. Takeover Day (pictured below) the previous week was no different, with over 100 children teaching lessons, working in the office, helping lead assembly and more! Well done the whole Lowther School Family!

We are the champions!

A massive well done to our Y5/6 boys football team who are the local league champions! They've been unbeaten all season and have not just won games by the odd goal but scored hatful's and conceded only a few. The most recent result was a 10-3 victory vs Sheen Mount. The boys coach, Mr. Green believes that this is our first league title in at least 20 years! What a superb achievement. Well done to the whole squad.



Attached! Homework survey for parents and children

An important aspect of the home and school partnership is homework. This is a topic that as leaders of the school we have been considering for some time and so with the help of Poppy in Y6, we have decided the time is right to formally review the homework strategy at Lowther. We appreciate that there are many different views regarding homework and would love to hear more from you regarding the different aspects of homework. Please could you spare a few moments and complete the survey attached to this newsletter. Paper copies will be issued to all families too. If you wish to complete one for each of your children you are welcome to. Your views are important to us. Thank you in advance for your support and involvement in this process.

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Homework Questionnaire for Parents

<small>For each question please tick the relevant box</small>			
<small>1. Which Key Stage group is your child?</small>	<small>Key Stage 1 (Year 1/2)</small>	<small>Lower KS2 (Years 3/4)</small>	<small>Upper KS2 (Years 5/6)</small>
<small>2. How important do you think homework is to your child's learning?</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very important	<input type="checkbox"/> Some importance	<input type="checkbox"/> No importance
<small>3. Do you think the current amount of homework given by the school each week...</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Too much	<input type="checkbox"/> About right	<input type="checkbox"/> Not enough
<small>4. My child finds the level of homework...</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Too hard	<input type="checkbox"/> About right	<input type="checkbox"/> Too easy
<small>5. Are you able to support your child at home with their homework?</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Christmas events at Lowther

There's a whole host of Christmassy type events and activities coming up at Lowther. Here's some of the big ones!

The Christmas Fair is on **Friday 8th December 3.15pm until 5.15pm**. Do come along, it's going to be fab!

Our annual church service at Holy Trinity Church is at **9:45am on Wednesday 20th December**. Parents are of course very welcome to attend.

There are Christmas shows for you to enjoy too. All the children's Christmas shows are in the old school hall and access is via the doors at the back (via the car park or Children's Centre playground — please do NOT enter via the main school building. Doors will open 30 minutes before the show. Thank you for your co-operation. Here are all shows on offer.

Nursery and Reception —Tuesday 12th @ 2pm and Wednesday 13th @ 930am

Year 1— Tuesday 14th @ 930am

Year 2 — Monday 11th @ 2pm and Tuesday 12th @ 930am

Finally, we also have:

Our whole school panto for the children on Monday 11th @ 930am

Christmas Dinner (and Christmas jumper day) for the children on Friday 15th.

It sure to be an exciting time of learning as well as all the fun of the build up to Christmas. We hope to see you for some of our special events.

Charity fundraiser

Celebrities and charities seem to go hand in hand and so when we were asked to sign all the shirts for the upcoming celebrity footie match in Barnes we jumped at the chance. Literally. The children wrote messages of peace and goodwill on the green army shirts, as the match is a recreation of the famous Christmas Day match in World War one between the opposing forces. Fantastic work children.



The Daily Mile

You can't help but have noticed our recent sporting successes! It's been a great couple of years of sport at Lowther. The daily Mile is still going strong and is having not just an impact on our superb sports teams, but to children's overall fitness and well-being too.



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Foundation Stage (Reception)	Key Stage 1 (year 1/2)	Lower KS2 (Years 3/4)	Upper KS2 (Years 5/6)
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2. How important do you think homework is to your child's learning?

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Lowther Christmas Events Reminder

Monday 11th – Whole school Panto (cost £2 per child) @9:30am

Monday 11th Y2 Nativity @2pm

Tuesday 12th Y2 Nativity @ 9:30am

Tuesday 12th EYFS Christmas show @2pm

Wednesday 13th EYFS Christmas Show @ 9:30am

Thursday 14th Y1 Christmas Show @ 9:30am

Friday 15th Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation each per pupil for charity)

Friday 15th Christmas Dinner (cost £2.30 per pupil)

Wednesday 20th Whole school Christmas Service @ Holy Trinity Church @9:45am

Thursday 21st School breaks up for Christmas @3:15pm

Please note our return dates after Christmas

Inset Day - Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Children start - Thursday 4th January 2018