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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Our final half term is approaching....

Thank you all for a brilliant half term — I think the children have done a marvellous job with their learning. I'm super excited for the final half term which is always jam packed with excitement. Enjoy the break and we look forward to welcoming you back to the final part of the school year.

Following up children's ideas

I often get children approach me with ideas for challenges and things to do at school. We really try to follow these ideas through where we can. So when Luna in Y2 asked if we could do some work to look at endangered animals we said a great big YES! Key Stage 1 had their endangered animal day today and really came up with some fantastic costumes too.



The children are still doing an amazing job on running the daily mile. I've been so impressed with how the whole school has embraced this new initiative. Thank you for all your kind words of support with this, we think it's fantastic!



School update from Sharon McNab (our chair of governors)

As you will remember, a while back there was much talk locally of Multi-Academy Trusts. Whilst a proposed trust between local schools never materialised it is a topic that all schools around the country, as well as locally, are considering and evaluating. Here at Lowther we're continuing to explore the opportunities for our school at a strategic level and discuss such matters at each of our governor meetings. Mr. Tuffney continues to also talk to headteacher colleagues locally to gauge the local picture and look at ways that we can continue to work closely together. A simple example is the shared inset day planned by the ten local primary schools for October 2016. We will continue to update parents with any further news regarding the academy agenda.

I am also delighted to announce that Aisha Bicknell (mum of Dylan F in Oak class) has been elected as your new parent governor. Thank you to all of you that voted and also to Guarav and Kal who stood for election. We had a record number of voters and very closely fought election.

What are your views on the Lowther School Family?

Look out for a new suggestions box on the front office desk next half term – we really would welcome any ideas or thoughts on life at Lowther. It's your children's school so we need your help. We'll also be asking both parents and children to complete a very short survey about Lowther after the holidays. Thank you in advance for completing these.

Our assembly themes

Recently our assemblies have been on personal responsibility. These include being a positive upstander in the community, how to resolve conflict, standing up for what you believe in and reviewing the norms of expected behaviours.

Adam from Holy Trinity church has also been helping us out with these. The children have listened and joined in really well. In the final half term of the year we're going to be looking at what the Lowther School Family means to the children and what they want it to be like. Do ask them what we've discussed.

School events photography

We're very happy for parents to take photos of their own children at school events. However we must ask that you please don't put any photos on social media of children at school other than your own.

Whole class photographs

The whole class photographs are due to be taken by our photographer Matt on the 7th June.

Recruitment Jigsaw

We've now completed our recruitment of teachers for next year and so Mr Bracken and I are now finalising where each teacher will be based. There will be some new faces and new roles — we're very excited about the team of teachers we'll have here at Lowther next year. We'll update parents and children with all the details during June.

Well done Year 2!

A huge well done to our super Year 2's who have been working incredibly hard on their recent assessments. We've all been really impressed with their fantastic attitudes to learning.





LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY HEALTH AND ACTIVITY WEEK TIMETABLE

13-16th June 2016



We're really excited about our first ever healthy activity week. Full details will be coming out to parents on the first day back but here are the key events and activities. It's only going to work well if parents and families get involved—so please do exactly that—GET INVOLVED! It's going to be brilliant!

- When children are not doing an activity they will be planning, preparing and making their class snack bar, healthy packed lunch and tag game.
- Everyday children and staff come to school in PE kit – except Tuesday which is a mufti day with a theme of “Sports Stars”
- Parents are welcome to come each day with a picnic lunch but it must be healthy! School lunches will be served as normal.
- After school clubs will continue as normal.
- Adult team sheet sign up lists to be available first week back – but you can just turn up and join in, it'll be fun!

	Monday 13 th June	Tuesday 14 th June	Wednesday 15 th June	Thursday 16 th June
	Walk/cycle to school	Walk/cycle to school Sports Star Mufti Day	Walk/cycle to school	Walk/cycle to school
8.45am	Wake and Shake	Wake and Shake	Wake and Shake	Wake and Shake
9.00-9.15	Opening ceremony.	Assembly with GB Basketball player GB Athlete Joseph Ikhinmwini	Assembly with Dr Adrian Ellison Olympic Gold Medallist, Los Angeles	SPORTS DAY
9.15-12.15pm	LKS/2 FFS (Multi Skills) Richmond Knights (Basketball) UKS/2 Mr T (Multi skills) Miss Newberry (Assault Course) Tennis Workshop (Mugga) Jose Marquez-Parent- child tennis coaching. Book in advance.	Sponsored fitness circuits to raise money for sports equipment with Joseph Ikhinmwini.	Duathlon event Cycle and Run. 9.15-9.45 LKS/2 9.45-10.15- UKS/2 10.15-10.45- KS/1 Yoga Workshops (Amanda Fawcett & Lisa Said) 11.30 -12.15pm-KS/1	Field Events
LUNCH	Picnic lunches Dance off KS/1	Picnic lunches Dance off LKS/2	Picnic lunches Dance off UKS/2	Picnic Lunches Parents' dance off.
1.30-2.00pm	KS/1 Dance workshop Circus skills workshop	Nutrition workshops (Qualified Dieticians) 1.15-1.45- KS/1 1.45-2.15- LKS/2 2.15-2.45 -UKS/2	Yoga workshops (Amanda Fawcett & Lisa Said) 1.45pm-2.15pm- LKS/2	Track Events
2.00-3.00pm			Yoga workshops (Amanda Fawcett & Lisa Said) 2.15pm- 2.45pm UKS/2	Closing Ceremony Prizes for Sports Day. Judging of healthy food challenges.
3-3.15	Daily Mile	Daily Mile	Daily Mile	
3.15	Home time	Home time	Roller and Scooter Disco (Finishes 6pm) Stalls and activities for all.	Home time
Our school sports squads want to challenge parents to a match – get involved, let's see who will win, the children or the adults!				
3.30-4.30	Parents v children • Netball match • Table tennis matches	Parents v children • Football match • Basketball match	Parents v children Rounder's matches	Rest!

Mr.T's Homework Challenge

The return of the whole school homework challenge saw a fantastic response by the children. We had loads of quality entries, their poster designs to advertise the Summer Fair were fantastic. The office team judged them all carefully and shortlisted these four by Aimee (Y4), Lolly (Y4), Francesca Y (Rec) and Florence (Nursery). Marsh and Parsons are going to chose the final winner which will go up on the advertising boards. Super work children!

