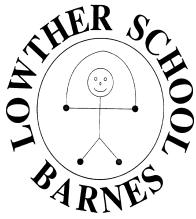


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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Happy Christmas!

I start this weeks newsletter with some great news. The PTA are very excited to let you know the Christmas Fair raised a total of £7,400 this year. Last year it was just under £6,100. There was a great atmosphere at the fair and the funds raised by the PTA will now be used to purchase more Ipads for the school, which I'm sure you can imagine, the children will be delighted with. Thank you all for your tremendous support over 2017, it's been another superb year for the Lowther School Family. Wishing you a very Happy Christmas! See you in 2018!

Christmas Show fun

Weren't the Christmas shows fantastic!? Seeing our youngest children sing and act so beautifully was a delight. Thank you for supporting the children so well with fantastic attendance at the shows, they were pretty much all a sell out. Performing is such a great way to build confidence, speaking and listening skills as well as being loads of fun too! There are lots of photos now live on the website, simply visit <http://www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk/gallery.php>



Homework survey for parents and children

The deadline for the homework survey has now passed. We've been delighted with the excellent response rate, but also the number of you that have taken the trouble to write personal comments and give more detailed feedback. It's going to take a bit

of time to collate the findings as we are working our way carefully through each one. We've also gathered the views of the pupils and teachers to ensure we have comprehensive coverage of all stakeholders. We'll report back to you all in January. Thanks again for your support.

Don't forget!

We return in January with an Inset for teachers on Wednesday 3rd January and the children return on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Goodbye and good luck!

We have two long serving members of staff leaving Lowther at Christmas. Mrs Peare is having a break from working. I've known Sarah years, indeed her middle son Thomas was in my very first Lowther class. We all wish her all the very best. Mr.Pritchard is of course also leaving Lowther. I've had the pleasure of working closely with Jim over a long period of time, he started at Lowther as a student teacher in my class. His record of delivering outstanding learning and his care and commitment for Lowther speaks for itself. Thank you for all you've done for Lowther Mr.P!

More athletics Success

Well done to our indoor athletics squad who competed very well indeed at the borough tournament. The challenge is always tough so we were very pleased to come 10th out of a competition with nearly 30 different schools in. Here's hoping next term brings us as much sporting success as this term.



Club Money

The money you pay for after school clubs at Lowther is re-invested back in to equipment for the club or the school more generally. Some recent examples include the new athletics kit we've just ordered with money from running club, new basketball hoops with the basketball club money and new sports track tops with football club money. These additional extras make a real difference to the children. Thank you for your support.



Y6 gave Mr.P a great send off by going ice skating together at Somerset House