



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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A big Lowther Family welcome to our new staff

As you know from my last newsletter we have an exciting mix of established and new staff next year. So that you have the opportunity to meet them all before September we have arranged for them to come in to school this half term.

Our fantastic new deputy (and Year 3 teacher) Mrs. Colenso has already been to meet our new families at new parents evening and came again on Monday — if you haven't had the chance to meet her yet she'll be back in school on Monday the 11th of July as well.

Miss Treble (Year 2 teacher) and Mr Nelson (Year 5 teacher) will both be at Lowther for 2 complete weeks from the 11th of July 2011. Both, Mr. Pritchard (Year 6 teacher) and Miss Tennant (Year 1 Beech teacher) will be at Lowther for the day on Monday 11th of July. Our new teachers promise to add an exciting blend of new ideas and experiences to the Lowther Family. They're all looking forward to meeting you and they're new classes.

In the Foundation stage Miss Jenkins (who many of you will already know) will be in school from Thursday 30th June until Thursday 7th July.

I'm sure you'll give all of the new team a BIG Lowther welcome.

Uniform policy for 2011/2012

Our slightly amended uniform policy (effective from September 2011) will go live online in the next week or so. The main change is footwear but we also have a new outdoor PE kit available too. We will also publish the main points in the new parents guide to the Lowther School Family which will be available in September.

Do ask if there are any areas of uniform that need further clarification.

Uniform is important — it gives the children an real sense of ownership and pride in their school. Please help us to make sure all the children look super smart.

Canteen next year

We will not have a canteen next year and so will have a packed lunch provision (served from the hall) We have a new catering company (called Isis) next year who are taking over from Sodexo. They have an event which they'd like to invite parents to. We have 3 spaces available for either parents or governors who'd like to meet the new caterers, try the food, ask questions etc. Do let the office know if you'd like to go. The event is on

Wednesday 13th July

York House

4.30pm — 6.30pm

Our intention is to review school meal provision in February/March 2012 with a carefully planned re-launch of the service for September 2012 in our wonderful new building. We really want to get this right (I would love lots more children to be having a healthy school meal) and so your views and ideas on this will be vital. We have some plans for gaining your views but please do let me know if you already have some great ideas.

End of Year party for teachers leaving

As you now know we have some teachers leaving us this summer. Well we can't let them go quietly! To wish our departing teachers a happy farewell we are planning an afternoon of fun and games — and everyone is invited! As 4 of the 5 are going to far flung places across the world we are having a "Round the world theme" with a fancy dress theme. The afternoon will start at 12.30 with a picnic lunch

We will then have an hour of games and fun from 1.30pm — 2.30pm.

At 2.30pm we will give the teachers a big send off!

Then at 3.45pm will have 'The Mr. Dodman and Mr. Agarwal pro-celebrity football challenge!' A football game for dads and teachers.

We will also have the Robers, Sangtabi, Rogers Karaoke challenge at 3.45pm in the hall — a chance for children, parents and teachers to belt out some classics!

We will release further details nearer the time. Book the day in your diary!

Moving and changing

We've begun to start moving things—you will have noticed the library has been put "to bed"

The contractors for the building work have now been chosen (we are working with Lakehouse again who built the Foundation Stage).

Works should commence on site at the end of term.

We now have only a few more weeks before the demolition begins! Brilliant!

Year 6 Toy Story Show

**THIS THURSDAY
(30/6) at 7pm**

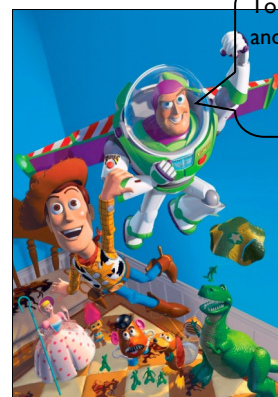
Roll up roll up! Year 6 have been enthusiastically rehearsing their end of year show. They have a real treat in store for the whole family - the wonderful Toy Story (which I have never seen done as a play before) There'll be action, comedy, surprises, songs and more — tickets are really great value and a lovely way to spend an evening together. Come along and join in the fun!

Tickets are available on the night:

Children £1

Adults £2.50

Family ticket £7 (2 adults and up to 4 children)



To Lowther
and beyond...



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A special message for the pupils — What was your highlight of the Year?

- Smashing a target!
- Getting a special certificate?
- Takeover Day?
- A cookery lesson?
- Lowther's got Talent?
- Learning how to make something?
- A certain piece of work?
- Playing in a sports team?



As we edge towards the end of the term now is a great time to reflect on your successes of the year. What will you achieve next year? Why not share your ideas with your class teacher or me? I'd love to know what your thoughts are.

Diary Dates until the end of term

Wednesday 29th	Year 6 dress rehearsal
Thursday 30th	Nursery to Horton Park Farm. /Year 6 to Laleham Farm. Year 6 production 7pm.
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Monday 4th	Year 6 to I.O.W./ Secondary school induction day
Tuesday 5th	Year 4 to Wetlands/ Music Project in Nursery 10.30am
Wednesday 6th	Year 3 to Wetlands
Friday 8th	Hands on event Years 2 & 3
Monday 11th	Classes move up 10.45am– 11.45am (lots of the new teachers in)
Tuesday 12th	Year 5 to Wetlands
Wednesday 13th	SPORTS DAY
Thursday 14th	Selling allotment produce at Waitrose 11am – 3pm
Friday 15th	Brighton Rec, Yr 1 & 2/ Year 6 meal/ Hands on Event Yrs 4 & 5
Monday 18th	Leavers Assembly (Grown ups) 12.30 – 3pm
Wednesday 20th	Teddy Bears picnic KS1/ Action Medical Research
Friday 22 nd July	END OF TERM/ Breakfast./ Y6 Leavers assembly 1.30pm.

More staff information

Our school staffing team for 2011/2012 is completed by the following staff:-

SMSAs

Photos coming soon!

Emma

Lubna

Dilwara

Tina

Display Assistant Mrs Soole

Y5/6 ICT teacher Mr Boughton

Italian Paola

Barnes Fair Parade 2011

Our brilliant artist Sean will be running a workshop after school on Friday 1st July at CCP to finish making our mythical creatures for this years parade. We won the cup last year — let's do it again! ALL children and parents welcome.

After school clubs (Mon—KS2 / Thurs—KS1 and FS) at CCP will be busy making for the parade too. Parents joining their children to help would be very welcome.

Barnes Fair is on Saturday 9th July.